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WWII AND KOREAN WAR VETERANS SOUGHT FOR INTERVIEWS TO CHRONICLE SERVICE

Anthem, Ariz. - The Anthem Veterans Memorial Support Team announced today it will conduct taped interviews and group discussions with veterans to chronicle their military service. In preparation for the Anthem Veterans Memorial fifth anniversary, November 11, 2016, veterans of war and noncombat veterans will be invited to open forums throughout the next year to share their stories. The stories will be used at a special fifth anniversary program.

The first two sessions will take place at the Anthem Civic Building on Saturday, August 23 as follows:

- WWII Veterans: 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- Korean War Veterans: 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. (noon)

Veterans are asked to register in advance by contacting Elizabeth Turner at 623-640-8417 or elizabethturnerus@yahoo.com. Family members may accompany veterans and remain during the group interviews. Veterans do not need to be residents of Anthem.

The Anthem Civic Building is located at 3701 W. Anthem Way, Anthem.

Anthem Veterans Memorial History

On November 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.

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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 a solar spotlight over a mosaic of The Great Seal of the United States.

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 Pkwy. Turn right. The Memorial will be on the left at the first stop sign. Parking is available 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.onlineatanthem.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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