



PLANNING COMMITTEE ANTHEM VETERANS MEMORIAL

Professional Background for Ronald D. Tucker: Anthem Veterans Memorial Project Originator and Project Coordinator

Retired Rear Adm. Ron Tucker has more than 40 years professional experience in the U.S. Navy and with Bechtel Corporation. His distinguished career in the U.S. Navy included assignments as Director of Installations, U.S. Pacific Fleet; Commander, Logistics Group Western Pacific; Commander, Task Force 73 in Singapore; and Director, Surface Warfare Plans and Programs in the Pentagon. He was the last Commanding officer of the Battleship USS New Jersey (BB-62). He also commanded the Naval Station at Pearl Harbor and the Guided Missile Destroyer, USS Cochrane (DDG-21).

For nearly eight years, Ron held senior management positions with Bechtel Corporation, including Country Manager for Japan; Manager of Strategic Planning and Region Management, Asia Pacific; and General Manager of Bechtel's Business Service Center in Phoenix, Ariz.

Ron is active in numerous community and charitable organizations, and has served on the national Board of the Pearl Harbor Memorial Fund, raising \$52 million to replace the USS Arizona Memorial Visitor Center and Veterans Museum.

Ron graduated from California State University, Northridge and the U.S. Naval War College.

Ron has been an Anthem resident since 2003.

Professional Background for Steve Rusch: Anthem Veterans Memorial Draftsman, Model Maker and Consultant to Artist

Steve Rusch began his career teaching junior high school. He taught woodworking, drafting, architecture, construction computer applications, welding, machine shop, electronics and auto mechanics. In addition, he installed an aviation program in Jefferson County schools in Colorado and taught aviation for seven years. He also flew with Ten-Hi Flyers Aviation and was on the board of directors until retiring. He currently serves as a consultant.

Steve graduated from Western State College of Colorado with a Bachelor of Arts in Technology Education and from Colorado State University with a master's degree from the Department of Industrial/Construction, Technology Education. His post master's education at Metropolitan State College and Colorado School of Mines earned Steve an additional teaching credential in Earth Science. He continued his post master's education at Metropolitan State College and Air West Pilot Training Center to earn his private pilot ratings and meteorology credential.

Steve moved to Anthem in 2001 from Colorado.

Professional Background for Renee Palmer-Jones: Anthem Veterans Memorial Artistic Designer

Renee Palmer-Jones' father, Bob Palmer, and grandfather, Roy Alexander, were veterans who instilled in her a great pride in America and a love of history.

After retiring from a career in corporate sales and marketing with United Airlines, Renee began her artistic endeavors as an oil painter. She paints in several styles ranging from contemporary portraits and landscapes to exotic organic abstracts. The Anthem Veterans Memorial is her first architectural design.

Renee devotes much of her time to philanthropic volunteerism and charity board activities in several areas including the arts, health and social causes. She served on the board of the Colorado Endowment for the Humanities and was a founding board member of the Arts Council of the North Valley, the Lupus Foundation of Colorado and the D'Evelyn Education Foundation. She volunteered for two years as a fundraiser for the national Pearl Harbor Visitor Center refurbishing campaign.

Renee holds a Bachelor of Arts in Marketing and a Master of Science in Nonprofit Management from Regis University.

Renee moved to Anthem in 2002 from Colorado.

Professional Background for Elizabeth Turner: Anthem Veterans Memorial – Communication

Elizabeth Turner's father entered the Marine Corp after college and her uncle served in the Korean War.

Elizabeth's expertise includes marketing, public relations, event planning and leadership training. After a successful career in secondary education where she developed a variety of multicultural curricula and programs, Elizabeth owned a consulting firm planning events and developing brand, image and communication plans for Detroit-based companies. She worked for General Motors to assist in the development of Powertrain engine brand plans and corporate brand integration plans and served as vice president of communication for two manufacturing companies. She specializes in organizational restructuring and communication planning.

Since moving to Arizona, Elizabeth has remained an active community volunteer, serving as a chair or member of Council committees, homeowners' association committees, Club boards and charitable organizations. In addition to volunteering for the Anthem Veterans Memorial Committee, she currently sits on two charitable boards.

Elizabeth holds bachelors' degrees from the University of Iowa in Communication Studies and Communication and Theatre Arts, a minor in English and a secondary teaching certificate. She holds a Master of Business Administration with an emphasis in Organizational Communication from Wayne State University.

Elizabeth has been a resident of Anthem since 1999.

Professional Background for Jim Martin: Anthem Veterans Memorial – Civil Engineer

Jim Martin was raised in an Army family, and his father was a lieutenant colonel in the Army at the time of his death. Jim's step-father also served a career in the Army, retiring as a general officer.

Jim has performed civil engineering services for communities throughout the United States for more than 24 years. He is registered as a Professional Engineer and Land Surveyor in several states including Arizona. Through his career, Jim has assisted municipal, county, state and federal agencies with their public works planning and engineering needs including award-winning infrastructure development for streets and highways, flood control, water and wastewater improvements, and parks and recreational facilities.

Jim holds bachelors' degrees in Civil and Industrial Engineering from Southwest Missouri State University.

Jim has been a resident of Anthem since 2004.