November 21, 2017

Veterans and First Responders Living Memorial in Oro Valley

Background

This Memorial is for all of Southern Arizona and will be the only Living Memorial in the region. The memorial will be a place of solemn honor, reflection and education, dedicated to those who have made sacrifices in service to their communities and country. Presently Southern Arizona does not have a central place to honor those Veterans and First Responders who answered their country’s and community’s call with service, bravery and honor.

$25,000 is in the current Fiscal Year 2017/18 Proposed Tentative Budget Stabilization Fund Adjustments for the Oro Valley Cooperative Public Art Project.

A request has been made from Southern Arizona Veterans and First Responders Living Memorial, LLC for the transfer of funds for this project.

Recommendation

I recommend the Board of Supervisors transfer $25,000 to Southern Arizona Veterans and First Responders Living Memorial, LLC for the Veterans and First Responders Living Memorial.

Sincerely,

C. H. Huckelberry
County Administrator

CHH/mp – November 13, 2017

Attachment
February 14, 2017

Daniel Sharp, Interim Town Manager  
Town of Oro Valley  
11000 N. La Canada Drive  
Oro Valley, Arizona 85737

Re: Your February 9, 2017 Email Regarding Veterans and First Responder Living Memorial Information

Dear Mr. Sharp:

I appreciate the information forwarded regarding this subject. Please be advised Pima County would be happy to collaborate with Oro Valley in ensuring the Veterans and First Responder Living Memorial becomes a reality.

Please let me know how we can assist with this effort.

Sincerely,

C. H. Huckelberry  
County Administrator

CHH/anc

Enclosure

c: The Honorable Sharon Bronson, Chair, Pima County Board of Supervisors  
The Honorable Satish Hiremath, Mayor, Town of Oro Valley
Hi Chuck-

Thanks for the hospitality and information exchange yesterday. I am forwarding what we have received reference the Veterans and First Responder Memorial. I hope this helps. I will keep you posted as things develop.

Best regards,

Danny

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The Southern Arizona Veterans and First Responders Living Memorial will be the place of solemn honor, reflection and education dedicated to those who have made sacrifices in service to their country.
Presently, Southern Arizona does not have a place to honor those Veterans and First Responders who have responded to their country's call with service, bravery and honor. A task force of Veterans, First Responders and area citizens was formed to meet this need.

★ Mission: To raise the funding to construct this Living Memorial to provide a place of honor, reflection and education for all people.

★ This Memorial is for all of Southern Arizona and will be the only Living Memorial in the region.

★ It will honor the fallen and all men and women who have served and continue to serve our country and communities.

★ The site is on 3.5 acres overlooking the Catalina mountains donated by the Town of Oro Valley.

★ The Memorial is 100% privately funded through the contributions of area businesses, citizens and organizations.

★ Donations are tax deductible and should be sent to:
   Veterans and First Responders Living Memorial, LLC
   PO Box 68619
   Oro Valley, AZ 85737-0002

★ All donors will receive a tax verification letter.

Each element of the Memorial design has special significance. The Memorial has been named "Stars at Home and Abroad." The five pentagons represent the Armed Services branches of the Department of Defense forming the star. The star embodies the First Responders who serve in our communities.

All donations are tax deductible. Please include this with your check or credit card donation and mail to:

Veterans and First Responders Living Memorial, LLC
PO Box 68619
Oro Valley, AZ 85737-0002

Name: _____________________________
Address: ___________________________
Email: _____________________________
Phone: _____________________________
Credit Card: □ Visa □ MasterCard □ Other: _____________________________
Credit Card Number: _____________________________
Expiration Date: _____________________________
Amount: _____________________________
The conceptual plan view includes:

- **Amphitheater seating for gathering and events**
- **Stage area and public art opportunity**
- **Trailhead Connection**
- **Fundraising paver opportunity**
- **Re-vegetation of native plants**

Additional features include:

- **Five pentagons**, each representing a branch of the armed services.
- **6’ walking paths circulate around the perimeter as well as draw visitors in toward the center.**
- **Seatwalls vary in height from 3’ to 5’**
- **Internal star represents first responders helping others within our country.**
- **Flags representing each branch of the armed services are located just outside the points of the star.**
- **Flagpole area and xeriscape landscape bed.**
- **Drop-off area.**
- **20 parking spaces (8 ADA accessible).**
"Stars at Home and Abroad" honors the service members who protect our country both internationally. Five pentagons, which represent the five branches of the armed services, form a star, which embodies the first responders who serve within our country's borders. The pentagon shapes are shaded seating areas that are slightly raised at the rear and the center of the memorial. Low seatwalls on the other pentagons allow spectators to view the Catalina Mountains, and a shaded plaza provides opportunities for integrated educational opportunities, such as engraved pavers, plaques, public art, and memorial tributes.