MEDIA ALERT

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SUMMARY: Thirteen W.W. II women veterans will be presented commemorative pavers at the Anthem Veterans Memorial on Veterans Day prior to the start of the Veterans Day ceremony. The public and media are invited to attend this informal ceremony that will begin at 9:30 a.m. on November 11. The public and media are invited to remain for the Anthem Veterans Day ceremony which will begin at 10:00 a.m. Details below.

WWII VETERANS TO BE HONORED:

Lynn V Engles	Yeoman 2nd Class	USN WWII 1944-1946
Betty P Lerdell	Platoon Sergeant	USMC WWII 1944-1945
Lorayne M Christensen	Sergeant	USMCWR WWII 1943-1945
Ruth A Power	Radioman 3rd Class	USN WWII 1944-1945
Lorene F Spencer	Petty Officer 3rd Class	USN WWII 1944-1945
Margaret Faust	Corporal	USA WWII 1944-1945
Jeanette Williams	Corporal	USA WWII 1944-1945
Helen M Disrud	SKD 1st Class	USN WWII 1944-1945
Shirley Krabbe	Yeoman 2nd Class	USCG WWII 1944-1946
Georgie Jones	Corporal	USA WWII 1944-1945
C Lynn Neda	Corporal	USA WWII 1945-1946
Thelma Hoffman	Sergeant 1st Class	USA WWII 1943-1945
Lillian S. Clonts	Corporal Chemical Warfare Service	USAAC WWII 1943-1945

BACKGROUND: These veterans are honored as part of the "Honor a Veteran" program which commemorates a veteran through a permanent inscribed paver for each $150 donation received by the Foundation. The program was developed in response to community members who had already commemorated their family veterans and wanted to honor additional veterans through their donation.

DETAILS:

- Paver Laying: Special paver laying for 13 W.W. II women veterans, Tuesday, November 11, 9:30 a.m.
- Location: Anthem Veterans Memorial, Anthem Community Park. The Memorial is located off Gavilan Peak Parkway, in the Anthem Community Park, directly across the street from the Safeway Shopping Plaza. Take I-17 to Anthem Way. Turn right on Anthem Way. Turn right at Gavilan Peak (third light) and turn left at the stop signs and Memorial entrance.
- Veterans Day Ceremony: The Anthem Veterans Day ceremony, presented by the Daisy Mountain Veterans, the Anthem Community Council and the Anthem Veterans Memorial Support Team, will begin at 10:00 a.m. Keynote address will be given by Jim Oliveri (US Army) and Tom Francis (US Army Special Operations). Both decorated veterans served combat duty during the Vietnam War and will offer historical and personal perspectives. Music to be provided by the Diamond Canyon School choir and the National Anthem led by Mary Sue Hyatt, North Valley Arts Council. The US Air Force Jr. Cadets from Sandra Day O'Connor will assist in the ceremony. Following the ceremony, the public is invited to remain at the Memorial to witness the sun's rays pass through the five Armed Services pillars' ellipses to cast a perfect solar spotlight on a mosaic of The Great Seal of the United States.
- Charity: Guests are invited to bring new and unwrapped toys for the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots collection drive.

About the Anthem Veterans Memorial (AVM)and AVM Support Team (AVMST):

The award-winning Anthem Veterans Memorial (AVM), a project of the Anthem Community Council (ACC), is located in the Anthem Community Park, off N. Gavilan Peak Parkway. The Memorial was dedicated November 11, 2011 and received Arizona Historic Landmark status six months later. The five pillars, symbolizing the five branches of the Armed Forces, are designed with elliptical openings. At 11:11 a.m. on each Veterans Day, November 11, the sun's rays pass through the ellipses to cast a perfect solar spotlight over a mosaic of The Great Seal of the United States. Fundraising efforts and the sale of veteran, business and organization pavers continue. To donate or to learn more about the Memorial, go to www.onlineatanthen.com/anthem-veterans-memorial. The Anthem Veterans Memorial Support Team (AVMST), an affiliate group to the Anthem Community Council, is composed of volunteers who assist in fundraising, programming and community outreach specific to the AVM.

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