



FACT SHEET ANTHEM VETERANS MEMORIAL

- Retired Rear Adm. Ronald D. Tucker, an Anthem resident, conceived the idea of the Anthem Veterans Memorial in 2009. He serves as the project coordinator.
- The Memorial design was created by Renee Palmer Jones, an artist and Anthem resident.
- All members of the Memorial Planning Committee are Anthem residents.
- The Anthem Veterans Memorial is an Anthem Community Council project. The Council donated land in the Anthem Community Park and provided start-up funding for the Memorial.
- The five pillars in the Memorial design represent the five branches of the United States military. They are staggered in size, and the military seal placements on each pillar are based upon the Department of Defense prescribed precedence, ranging from the United States Army, the United States Marine Corps, the United States Navy, the United States Air Force and the United States Coast Guard.
- Approximately 3,000 brick pavers will form the Circle of Honor under the Memorial pillars. The pavers will be inscribed with Veterans' names, ranks/rates, military branches and years of service.
- The elliptical openings in the pillars are aligned so that at precisely 11:11 a.m. on Veterans Day each year, the sun's rays will pass through the openings and illuminate the Great Seal of the United States located at the foot of the pillars.
- The estimated \$125,000 cost of the project will be paid for primarily by Veteran and Friend, Business or Organization brick paver sales and donations.
- Each Veteran paver can be engraved with the name, rank/rate, branch of service, and date of service of the person being honored. They can be purchased for \$150 and will be placed in the Memorial's Circle of Honor.
- Friends, Business or Organization pavers may be purchased for \$200 and will identify a name, business or organization. These pavers will be placed in locations surrounding the Circle of Honor at the Memorial site.
- The Friends of the Memorial is a tiered donation program established for contributions over \$500. Donors will receive special recognition.
- Ground breaking is scheduled for November 11, 2010 and the Anthem Veterans Memorial will be completed in the fall of 2011.
- The Opening Ceremony will be on Veterans Day, November 11, 2011.