

# News from the ANTHEM VETERANS MEMORIAL

August 16, 2023

## JOIN THE AVM 2023 EXPANSION FUNDRAISING

★ **New Sponsor**

- Rotary Club of Anthem (\$25,000) Matching Donation
- Todd Ninneman, owner of REMAX Fine Properties-Anthem (\$6000), Garden Sponsor.
- Anthem Golf & Country Club (\$5000)
- Estes-Comp Family (\$5000) Signage Sponsors
- Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona (\$5000)
- Dave and Marge Newham, owners of North Valley Water Solutions (\$3000) Lighting Sponsor.
- Rain Man Roofing – Hughes Family (\$3000)
- Associated Asset Management (AAM) \$3000

### HONORING VETERANS DAY CHALLENGE

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

#### Donors who accepted the challenge.

- Retired Navy RADM Ron and Mrs. Christy Tucker (\$1111)
- Elizabeth (Marine Daughter) and Harry Turner (Navy brother) (\$1111)
- Joany and Joe Dondanville (\$1111)
- The Metoyer Family (\$1111)
- Robert (Larry) West and Clare Kallsen (\$1111)
- Sandy and Tom Kimble (\$1111)

★ Tom and Pat Francis (\$1111)

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#### Donors who accepted the challenge:

- Ceren Family, (\$555)
- Bonnie and Robert Smith (\$111)
- Ron Jerich (\$111)
- Wang Family (\$511)
- Diane and Gary Buck, USAF (\$111)
- Retired USN ADM Tom Fargo and Mrs. Sarah Fargo (\$555)
- Michael and Kari Caruso (\$111)
- Rick Bohn (\$111)
- Ralph and Mary Alice Hegreiness (\$111)
- William (Bill) Fondow (\$111)
- USA Run, Inc. (\$111)

### Friends of the Memorial

- Retired USAF COL Tom and Mrs. Ann Kirk (\$1000)
- Retired USN RADM Bill and Mrs. Jan Putnam (\$1000)
- Amy Gilner, Realtor, Realty ONE Group (\$1000)
- Bob Miller, USMCR (\$1000)
- Guy and Vickie Winters (\$500)
- Musical Theatre of Anthem (\$500)
- First American Title (\$500)
- Sheila Sorrentino (\$500)
- Robert “Mac” McGuinness, USCG (\$500)
- Nanette McClelland-Miller, State Farm-Anthem (\$500)
- Dr. & Mrs. F.L. Laughlin (\$500)

Contact Elizabeth Turner at [ElizabethTurnerUS@yahoo.com](mailto:ElizabethTurnerUS@yahoo.com) for information and assistance. THANK YOU ALL.

## HONORING OUR VETERAN FAMILIES

The Anthem Veterans Memorial (AVM) recognizes that with every veteran is a family who also sacrifices in support of that veteran's service.

The AVM understands it is the family who smiles encouragingly when the teenager arrives home from school to share the decision to enter the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Space Force or Coast Guard. It is the family who waits patiently for letters, emails and phone calls to arrive from far-away lands. It is the family who packs and unpacks to move from base to base throughout the course of service. It is the family who comforts each other during dark times. It is the family who remembers the loved one who made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation.

To honor the love, support and sacrifice of military families, five benches were placed outside the Circle of Honor during the original build. The benches, from left to right represent each service branch (USA, USMC, USN, USAF/USSF and USCG) and symbolize the families who serve and sacrifice with those in uniform.

The AVM is a place for quiet reflection and the benches serve as meaningful tributes to our veteran families. We hope, when you visit the AVM, you also remember the veteran families who serve and sacrifice our nation.

*Please refrain from bringing food and drinks on the benches of the AVM.*



## HONORING OUR GOLD STAR FAMILIES

**September 24, 2023**



During W.W. I, family members displayed service flags with a blue star for every immediate family member serving in the Armed Forces. The star's color was changed to gold if that family lost a loved one in the war. In 1917, when Grace Siebold's son was killed during W.W.I., she wanted to create a support system for grieving mothers in similar circumstances.

In 1928, the American Gold Star Mothers was officially incorporated. In 1936, Congress declared what was known as “Gold Star Mother's Day” to be the last Sunday in September. In 2011, President Obama amended the declaration, declaring the day to include families as well as mothers.

On September 24, please take a moment to remember the thousands of Gold Star families and to share information about this important day of remembrance. Thank you.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS – NOVEMBER 11, AVM.  
CELEBRATE OUR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES!  
NEW MUSIC AND NEW VIDEOS! NEW MILITARY TRIBUTES!**

**Breakfast Available for Purchase: 8:15-10:00 a.m.**

**Vietnam War Era Veteran and Surviving Spouses Pinning: 9:15-9:45 a.m.**

**Ceremony 10:00 a.m.-11:15 a.m.**