



News from the ANTHEM VETERANS MEMORIAL

August 11, 2023

JOIN THE AVM 2023 EXPANSION FUNDRAISING



- **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)

\$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)

Contact Elizabeth Turner at ElizabethTurnerUS@yahoo.com for information and assistance. THANK YOU ALL.

HONORING THE AVM PARTNERS – PART I

Since 2011, the AVM has been fortunate to be surrounded by many partner organizations. This series will provide insight to these organizations and their contributions to the AVM and our community. We begin with the Daisy Mountain Veterans (DMV).

The DMV, with close association of the members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 12031, the American Legion Post 128 and Phoenix North Valley Women Veterans, combined mission is, "to honor, support and thank all who have served are currently serving our military."

Representatives of the DMV served with the original Anthem Veterans Memorial planning committee in 2011, providing insight into ceremony protocol and participants, while assisting in the public awareness for the AVM build.

Since then, the invaluable partnership between the DMV and AVM includes, but is not limited, the following roles.

- Donating the AVM flag pole in 2011 and maintaining the flags flown from it.
- Promoting AVM programs and efforts.
- Participating in veteran paver laying ceremonies.
- Organizing veteran welcome home events.
- Volunteering to assist in the AVM school children educational programming, teaching our youth about the importance of honoring veterans.
- Organizing and presenting the Memorial Day ceremony at the AVM.
- Volunteering to participate in the very ceremony that honors them on Veterans Day as speakers, flag bears and script advisors.
- Assisting in first Veterans Day Vietnam War era Welcome Home pinning ceremony, 2022, presenting the 50th Anniversary Commemorative pin to over 350 veterans. They will perform the Welcome Home pinning again this Veterans Day.
- Securing theme continuity for the annual DVM Veterans Parade and the AVM Veterans Day ceremony.

The DMV dedication to our veterans and willingness to help is remarkable. In addition to their AVM assistance, the DMV weekly community commitments include, but are not limited to, the following roles.

- Organizing and presenting the annual Veterans Parade.
- Partnering with Youth for Troops, Veterans First, Ltd., Junior ROTC and US Naval Sea Cadets Corps, local schools and Military Family Support Group.
- Making and distributing plastic sleeping mats for homeless.
- Collecting food and toys to distribute to families in need during the holidays.
- Distributing poppies to honor our fallen veterans.
- Coordinating Bingo Night every first and third Friday of every month at the Civic Building, 6:30 p.m.
- Presenting vehicles to many deserving veterans and their families.
- Holding weekly Friday coffee gatherings for veterans to visit and to remember their brothers and sisters are with them forever.
- Making quarterly visits to the Women's Camp and Federal Prison to meet with incarcerated veterans, answer questions about VA benefits, claims and updates.
- Helping any veteran family in hardship.
- Laying wreaths at the National Memorial Cemetery.

The AVM is grateful to the Daisy Mountain Veterans for their tireless dedication and assistance. Go to DaisyMtnVets.org for more information.