



# News from the ANTHEM VETERANS MEMORIAL

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**\$1111 x 100 (Nov. 11).**

#### Donors who accepted the challenge:

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#### Donors who accepted the challenge:

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## THE MEANING OF THE GREAT SEAL



The Great Seal of the United States, a symbol of independence and self-government, plays an important role in the Anthem Veterans Memorial design.

When the Declaration of Independence was adopted in 1776, the Continental Congress created a committee comprised of some of the nation’s visionary Founders to design a seal for the United States. Over the next six years, three different committees submitted ideas, but none were accepted until Congress asked their Secretary Charles Thomson to make a design. One week later, he presented the design and Congress approved it the same day.

**Circular Design:** Represents the unity of one nation.

**Eagle Breast Shield:** Represents the 13 states united in support of Congress. The alternating red and white stripes symbolize the balance between valor (red) and innocence (white)

**Eagle Talons:** Hold the olive branch and arrows to symbolize the power of Congress to maintain peace or go to war. The eagle looks to the olive branches as peace is our nation’s preference.

**Cloud:** The 13 stars symbolize the 13 states of the Union. The cloud/constellation indicates a new State is taking place among the sovereign powers, one state, under God. The cloud was part of one of the first designs submitted Benjamin Franklin that was carried to the final design. It, modified later with the ray of golden sunshine, symbolizes a define power, or envisioned at the time, as the eagle (our nation) breaking through darkness.

**The Banner in Eagle Beak:** E pluribus, Unum, “Out of Many One.” This phrase reminds us how our individual states and people come together to form one nation.

At the AVM, The Great Seal was intentionally placed facing our military branch pillars to symbolize how our nation looks to the military to defend and protect us. On Veterans Day, at 11:11 a.m., the exact time in which Armistice was signed ending World War I, we are reminded of the unity of our nation, the strength of our military and the service and sacrifice of our veterans and their families. Please join us Veterans Day to witness the solar spotlight on the Great Seal of the U.S.

**Save the Date! Veterans Day Ceremony, November 11 at the AVM!**