

Construction on the Anthem Veterans Memorial, which will be built in Anthem Community Park, will begin on July 11. Haydon Building Corp is expected to completed by mid-September.

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## STAFF REPORT

The Anthem Veterans Memorial Planning Committee announced today Haydon Building Corp will begin construction of the Veterans Memorial July 11.

Haydon Building Corp will provide the earthwork, concrete work and overall project supervision for the Memorial project. The construction is anticipated to take approximately eight weeks.

Mark Eklund, Vice-President, Heavy Civil Division said, "Since many of Haydon's employees are veterans, we feel this is a great opportunity for us to do our part to honor our service men and women."

Jim Martin, Committee volunteer and chief engineer for the project noted, "After talking with a number of highly-qualified Valley contractors, we were fortunate to partner with Haydon. Haydon provided invaluable engineering, constructability reviews and cost estimating."

Under the watchful eyes of the Memorial Planning Committee, many facets of the project are 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 StoneSheets and then sent to Anthem for installation. Facings of America, Phoenix, coordinated the complex marble order and installation for the committee and one of their employees serves as a volunteer on the committee. The medallion of The Great Seal of the United States, manufactured by Rock Hard Designs and Surfaces, Phoenix, is near completion. 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 more than 700 laser-inscribed pavers will be delivered from California company, Laser Impressions, by the end of July.

The entire project is anticipated to be completed by mid-September and ready for the opening and dedication ceremony in November.

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. The Memorial Planning Committee is composed of community volunteers, and all time and services were donated to the project.

At press date, over \$300,000 in-kind donations were received, and over \$135,000 of the projected \$190,000 costs have been raised. The Committee continues its fundraising efforts.

The public is invited to attend the dedication and opening ceremony the morning of Nov. 11, 2011 in the Anthem Community Park with more details to follow.

For more information or to donate to the Memorial, go to [www.OnlineAtAnthem.com](http://www.OnlineAtAnthem.com) and click on Veterans Memorial.

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