



◆ UPDATES

CELEBRATE SERVICE & SACRIFICE TICKETS AVAILABLE

The capstone of the [Veterans Legacy Summit](#), Celebrate Service & Sacrifice is a heartfelt salute to America's veterans featuring an inspiring keynote address by Army combat veteran and New York Times bestselling author [Wes Moore](#). [Jane Chu](#), chairman of the [National Endowment for the Arts](#), will also participate and a delegation of [Forever Miss Americas](#) will serve as the masters of ceremony. In addition to lending their talents to the ceremony, each Forever Miss America will also speak to local nonprofit organizations in the Sarasota region.

[Patriot Plaza](#), a ceremonial amphitheater built through a ground breaking private-public partnership, is the perfect backdrop for the [West Point Band](#) as they perform selections throughout the ceremony. This is a great opportunity for people who were unable to get tickets to the West Point Band's Sunday performance.

Ceremony producer Beth Duda shares a preview of the event in her latest [blog](#) post.

We encourage all veterans and active duty military to wear their uniforms or clothing representing their branch of service during this event

For a more details on tickets, click [here](#).

◆ DID YOU KNOW?

Veterans Day began as Armistice Day in 1919 as a commemoration of ceased fighting in 1918 when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month.

In 1938, the 11th of November in each year officially became a legal holiday—a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be thereafter celebrated and known as "Armistice Day."

Armistice Day was primarily a day set aside to honor veterans of World War I initially, but in 1954, after World War II, at the urging of the veterans service organizations, the Act of 1938 was amended by striking out the word "Armistice" and inserting in its place the word "Veterans." With the approval of this legislation on June 1, 1954, November 11th became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

Veterans Day is a celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

◆ WAYS TO CONNECT



This Veterans Day, honor those who served by attending the following events around town.

Monday, Nov. 10

- 7pm - "Salute to Veterans" by Venice Concert Band at Venice High School

Tuesday, Nov. 11

- 7am - [1st Annual Sarasota Kiwanis Club Veterans' Day Breakfast at Roberts Arena](#)
- 10am - Manatee County Veterans Day Parade
- 10am - Sarasota Veterans Day Parade
- 10am - Veterans' Day Observance & Ceremony at Patriot's Park in Venice
- 2:30pm - 5th Annual Veterans Day Mass & Ceremonials in Patriot Plaza at Sarasota National Cemetery

For further information on the events above, click [here](#).

◆ SEEN & HEARD

FREE FILM FESTIVAL

Friday, Nov. 14, The Patterson Foundation is hosting the [Veterans Legacy Film Festival](#) at the Van Wezel. Soledad O'Brien headlines the film festival with her documentary film, "The War Comes Home."

All films are free to the public, but registration is requested. Click [here](#) to see the full list of films including show times and to register.

◆ THE FINAL WORD

"To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations..."

— President Woodrow Wilson

◆ SUBMIT IDEAS

Have an upcoming event honoring veterans, a way for the community to continue to connect with veteran-related services or activities, or a special veteran-honoring project your organization is proud of that you want to share with the community through the newsletter? Please share by sending to:

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