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## **RESIDENTS MAY VISIT THE ANTHEM VETERANS MEMORIAL TO PAY RESPECTS ON MEMORIAL DAY, MAY 25; FORMAL CEREMONY WILL BE SCALED BACK IN RESPONSE TO PUBLIC HEALTH GUIDELINES**

**Anthem, Ariz.** – On Monday, May 25, the Anthem Veterans Memorial will be “dressed” for Memorial Day. However, the formal “Day of Remembrance” ceremony, which includes speakers, performers and seating for several hundred attendees, will not take place this year in the interest of public health.

Beginning at 9 a.m., residents will have an opportunity to visit the memorial on their own to pay private respects to those who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country, or to observe a moment of silent reflection. Flags will surround the memorial, which will remain roped off through noon, when the flags are raised back to full-staff. The POW/MIA table will be set, and roses will be laid on the pavers of each veteran Killed or Missing in Action who is remembered at the memorial.

“Together with the Anthem Community Council, we made the difficult but responsible decision to scale back the ceremony this year, in the wake of the COVID-19 outbreak,” said VFW Commander Chuck Hale. “In April, when we were finalizing performers and contracts for the event, everything remained shut down. With uncertainty about how things would look at the end of May, this was the best decision, and still offers our community the opportunity to remember all those who have been lost.”

The Daisy Mountain Veterans, VFW Post 12031 and American Legion Post 128 proudly host the annual event, with support from the Anthem Community Council.

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