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Anthem Veterans Memorial to welcome Vietnam Veterans Motorcycle Club in observance of National POW/MIA Recognition Day – Sept. 20

Anthem, Ariz. – The Anthem Veterans Memorial Support Team (AVMST) announced today the Vietnam Veterans Motorcycle Club will observe National POW/MIA Recognition Day, Sept. 20, at the Anthem Veterans Memorial, 10:30 a.m., located in the Anthem Community Park on the south side of Gavilan Peak Pkwy in Anthem.

The observance will include a prayer service and ceremony honoring prisoners of war and veterans who remain missing in action. The public is invited to participate and asked to wear red.

Tells US Navy Rear Admiral (Ret.) Ron Tucker, AVMST chair, "We are honored the members of the Vietnam Veterans Motorcycle Club selected the Anthem Veterans Memorial (AVM) for their ceremony. This somber and reflective site provides a magnificent background for this important national day of recognition."

The United States' National POW/MIA Recognition Day is observed across the nation on the third Friday of September each year. It honors those who were prisoners of war and those who are still missing in action. The POW/MIA flag was created by the National League of Families and officially recognized by the Congress in conjunction with the Vietnam War POW/MIA issue, "as the symbol of our Nation's concern and commitment to resolving as fully as possible the fates of Americans still prisoner, missing and unaccounted for in Southeast Asia, thus ending the uncertainty for their families and the Nation."

About the Anthem Veterans Memorial and AVM Support Team:

The award-winning Anthem Veterans Memorial, 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. The five pillars, symbolizing the five branches of the Armed Forces, are designed with elliptical openings. At 11:11 a.m. on each Veterans Day, Nov. 11, the sun's rays pass through the openings to cast a perfect shadow around a mosaic of The Great Seal of the United States. To donate or to learn more about the Memorial: www.onlineatanthem.com/anthem-veterans-memorial. The Anthem Veterans Memorial Support Team (AVMST), an affiliate group of the ACC, is composed of volunteers who assist in fundraising, programming and community outreach specific to the AVM.

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