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ANTHEM VETERANS MEMORIAL DESIGNER DONATES COMMEMORATIVE PAINTING HONORING MEMORIAL'S FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

Anthem, Ariz. – Anthem Veterans Memorial designer Renee Palmer-Jones has created an original painting commemorating the fifth anniversary of the Anthem Veterans Memorial, which was dedicated Nov. 11, 2011. The painting, “The AVM Spirit,” will be auctioned Nov. 2 at 6 p.m. as part of the “Art in Public Places” opening at the Anthem Civic Building.

The piece is a multimedia painting on canvas. A combination of three different potential concepts was the inspiration for the piece. Palmer-Jones aimed to reflect the beauty of the five armed services pillars, without the structure itself dominating the purpose of the AVM, which is to honor veterans.

“I focused on a classically spiritual rendering of the AVM. It is bathed in a symbolic light that is derived from veterans’ service and sacrifice, as it is they who light our journey of freedom,” said the artist.

The primary composition is acrylic paint with metallics and a fiber photograph. The 30x24 canvas is matte varnished, acrylic sealed, and framed by Steve Rusch, local resident and original AVM draftsman. The painting will be unveiled at a special event to launch the Anthem Community Council’s Public Art program, Wednesday, Nov. 2 at 6 p.m.

A partnership with the Sonoran Arts League, the “Art in Public Places” program features artwork from North Valley artists throughout the public spaces in the Civic Building. The Nov. 2 event will give the public an opportunity to tour the art, visit with artists showcased and enjoy live music by Paradise Valley Community College Faculty Jazz Ensemble. Rotary Club of Anthem will provide a cash bar at the event.

Attendees will have the opportunity to add the AVM painting to their collection at the Nov. 2 event. Proceeds will benefit the AVM “Honor a Veteran” program and ongoing educational programming at the Memorial.

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