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**ANTHEM VETERANS MEMORIAL:
Art and Engineering Combine Disciplines to Honor Veterans**

Anthem, Ariz. (Sept.7, 2010). The planning for the Anthem Veterans Memorial is well underway by Anthem Community volunteers and supported by the Anthem Community Council (ACC). The project, unlike any other in Arizona, will open on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, 2011.

The Memorial consists of five marble covered pillars of diminishing sizes, dedicated to each of the five branches of the Armed Services, and each with an elliptical opening, engineered so that on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, on the eleventh minute of the eleventh hour (11:11 a.m.), the sun's rays will pass through and illuminate a mosaic of The Great Seal of the United States. The pillars and Great Seal will be set in an honor circle of brick pavers engraved with the names of Veterans.

The Memorial will be built in the Anthem Community Park, off Gavilan Peak Parkway. The site was dedicated Memorial Day 2010. Groundbreaking will take place Nov. 11, 2010 at 10:30 a.m.

Project leader and Anthem resident, retired Rear Admiral Ron Tucker, gathered members from the Community to develop Memorial plans and secured approval of the project from the Anthem Community Council in September 2009. The Anthem Veterans Memorial Planning Committee also includes: Renee Palmer-Jones (artistic designer), Jim Martin (chief engineer), Steve Rausch (draftsman). The construction of the Memorial will be bid early 2011.

"It is our hope the Anthem Veterans Memorial will honor Veterans in a way that touches the hearts of every citizen who visits it," says Ron Tucker. "As people all over America celebrate a moment of silence at 11:11 a.m. on Nov. 11 starting in 2011, those residents and visitors in Anthem will witness a truly amazing event. It was an honor to serve our country, and it is a great privilege to work on this project," adds Tucker.

The project has the support of the local Daisy Mountain Veterans, which includes the American Legion (Post 128), the VFW (Post 12031), the American Legion Auxiliary (Unit 128) and the Anthem Community Council, who donated space in the Anthem Community Park for the Memorial and provided front-end funding. The project is expected to cost approximately \$140,000, funded primarily by brick paver sales and donations. Diversified Landscaping Company has donated the landscaping for the project. The site dedication took place July 3, 2010.

"Purchasing a commemorative paver to honor a Veteran or purchasing a Friend, Business or Organization paver that recognizes one's support for the Memorial is a wonderful way for people around the state to be involved in this project," states Jack Noblitt, ACC president. "Anthem is honored to have this exceptional art piece that honors Veterans in our community."

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Important Paver Sale Information:

Commemorative Veteran pavers may be purchased online at www.OnlineAtAnthem.com, click on Veterans Memorial, Purchase Paver/Donate. Those who wish to purchase a paver recognizing a family, organization or business or to make a donation to the Memorial may do so online, as well. Business and private donation opportunities and recognition are available.

How Veterans Organizations May Assist:

Veterans organizations are invited to assist in communicating news of the Anthem Veterans Memorial to the members of their organizations. A 10-minute presentation about the Anthem Veterans Memorial also may be made to any organization. Contact Elizabeth Turner: elizabethturnerus@yahoo.com or 623.640.8417 to schedule.

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Photo Caption: *Anthem Veterans Memorial:* A photo simulation of what the Anthem Veterans Memorial will look like when it is completed.

Anthem

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.

About the Anthem Veterans Memorial

The Anthem Veterans Memorial, a project of the Anthem Community Council, will be constructed in the Anthem Community Park. The Memorial will open Nov. 11, 2011. The five pillars, symbolizing the five branches of the Armed Forces, are designed with elliptical openings. At 11:11 a.m. on Veterans Day, the sun will pass through the openings to illuminate a mosaic of The Great Seal of the United States. Donations and paver sales will offset the costs associated with the Memorial.