



◆ UPDATES

As The Patterson Foundation's (TPF) five-year military initiative draws to a close, it is with great satisfaction, hope and inspiration that we all look to 2015 and beyond to see the tremendous impact of the donation of Patriot Plaza to our community and the nation.

The Legacy of Valor (LoV) campaign, with over 100 community partnerships, did indeed honor veterans and their families, inspire patriotism to a new level of awareness and embrace freedom within our region and across the country.

The Veterans Legacy Summit (VLS) was both an ending and a beginning. The culmination of TPF's military initiative included the bringing together and passing of the torch to continue to support those who have served, are serving or may serve across our great nation.

Hope burns brightly with many events (listed below) already planned in our community, proving that partnering ensures that our richest resources - time, talent and treasure - continue to abound to demonstrate our deep gratitude and appreciation to all those who serve and sacrifice, whether yesterday, today or tomorrow.

2015 Events that live on:

Jan 10 - Pick up wreaths from [Wreaths Across America](#) at Sarasota National Cemetery (SNC)

Jan 31 - Rosedale Country Club will sponsor a golf tournament to raise money for [Homes For Our Troops](#) - an organization represented in the Legacy Zone at VLS

March - [Sarasota Farmers Market](#) will have a Veterans Appreciation Day

April 25 - [Jewish Family & Children's Service of the Suncoast](#) (JFCS) Veterans Stand Down event

May 24 - SNC to host a Memorial Day Ceremony in Patriot Plaza

May 29 - [Jewish Family & Children's Service of the Suncoast](#) (JFCS) [Veterans Tribute Luncheon](#) at Michael's on East

June 14 (Flag Day) - Flag Retirement Ceremony at Patriot Plaza led by [Military Officers Association of Sarasota](#) (MOAS)

August 14-16 - 70th Anniversary of the end of WWII - events worldwide, including in Sarasota where the movement is building! To learn more: www.spiritof45.org.

November 11 - Veterans Day Mass at Patriot Plaza

December 12 - [Wreaths Across America](#) at SNC, Ceremony in Patriot Plaza

◆ DID YOU KNOW?

Patriot Plaza in Sarasota National Cemetery is available free of cost for you and the community, to use for events honoring veterans.

Events at Patriot Plaza need to:

- 1) Be free and open to the public
- 2) Honor veterans
- 3) Maintain the dignity of a national cemetery.

Contact Sarasota National Cemetery Director John Rosentrater via email at john.rosentrater@va.gov or (941) 922-7200 to request holding an event at Patriot Plaza.

◆ 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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◆ WAYS TO CONNECT

FREE GUIDED TOURS OF PATRIOT PLAZA

Public tours are available at [Patriot Plaza](#) every Tuesday at 10am -- except federal holidays.

Through a partnership with [The Patterson Foundation](#) and the [Arts and Cultural Alliance of Sarasota County](#), Sarasota National Cemetery (SNC) volunteers have been recruited and trained on the history and meaning of the many elements at Patriot Plaza to provide visitors with a deeper understanding of its purpose.

Tours are free and open to everyone who is interested. To schedule a group or school tour, contact Cindy Balistreri, Arts Education Manager for the Arts and Cultural Alliance of Sarasota County, (941) 365-5118, x301 or cbalistreri@sarasotaarts.org.

◆ SEEN & HEARD

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA



What an amazing turnout for the 2014 Wreaths Across America Ceremony on Saturday, Dec 13! The attendance nearly doubled this year from last. This was the first year the ceremony was held in Patriot Plaza. You can read more about Wreaths Across America and this year's program in [Linda Gould's blog](#).

◆ THE FINAL WORD



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