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Anthem Veterans Memorial Designated a Historic Marker by Arizona Historical Society

ANTHEM, AZ, May 16, 2012 – The Anthem Veterans Memorial was officially designated as a historic marker by the Arizona Historical Society on Monday, May 14. The designation was announced after careful review of a nomination submitted by the Anthem Community Council (ACC). In its review, the Society deemed the Memorial is of historic significance to the development of Arizona and the nation by our armed forces, and honors the contributions made by veterans for the well being of our society.

"It is a great honor for the Anthem Veteran's Memorial to be recognized by the Arizona Historical Society," stated retired Rear Admiral Ron Tucker, project originator. "I think everyone in Anthem is proud of the Memorial, and I sincerely hope this helps promote recognition and remembrance of our wonderful veterans throughout Arizona."

A brief ceremony to honor our nation's veterans and to recognize the Anthem Veterans Memorial's designation as a state historic site will be held at the Memorial on Memorial Day, Monday, May 28 at 10:00 a.m. The ceremony will include the Pledge of Allegiance, the singing of the National Anthem by Musical Theatre of Anthem, and presentations of official state documents expressing support for all veterans, volunteers and contributors who created and built the Anthem Veterans Memorial. The public is invited to attend.

The Memorial, which was officially dedicated on November 11, 2011 – Veterans Day, was designed by Anthem resident Renee Palmer-Jones. It features five marble pillars that each represent one of the five branches of the United States' Military – the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard. At precisely 11:11 a.m. each Veterans Day, November 11, the sun's rays shine through elliptical openings in each of the five pillars to illuminate a mosaic of the Great Seal of the United States. The significance of the Memorial design represents the unity of all five military branches to serve steadfast together for us all, as each pillar works together to illuminate the mosaic.

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Another design feature of the Memorial is a "Circle of Honor" filled with brick pavers. Each paver is inscribed with the names of U.S. servicemen and women, and symbolizes support for the pillars. The pavers are red, the pillars are white marble, and the sky is blue to represent America's flag. The circle represents an unbreakable border.

Donations for veteran, family, organization and family pavers are still being accepted, as are donations for the Friends of the Memorial. For more information, go to <http://www.onlineat anthem.com/anthem-veterans-memorial> .

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Anthem is a master planned community located in Maricopa County, Arizona. The Anthem Community Council, Inc. serves as a unifying entity for the Anthem development. The mission of the Anthem Community Council, Inc. is to make Anthem the most desirable community in which to live, play, work and do business.

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