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**Anthem community commemorates Memorial Day
Valley residents invited, May 26, 2014, 10 a.m.**

Anthem, Ariz. (February 28, 2014). Valley residents are invited to participate in the 2014 Anthem Memorial Day ceremony, "A Day of Remembrance," Monday, May 26, 10 a.m. The community will gather at the Anthem Veterans Memorial in the Anthem Community Park, 41703. N. Gavilan Peak Parkway, to honor the service and sacrifice of those who have fallen while serving our Nation.

This moving ceremony will be hosted by the Anthem Veterans Memorial Support Team (AVMS), an affiliate group of the Anthem Community Council (ACC) and the Daisy Mountain Veterans (an alliance of American Legion Post 128, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 12031 and the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 128). The ceremony will include:

- Keynote address;
- P.O.W. and M.I.A. ceremony;
- Tribute to the 26 veterans commemorated at the Memorial who were Killed in Action or are Missing in Action;
- Musical performance by ProMusica Arizona
- Taps, played by trumpeter of ProMusica Arizona.

The ceremony is expected to run approximately 45 minutes. Seating is limited. Lawn chairs are welcome.

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Anthem Veterans Memorial History

On Nov. 11, 2011, the Anthem Veterans Memorial site was dedicated to the Anthem community as a monument to honor the service and sacrifice of our country's armed forces. This pillar of pride, in conjunction with its recent Arizona Historical Society designation, provides a place of honor and reflection for veterans, their family and friends, and those who desire to show respect to the service men and women who have, and continue to courageously serve our county.

To date, the Anthem Veterans Memorial has received the following honors and awards:

- ACEC 2012 Grand Award – Best Engineering and Environmental Consulting Project – American Consulting Engineers Companies.
- Arizona Public Works Project of the Year Award 2012 – Arizona Chapter of the American Public Works Association (APWA).
- Historic Marker Designation 2012 – Arizona Historical Society.

Anthem Veterans Memorial Significance

- The five pillars represent the unity of the five branches of the United States military, serving steadfast together.
- They are staggered in size and the military seal placements on each pillar are based upon the Department of Defense prescribed precedence (U.S. Army, U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Navy, U.S. Air Force, U.S. Coast Guard).
- At precisely 11:11 a.m. each Veterans Day, November 11, the sun's rays pass through the five pillars' ellipses and cast one long shadow over a mosaic of The Great Seal of the United States.
- For more information about the Memorial: www.onlineat anthem.com/anthem-veterans-memorial.

About the Daisy Mountain Veterans: For more information about the Daisy Mountain Veterans, go to: www.daisymtnvets.org.

About ProMusica Arizona: For more information about ProMusica Arizona or to view their performance schedule, go to: www.pmaz.org.

To Visit the Anthem Veterans Memorial:

Take I-17 North to the Anthem Way exit. Turn right and follow Anthem Way to the third traffic light at N. Gavilan Peak Parkway. Turn right. The Memorial will be on the left at the first stop sign. Parking at the Memorial or across the street.

About the Anthem Veterans Memorial (AVM) and AVM Support Team (AVMST):

The award-winning Anthem Veterans Memorial (AVM), a project of the Anthem Community Council (ACC), is located in the Anthem Community Park, off N. Gavilan Peak Parkway. The Memorial was dedicated November 11, 2011 and received Arizona Historic Landmark status six months later. Fundraising efforts and the sale of veteran, business and organization pavers continue. To donate or to learn more about the Memorial, go to www.onlineat anthem.com/anthem-veterans-memorial. The Anthem Veterans Memorial Support Team (AVMST), an affiliate group to the Anthem Community Council, is composed of volunteers who assist in fundraising, programming and community outreach specific to the AVM.

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