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Anthem community commemorates Veterans Day Valley residents invited, 10 a.m., Nov. 11, 2013

Anthem, Ariz. – Valley residents are invited to participate in the 2013 Anthem Veterans Day Ceremony to honor the service and sacrifice of those who have and continue to serve in our country's five U.S. military branches, prisoners of war, wounded warriors, and those still missing in action Monday, Nov. 11, 2013, at 10 a.m., at the Anthem Veterans Memorial in the Anthem Community Park, 41703 N. Gavilan Peak Parkway.

Hosted by the Daisy Mountain Veterans (an alliance of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 12031, the American Legion Post 128, the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 128, and the Anthem Veterans Memorial Support Team (AVMST), an affiliate group of the Anthem Community Council), the ceremony will feature dignitary guest speaker Retired Admiral Vernon E. Clark, live music, a tribute to Korean War veterans, and special honors.

Clark, a 37-year Navy veteran, retired in 2005 after a career that included experience on destroyers, command of a Patrol Gunboat as a Lieutenant, and concluded in the halls of the Pentagon as the Chief of Naval Operations and a member of the Joint Chief of Staff.

Following the ceremony, the public is invited to witness the sun's rays pass through the five marble columns' ellipses to form a perfect circle around a mosaic of The Great Seal of the United States at 11:11 a.m.

The AVMST also will host a special charity drive to benefit veterans in need. All ceremony attendees are encouraged to bring new toiletries and canned food to be donated to Veterans First Ltd., a 501 (c)(3) organization that collaborates with Federal and State Offices of Veterans Affairs, government agencies, shelters, housing agencies, nonprofits, community and veteran organizations, groups and clubs to provide assistance to female veterans.

Participants also are encouraged to bring a blanket or folding chairs as seating will be limited.

After the Ceremony, Valley residents are invited to continue honoring veteran loved-ones by donating or purchasing a commemorative, engraved Anthem Veterans Memorial paver. To purchase/donate a paver or to make a donation to the Anthem Veterans Memorial Support Team:

www.OnlineAtAnthem.com/anthem-veterans-memorial-donate-here

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