



News from the ANTHEM VETERANS MEMORIAL

August 23, 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

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)
- ★ Knights of Columbus Assembly 3438, Anthem (\$1111)

\$111 x 1000 (Nov.11)

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)
- ★ Alan and Lindy Rosenson.

To donate/sponsor, contact: Elizabeth Turner at ElizabethTurnerUS@yahoo.com

HONORING THE AVM PARTNERS – PART II

Youth for Troops

Youth for Troops mission is, “to inspire patriotism in fellow youth and across generations by volunteering on behalf of military and veterans through community service, advocacy and education.” It is a lofty mission statement, but one that is exemplified by each member of the organization.

We appreciate the patriotism Youth for Troops members bring to the AVM by holding American flags at our ceremonies and by joining our veteran commemorative paver laying events to provide support to those veterans and family members in attendance.

Youth For Troops members play a pivotal role in honoring our veterans and supporting their families in ways few may know.

- They collect toiletries, nonperishable food and comfort goods to send monthly care packages to troops stationed overseas. During the holidays, they send extra care packages to bring the holiday cheer to our troops far from home.
- They assist Daisy Mountain Veterans (DMV) in collecting stocking stuffers and holiday gifts for children of local families in need.
- They collect for and lay wreaths at the AZ National Veteran cemetery with Wreaths Across America. They also coordinate volunteers to retire wreaths in January.
- They welcome home WWII, Korean, and Vietnam veterans at PHX International returning from Honor Flights. They are honored to serve breakfast to the veterans and guardians before they fly to Washington, D.C.
- They host First Friday Coffee and Donuts at Palmcroft Church - Anthem to honor veterans and supporters. This event is free and open to the public on the first Friday of each month.
- They assist the Arizona Patriot Riders in holding flags to provide a meaningful tribute to the fallen and veterans at memorials, funerals, and patriotic events.
- They inspire patriotism, leadership, and community service through presentations at schools, clubs, and businesses. These presentations include team building projects that support veterans and deployed troops.

Remember Everyone Deployed (R.E.D) Ornament Fundraiser: Help Youth for Troops raise \$12,000 to cover the shipping expenses for an additional 800 Holiday Care Packages! They have been given the opportunity to show support to 800 Arizona-based deployed heroes. This is in addition to the monthly care packages.

Make an online donation and Youth for Troops volunteers will personalize a note from you then ship the ornament in a care package to a hero. Just add a memo with your note to the online donation or email your note for the ornament tag to youth4troops@gmail.com. Ornaments can be purchased at PostNet Anthem, Back to Health of Anthem, Tumbleweed Coffee, and Berkshire Hathaway.

To donate or learn more, visit: www.youthfortroops.org

VISIT the Youth for Troops tent on Veterans Day, AVM south lawn, to support our deployed troops from 8:15-10:00 a.m.

Veterans Day Ceremony, AVM, 11/11/2023

Arrive early: Breakfast by Tennessee Grill, available for purchase, 8:15-10:00 a.m.; Vietnam War era veterans and surviving spouses pinning, 9:15-9:45 a.m. and ceremony at 10:00.