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**CELEBRATE SERVICE & SACRIFICE**

The capstone of this 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 best-selling author, Wes Moore, chair of the National Veterans Leadership Foundation. In the event, Wes Moore and America will also participate and a delegation of former Miss America serve as the masters of ceremony. In addition to listening to their talents in the ceremony, each former Miss America will also speak to local nonprofit organizations in the Sarasota region.

**Patriot Plaza** at a ceremonial amphitheater built through a ground breaking public-private partnership, is the perfect backdrop for the new honor guard 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. 

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.

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**MAPS 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 Venice Main Event
- 9am - 2nd Annual Sarasota County Veterans Day Parade
- 10am - Manatee County Veterans Day Parade
- 10am - Sarasota Veterans Day Parade
- 10am - Veterans’ Day Observance & Ceremony at Patrick’s Park in Venice
- 3:30pm - 4th Annual Veterans Day Mass & Ceremonials at Patriot Place at Sarasota National Cemetery

For further information on the events above, click here.

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**FREE FILM FESTIVAL**

Friday, Nov. 14, The Patterson Foundation is hosting the Veterans Legacy Film Festival at the Van Wezel. Created to heighten 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.

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**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

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**Veterans Day began as Armistice Day in 1919 as a commemoration of ceaseless 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 customarily 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.

**EQUIP 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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