

THE MANATEE COUNTY VETERANS COUNCIL

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ALL VETERANS

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BRADEN RIVER JROTC

Memorial Day Service



**Donald L. Courtney Veterans Park
Bradenton, FL**

Memorial Day 2023

A Soldier

He says he's leaving.
He'll be gone about a year.
He's headed off to fight the war,
And his time is drawing near.

I have no words of wisdom
To ease our aching hearts.
He'll be gone and I'll be here,
A thousand miles apart.

The danger that soldiers face,
He knows it all too well.
Still, he keeps our spirits up,
As our throats begin to swell.

The morning comes all too fast;
I'm not prepared at all,
Because I know there is a chance
My soldier won't come home.

My soldier is a strong man,
One that's brave and true.
He's not afraid of dying.
He fights for me and you.

So if you see a soldier,
Give him lots of praise.
Tell him that you're thankful,
You see the price we pay.

Welcoming Remarks

**Jim Klocke, Chairman,
Manatee County Veterans Council**

Call the colors

Braden River JROTC

Invocation

**Mike Sircy, CDR USN (Retired),
St. George's Episcopal Church**

National Anthem

Jack Cantwell

Manatee County Proclamation

**Renee Medina,
Veterans Service Office**

Laying of the Wreaths

Braden River JROTC

Guest Speaker

**Mayor Gene Brown,
City of Bradenton**

Benediction

Mike Sircy, CDR USN (Retired)

Closing Remarks

Jim Klocke

God Bless America

Jack Cantwell

Taps

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