The Anthem Veterans Memorial Planning Committee recently announced that the Haydon Building Corp. will begin construction of the Veterans Memorial on July 11. The company will provide the earthwork, concrete work and overall project supervision for the Memorial project. The construction is anticipated to take approximately eight weeks.

Many facets of the project are already well underway. The security camera system is currently under installation by Valley contractor, Critical Viewpoints Corporation. The white Carrera marble will soon be en route from Italy to Washington, where a special honeycomb backing will be applied by Stone Sheets, and then sent to Anthem for installation. Architectural Precast Designs, Phoenix, has confirmed receipt of the five benches. The 2,900 blank Belden brick pavers will be sent in July to Anthem from Ohio and over 700 laser-inscribed pavers will be delivered from Laser Impressions of California by the end of July.

Valley Crest Landscape Maintenance, the common area landscape contractor for the Anthem Community Council properties and Parkside, has donated $6,000 to the Anthem Veterans Memorial to cover the cost of the medallion of the Great Seal of the United States, a focal point of the Memorial project. The medallion, an intricate glass and stone mosaic, will be three feet in diameter and placed at the base of five pillars representing the five branches of the U.S. military. Each year on Nov. 11, Veterans Day, at precisely 11:11 AM, light will pass through elliptical openings in the pillars and perfectly illuminate the mosaic of The Great Seal.

Rock Hard Designs & Surfaces in Phoenix donated the computer-aided designs of the medallion and is assembling the mosaic at their cost. Facings of America, Phoenix provided the raw materials for the project at cost and offered consultation for the selection of appropriate glass and stone to be used in an outdoor environment.

The entire project is anticipated to be completed by mid-September. The public is invited to attend the dedication and opening ceremony the morning of November 11, 2011 in the Anthem Community Park; more details to follow.

At press date, over $300,000 in-kind donations were received, and over $135,000 of the projected $150,000 costs have been raised.

For more information or to donate to the Memorial, go to www.OnlineAtAnthem.com and click on Veterans Memorial.