

ARIZONA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Fifty-second Legislature – First Regular Session

COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Report of Regular Meeting
Thursday, March 12, 2015
House Hearing Room 5 -- 9:30 a.m.

Convened 9:38 a.m.
Recessed
Reconvened
Adjourned 11:14 a.m.

Members Present

Mr. Andrade
Mr. Campbell
Mr. Cardenas
Mr. Farnsworth E
Mr. Kern
Ms. Mach
Mr. Finchem, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Borrelli, Chairman

Members Absent

Mr. Pratt

Request to Speak

Report – Attachment 1

Presentations

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Attachments (Handouts)</u>
John Chiazza	Arizona Wall Project	2, 3, 4, 5

Committee Action

<u>Bill</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Attachments (Summaries, Amendments, Roll Call)</u>
SB1195	DP	8-0-0-1	6, 7
SB1291	DP	4-3-0-2	8, 9



Jen Burns, Chairman Assistant
March 13, 2015

(Original attachments on file in the Office of the Chief Clerk; video archives available at <http://www.azleg.gov>)

Information Registered on the Request to Speak System

House Military Affairs and Public Safety (3/12/2015)

SB1195, searches; electronic devices; biometrics; warrants

Support:

Dave Kopp, Manager, AZ CITIZENS DEFENSE LEAGUE INC; Maureen Tozzi, representing self

Neutral:

Trey Williams, AZ ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES

All Comments:

Trey Williams, AZ ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES: On behalf of county sheriffs

SB1291, firearms; state preemption; penalties

Testified in support:

Daniel Reid, National Rifle Association

Support:

Dave Kopp, Manager, AZ CITIZENS DEFENSE LEAGUE INC; Paula Smith, representing self; Robert Messenger, representing self; Michael Gibbs, representing self; Maureen Tozzi, representing self; Todd Rathner, Arizona State Rifle And Pistol Association

Oppose:

Karen Peters, representing self; Mary Pradelt, representing self; Kathleen Noble, representing self; Amanda Rusing, EVERYTOWN FOR GUN SAFETY ACTION FUND; Sandra Kravetz, representing self; Janice Palmer, AZ School Boards Assn; Jennifer Hines, representing self; Becky Boudway, representing self; kathleen mayer, Pima County Attorney's Office; Dale Wiebusch, Legislative Associate, LEAGUE OF ARIZONA CITIES & TOWNS; Jennifer Loreda, Arizona Education Association; Trey Williams, AZ ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES; Megan Starr, representing self

All Comments:

Kathleen Noble, Self: Unnecessary regulations will make it impossible for local governments to provide safety laws in specific circumstances. DO NOT PASS!; Robert Messenger, Self: This bill is necessary to provide Arizona citizens have recourse when local governments ignore state law.; Sandra Kravetz, Self: Enough. Too much interference from the NRA.; Michael Gibbs, Self: State preemption of locally-imposed firearms laws has become necessary to prevent municipalities from violating our rights under article 2, section 26 of the state constitution. 1291 gives existing law the enforcement mechanism to make it meaningful.; Maureen Tozzi, Self: Please support SB1291. SB 1291 is a much-needed protection and will ensure compliance with existing state law.; Becky Boudway, Self: If local public officials deem it to be in the interest of public safety to regulate firearms, those regulations should be respected as part of any militia's being "well regulated" (in the language of the 2nd Amendment). Oppose state

bullying.; Megan Starr, Self: The Bill causes a conflict for school districts as they are required to comply with the federal Safe Schools Act.

Donation Slip - Welcome Home A Soul Today

Name _____ Email _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City/Town _____ State _____ Post Code _____

Are you a Veteran? Yes No Are you active? Yes No If yes what Branch _____

I would like to make a one-time gift in the amount of \$ _____

I want to make a monthly donation of: (Must pay with credit or debit card)

\$25.00 \$50.00 \$75.00 \$100.00 Other _____

*Monthly donations will be debited on first of each month or until written notice. Donation receipt will be provided.

How will you be paying?

Cash Check (Payable to AZ Wall Project) Credit/Debit Card

(Circle one): Visa MasterCard Discover Amex American Express

Card Number _____ Exp. _____ SSV _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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TESTIMONIALS

ROGER POLLARD

VIETNAM VETERAN



I fully endorse bringing to Arizona the 58,300 souls whose names are etched in stone at the Vietnam war memorial in Washington DC. The honor, respect, and dignity which these souls deserve will be preserved as this project goes forward. This wall will be inspirational, educational, and healing to so many people."

JENN DANIELS

GILBERT TOWN COUNCIL MEMBER



"The AZ Wall Project brings a visual testimony of our desire to instill respect, honor and gratitude for our service men and women and their families. We seek to teach future generations the importance of patriotism and reverence for those who have given all to protect the freedoms we hold dear."

CORY REMSBURG

AFGHANISTAN & IRAQ VETERAN

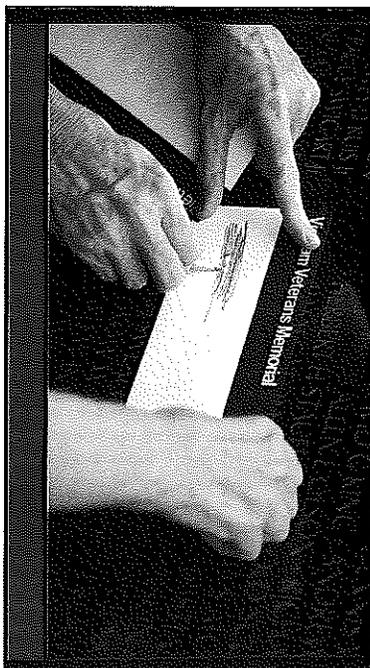


"I served 10 deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan. In 2009 I was seriously injured but lucky enough to come home where I was respected, honored, and appreciated by my country and community. I am grateful for the opportunity to pay tribute to those men and woman who paid the ultimate price in an unpopular war by a nation who blamed the warrior. That should have never happened! Thank you Vietnam Veterans and welcome home."



MISSION:

Create an inspirational Arizona Wall experience reflective of the sacrifices veterans and their families have made for our country.



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WELCOMING HOME 58,300 SOULS TO ARIZONA



Operation Welcome Home is a charitable 501(c)(3) organization honored to be a Commemorative Partner for the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War by the Department of Defense.

THE VISION FOR THE WALL

Our vision is to build a Vietnam Memorial Wall, 360 feet long and 8 feet high at the apex and the only such memorial in a 100 mile radius.

The Wall is powerful; etched with the names of 58,300 killed or missing from the Vietnam War. The AZ Wall Project will build an experience that brings together the essential elements of a memorial, museum and park. A Vitorial or "living memorial" that will have programmed events and activities to ensure its legacy for generations.

Other elements of the project will include a ceremonial flag area, granite map of Vietnam, pavilion, and visitors center.

APRIL 30TH, 1975

THEY LOST A COUNTRY



VIETNAMESE COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Kevin Dang, PharmD.

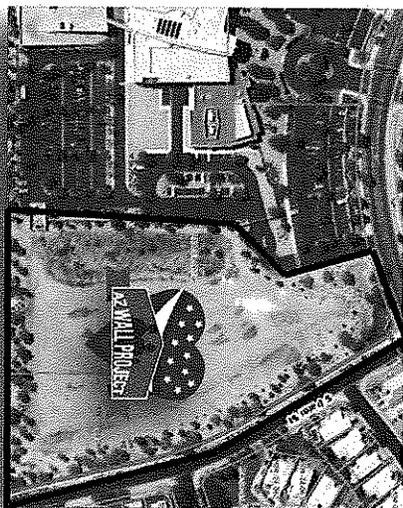
President of the Vietnamese Community of Arizona



"As Vietnamese-Americans who were born after the war, we hope to preserve our Vietnamese heritage, remember our ancestry and our origin.

The AZ Wall Project is a wonderful opportunity for us to fulfill our aspiration. In addition, this sentimental and inspirational landmark will also offer a vivid history lesson for generations to come and enable the people of Arizona to commemorate the brave men and women who made great sacrifices in the Vietnam War protecting freedom for the people of South Vietnam."

KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE WALL



THE WALL LOCATION

- ★ 7 acre parcel owned by the Town of Gilbert.
- ★ Located east of Fire & Police Administration Buildings
- ★ Located East of the Public Safety Memorial
- ★ Adjacent to Gilbert's 911 Memorial
- ★ Officially on Gilbert Road & Civic Center Drive; however Civic Center Drive was informally renamed in 2011 by the Gilbert Town Council to "American Heroes Way".
- ★ Adjacent to Gilbert's "Operation Welcome Home" ceremonies.

Sacrifice for Freedom Ride

Saturday, March 21st

Hosted by:



To Honor the 58,300
Souls on the Wall

Buddy Stubbs Anthem to the
Traveling Vietnam Wall in Prescott

\$20 per Bike / \$10 Passenger

Registration: 8 - 10AM

50/50 raffle • Food • Prizes



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Home
Arizona



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Attachment 3

All charity proceeds will go towards the AZ Wall Project.
The AZ Wall Project brings together a memorial, a museum and a park to honor veterans.



You are cordially invited to attend

SFC Cory Remsburg Home Key Ceremony

Parking available at

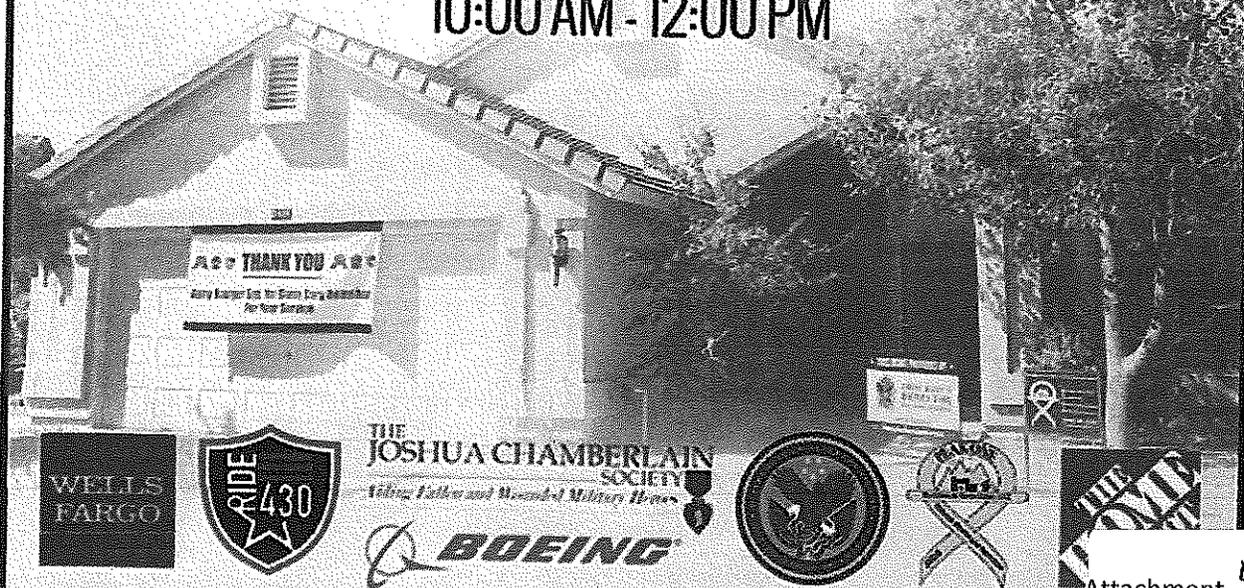
Desert View Baptist Church

950 N. Greenfield Road
Gilbert, AZ 85234

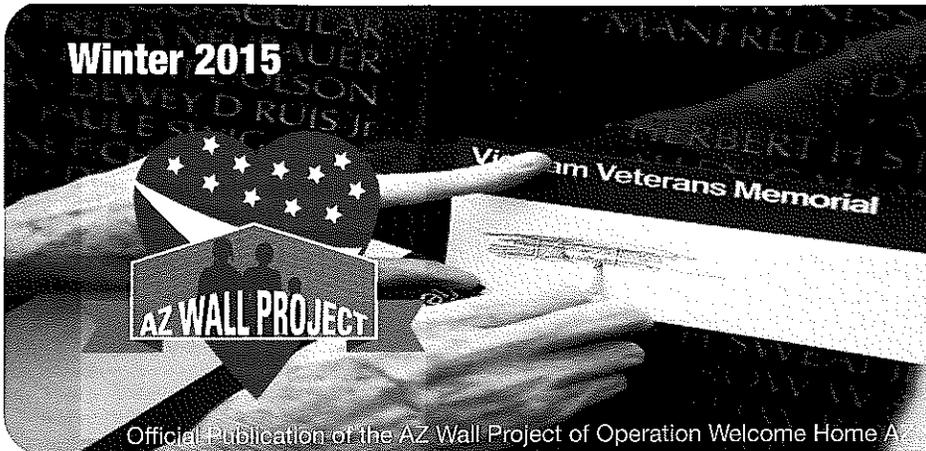
Guests will follow signs to Cory's new home

March 13, 2015

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM



Winter 2015



In Honor...

58,300 Americans died fighting in the Vietnam War. Millions more have served to protect our way of life. It's time that we welcome our troops home.

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ARIZONA WALL PROJECT HAS A HOME

Town of Gilbert designates 7.7-acre site to construct permanent tribute Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Wall; AZ Wall to honor freedom and sacrifice & "Welcome Them Home"

The Town of Gilbert has designated approximately 7.7 acres of property located on Gilbert Road and Civic Center Drive (also known as American Heroes Way), just East of the Fire and Police Administration Buildings, as the site to construct the tribute Wall. The designation was approved by Town Council last September and the AZ Wall Project was officially introduced to the public a few days later. Since that time, much progress has been made on the Project's design and layout, details of which will be released

following final approval by Town Council members early in 2015.

The site is close to the public safety memorial and adjacent to the 911 memorial. During OWH ceremonies the procession of Patriot Guard Riders drive right along this street as they escort honorees. "We can't dream up a better location for these 58,300 souls."

**It's Official:
The AZ Wall
Project has a
home!**



STEERING COMMITTEE NEWS

"Things are moving fast! It is astounding how many people commit their time, resources and talents to this vision of this project."

In less than seven short months the Arizona Wall Project has been born. From the seed of an idea at an Operation Welcome home AZ committee meeting, this project has taken and continues to take on a life of its own! As an organization we wished to participate in a national effort to honor the Vietnam Vet. But this project has seemed to have its own destiny from the very beginning.

Sometimes in the daily grind we don't recognize just how far we have come. So for our first Steering Committee update in our very first newsletter I want to give you all the quick

and dirty run down...and I think you'll be impressed.

July - August: We created the foundation for the project. This included a core team, mission, vision, and mottos. It may not seem like a big deal but the hours we put into this process crystallized the direction we were going and became the essence of what we weighed all our decisions against. From this we got such sayings as "Keep Your Eye on the Wall" and "Dignity Test". The foresight to be hyper-focused on who we were, what we were doing, and why we were doing it has

served us well along the way - helping us make good decisions and assemble the right team.

August - September: Speaking of team, in August we created the organizational structure and processes for the project. We installed a steering committee, five working committees, and identified chairs and co-chairs to lead these teams. In September we kicked off many of these meetings and because of the work we did in July and August, started the tradition at each meeting of beginning with a "Reflection

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at Facebook/AZ Wall Project, on Twitter @AZWallProject, and visit our website at www.azwallproject.com to learn how to get involved. If your organization would like a presentation on donor opportunities, email us at info@owhaz.org.

ARIZONA WALL

The 2008 National Defense Authorization Act authorized a program to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War. Operation Welcome Home AZ was awarded this partnership and wants to gift a legacy of healing, education, and inspiration to the people of Arizona and beyond.

Together, we will build an experience that integrates the reverence of a memorial, the education of a museum, and the breathing life of a park; a Living Memorial, or "Vitorial," -- timeless, relational, and sacred.

The Vitorial will be comprised of several key elements: The Wall as the anchor, 3 Grand Pavilions and a ceremonial flag area. The Wall will be an 80-percent tribute of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C. -- 360 feet long and eight feet high at the apex, with all 58,300 names all etched.

Now is the time to build this in our community.

- For the 58,300 souls who are reflected in The Wall
- For the Vietnam Veterans and their families who cannot visit the D.C.
- For the service men and women who have continued to enlist
- For all military persons returning home from a tour of duty
- For the next generation of citizens who will define patriotism

Your contribution brings The Wall to Arizona and helps build a legacy in our community.

The AZ Wall Project is part of a 501(c)3 charitable organization.

Steering Committee Updates, cont'd from Page 1

Moment" (typically a video that encapsulates the heart and soul of the project.)

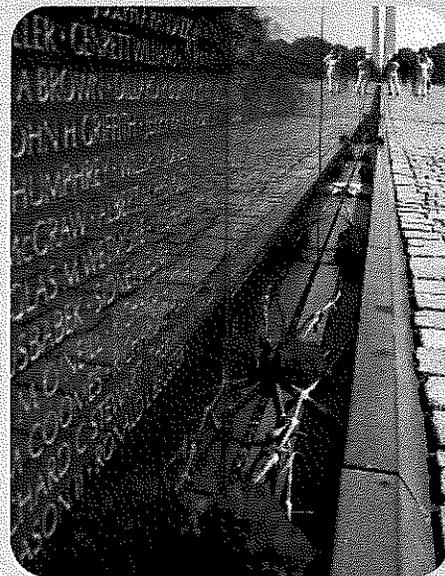
September – October: The team started presentations at all the Town of Gilbert boards and commissions and awareness grew for the project. Shortly after this, we met with the Vietnamese Community of Arizona whom wanted to help build the Wall and soon joined our team. We began to identify potential sites for the project in the Town of Gilbert. We researched; vetted, and presented the three most viable locations to the council and on September 23rd they dedicated the 7.7 acre property which is now the future site of the Arizona Wall Project. September 30th we had our first press conference in partnership with the Vietnamese Community.

October – November: Our design and construction committee created the first conceptual drawings for the park design. The vision for the park really started to take form with a walk of time, plans for future installations honoring service persons from other wars, pavilions, reflection pond, bronze eagle statue, flag area, and education center. Fundraising created a video of the first drawings for the first time everyone could really see themselves walking through the park. We visited the City of Prescott to partner on a Traveling Wall event in March both for awareness of the project and for fundraising.

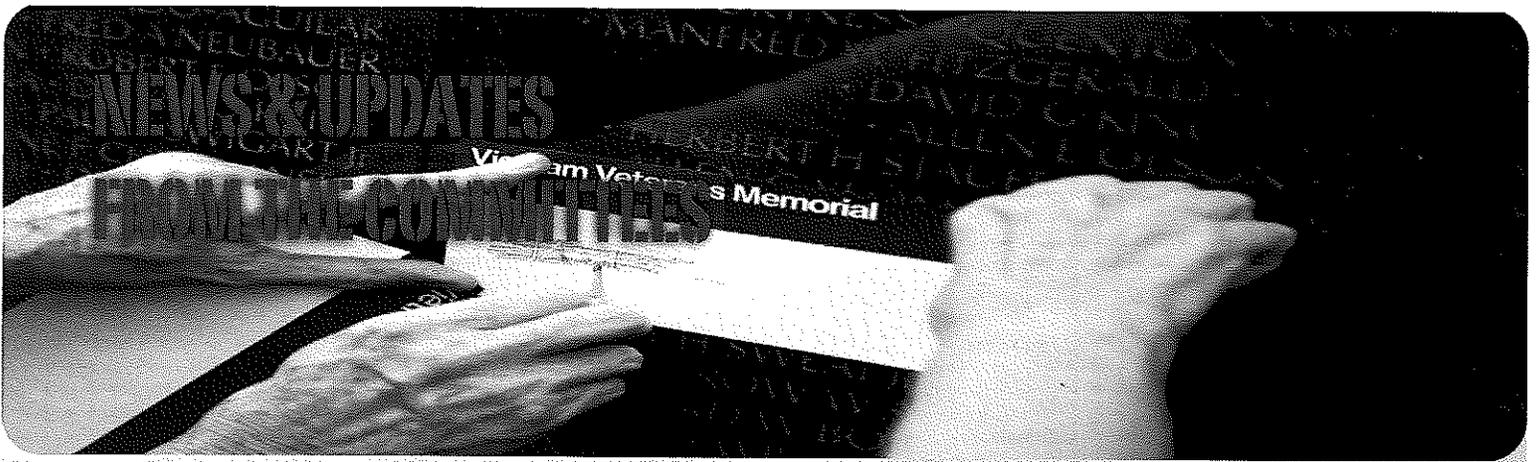
November – December: We attended several events including the Mesa Veteran's Day Parade, Gilbert Veteran's Day Celebration, Nam Jam, Harley Chester Davidson Party on the Patio, Higley Veteran's Day Celebration, and the Arizona Muster. Everywhere we went it seemed people had heard about the project. We submitted several grants, fleshed out our 2015

fundraising campaigns and goals, and secured 4 honorary chairs. We started the framework for a development agreement with the Town of Gilbert, created a preliminary plan programming in the schools, and secured several in-kind donations for the park construction. The holidays were busy!

Now: There is a lot on the horizon for AZ Wall Project – a new website, the traveling wall event, and several press releases that will be announcing some very exciting milestones... It is absolutely remarkable when a small group of passionate, dedicated, and patriotic people get together and decide they will do something that is truly unique and audacious. I fully expect the next seven months to fly by as the AZ Wall Project looks forward to finalizing designs, beginning construction, and planning the education center. We can't do this without all the amazing Wallunteers that believe so much in this project and without YOU. Stay tuned. There is a tidal wave coming!



TIMELINE: AZ WALL PROJECT	EARLY 2015	2015	2016	2017
<small> CURRICHON, THOMAS, LMCLEE, RICHARD, N. MINT NUSSER, FRED, VEJICE, BRADLEY, PETERSON, VERA ROYCE, W. CHRIS, J. CAMO, ROBERT, SCHENKMAN KRST, ANDREW, TRAMANI, COLLEK, VOZDEK, JOHNS DRMAN, ANJA, DRENNEN, STEPHEN, BURKIN, CAMS ZILARRETT, TODD, G. GUMBER, EDWARDS, COLLETT, CH SHAWSON, RONALD, LEO, LANTOVA, STEPHEN, LEGRAND W. SIEGALL, ROOSEVELT, SCOTT, DANNY, BROADS CASTEDA, JAMES, P. FERSONE, J., ROBERTO, CIMBAN ORCENIS, WALTER, C. CLEMENTS, TIMOTHY, GASKIN LEWIS, DONALD, PROFFERS, GRACIE, A. KAWA, D ARCHIT, MARCO, CASLER, ANDRUE, THOMAS, BARRY, WAMS, MERLINE, BALE, ANGELO, LUIS, FRANCISCO, GONZA EST, MARSHALL, G. CLEMENTS, SHAWNEE, LEONARD, GIL JOHNS, JAMES, B. CLIMMINGS, J. ANIBAL, DEJESUS, SAN HOGAN, J., LEROY, J. CULLO, J., FRED, KEHAN, SHREW, J. ... </small>	Design approval Dog Tag Program Rollout Traveling Wall in Prescott	Design, Construction & Engineering Plan Approval Begin Construction	Construction Continues Park Opens, Target Date: 11/11/16	Education Center Opens



“Wallunteer” Committee Members report on recent milestones, upcoming projects

DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION

The vision for the park includes a walk of time, which would recognize uniquely, every American war since 1775. The Wall is the perfect anchor; it is an impactful reminder in our nation’s history to honor and respect the warrior, even amidst a controversial war. “While the AZ Wall is a tribute to the memorial in D.C; it also has its own life, identity, and

experience”, said the committee’s Design Chair, Tom Everett.

Rob Spoor, the committee’s Construction Chair added, “We kept as close to the D.C design standards as possible; incorporating the elevation changes and the walk up to the Wall. We wanted to

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EVENTS

The success of the AZ Wall Project depends heavily on getting the message out to as many people as possible, making connections with people who share the vision and are willing to donate their time and money.

Events Committee members share in that challenge by searching for venues to spread the news about Arizona’s future tribute

Vietnam Veterans’ Wall. They research opportunities to host an informational booth -- like the Gilbert Days Parade, Mesa’s Veterans Day Parade and the recent Arizona Muster -- or participate in an event that draws attention to the Project.

At each meeting they evaluate a list of 15 possible events and determine, based on cost

and resources, which ones make the most

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FUNDRAISING, PR & COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Fundraising and PR/Outreach committees joined forces late in 2014 to synchronize their efforts and get maximum results.

PR & Community Outreach can be thought of as the networking arm of the AZ Wall Project, as each member spreads the word about the Project within their circle of

influence. Plus, they interface with the media, civic officials and service organizations.

Fundraising committee members do much of the same, and develop the tools to make collecting donations and recognizing benefactors an efficient, organized process.

The mission of the Fundraising Committee, chaired by Chris Ames, is to

generate the necessary financial contributions for the development and sustainability of the AZ Wall Project. Initial priorities focused on raising funds for the traveling wall in Prescott and for down

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PROGRAMMING

“We’re building the legacy.”

Education programs, Wallunteer Docents, special ceremonies, Memorial Day and Veterans Day activities -- those are the focus of the Programming Committee’s efforts, jointly chaired by Tekoya and Jacques Calixte. The bulk of their work will become visible once the AZ Wall opens in 2016.

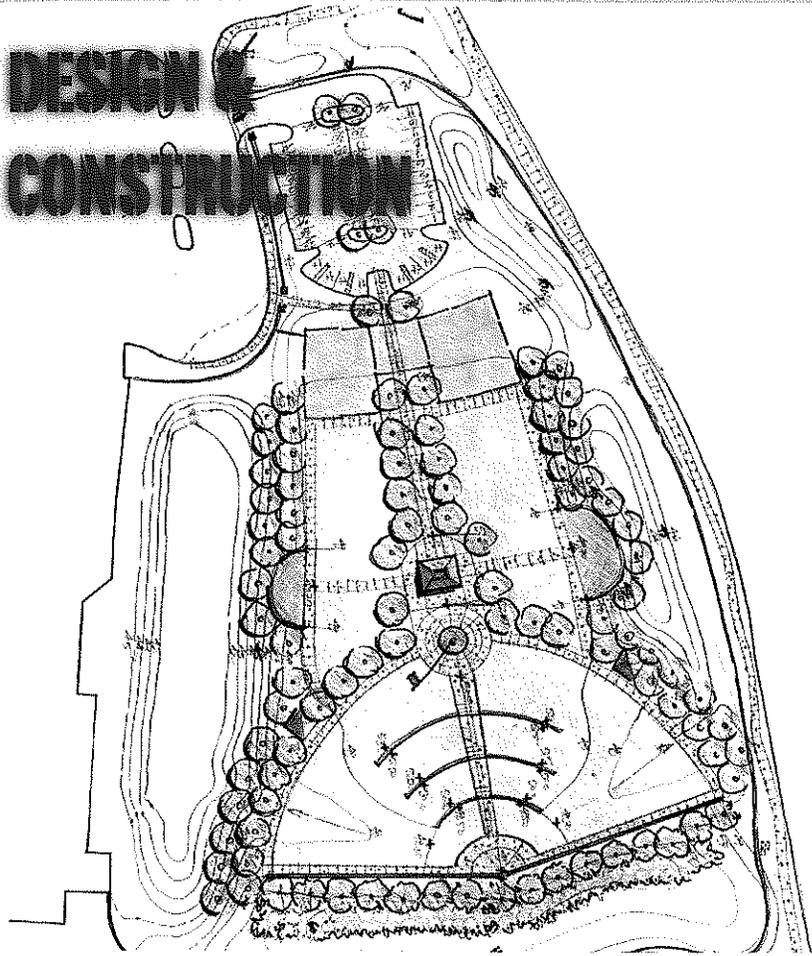
Until then, “we’re brainstorming,” said Jacques. “What’s guiding us is that the Wall will be an 80-percent-sized tribute, and we want to deliver 100 percent of the experience.”

The committee wants to help make the park a Living Vitorial, a special place where the memories are kept alive and new

ones are formed. A place where people will

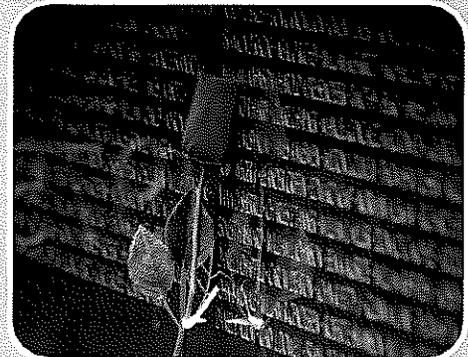
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DESIGN CONSTRUCTION



Team Members

Members include architects, landscape architects, engineers, builders & more: Rob Spoor, Site Works; Tom Everett, Landscape Architect; Rod Buchanan, Town of Gilbert; Les Presmyk, Operation Welcome Home AZ; Adam Baugh, Withey Morris; Brian Miller, Army National Guard; Brian Anderson, BMA Architecture; Andy Do, Vietnamese Community of Arizona; Kevin Dang, Vietnamese Community of Arizona; Clint Sundt, Sundt Construction; Todd Neill, neilla-young associates; David Bohn, Kinetix Engineering; John Wittrock, Marabella Homes.



Design & Construction, cont'd from Page 3

recreate the quiet, subdued feeling – but also include elements D.C did not incorporate – like the Agent Orange monument.” The team’s lead architect, Todd Neill added, “The park will be timeless. Like the Wall itself, it will interact with visitors. Many people will visit this site and not understand fully why – its subtle engagement of all the senses – there will be an unconscious resonance for most. For others, it will be spiritual and many, many people will make a pilgrimage here. This is what we keep in mind through the entire design process; the park and the Wall don’t just have a message, they have a mission – it’s our job on design and construction to be singularly focused on that point. Because this project will speak for itself long after any of us can.”

“We knew to be careful about what we did -- it’s important that we recognize, in as true and pure a form as possible, the original in D.C. and the the names that are there – but we also want to tip our hat to the families and to those still serving.”

Those sentiments sum up the guiding principles that shape the Project’s final form. The goal is to make it a *living* memorial, or Vitorial. And while the anchor will always be the tribute Wall and the names of the 58,300 souls who lost their lives in the Vietnam War, the AZ Wall Project will offer several other opportunities to reflect and show respect.

The Wall itself will be constructed of black aluminum with black granite caps and footings, with the 58,300 names engraved in the material so that visitors can make rubbings just as they can at the original Memorial. Accompanying the tribute Wall will be:

- * A Grand Pavilion for events
- * A Flag Staff & Quarterdeck for ceremonies
- * A large stone map of Vietnam
- * Ramada sites to honor those affected by Agent Orange, PTS and more
- * An Education Center

“We’re very luck to have the support of the Vietnamese Community,” Everett said. “It’s a very important project for them, too. Many of them were born after the end of the war, so this provides a link to their roots.

“Having them as such an important part of our planning and design is helping us develop a concept that really will be a unique experience.”

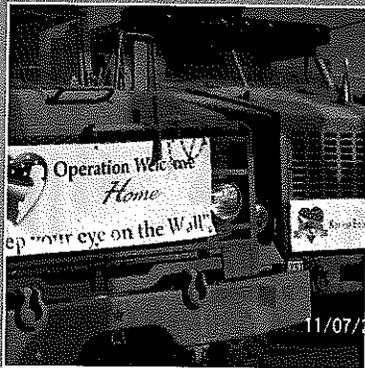
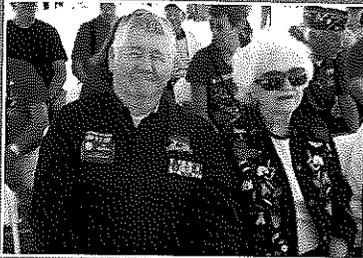
He pointed out the Vietnamese map -- a large stone monument that will lay almost parallel to the ground, where visitors can get a better feel for where the memories of the Vietnam War took place.

“That’s something we might not have thought of, and it will add to the experience,” he added. “Having the Vietnamese Community, having veterans and non-veterans on the committee has helped create a lot of discussion” about keeping the Project honest, respectful and yet alive for future generations.

Once the final design is approved by Council, the Design & Construction Committee will finalize construction documents, detail the specifics of drainage and electrical and grading and . . . to be completely ready for groundbreaking.

EVENTS,

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Team Members

Betsy Pollard, Operation Welcome Home; Tom Atnip, Patriot Riders; Lori Gauna, Town of Gilbert; GTR Adam Gadberry, Operation Welcome Home Honoree; Lee Huff, Veterans/Military Constituent Services; Karen Udall, Town of Gilbert; Jeff Davidson, Significant Cleaning; Dzung Tran, Vietnamese Community of AZ; Mai Hung, Vietnamese Community of AZ; Adam Stevens, Businessman; Lee Atwood, Veteran; Jim Lange, Army Veteran; and Erin Sulzer, Community Volunteer.

The 'Litmus Test' asks:

Will it Honor? Will it Show Respect?

sense. "We look for high-traffic events," said Committee Chairwoman Michelle Campbell, "and apply a litmus test to decide if it will give us the exposure we want and be in a spirit that honors" the 58,300 souls on The Wall.

Upcoming events that pass the Dignity Test include escorting the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall in and out of Prescott and staffing an informational booth there, from March 19th through the 22nd. Campbell says they have 15 to 20 Walunteers so far to help, and people who are interested in participating should contact the Events Committee.

Also being considered are a number of events and ceremonies that will commemorate the anniversary of the fall of Saigon. The Events Committee is researching the best opportunities for the AZ Wall Project, and is finding a tremendous amount of support from Arizona's Vietnamese community.

The Committee also is working on a number of ways to coordinate activities with national Military Appreciation Month events in the Valley.

Dignity Test Policy

- *Be respectful and reverent to the individuals on The Wall*
- *Be apolitical*
- *Pay tribute to our veterans and service persons*
- *Encourage the involvement of other communities*
- *Be inclusive of all persons as applicable regardless of race, gender, ethnicity or religion*
- *Honor the values of the military*
- *Be inclusive of all branches of the military*
- *Be sensitive to persons with handicaps*
- *Maintain the Park's individuality, free of identity affiliation with any other individual, trust, business, organization, etc.*

TRAVELING WALL IN PRESCOTT

The American Veterans Traveling Tribute Vietnam Veterans Wall visits Prescott, AZ, March 19-22.



As part of Operation Welcome Home AZ's authorization to help commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War, the traveling wall visits Prescott in March, escorted into town by the Patriot Riders as part of a fundraising motorcycle rally. AZ Wall Project Walunteers are needed to help host an information booth and spread the news about the permanent Wall Project in Gilbert. The traveling Wall will be installed at the Prescott Gateway Mall, 3250 Gateway Blvd. in Prescott.



Team Members

PR/Community Outreach: David Milton, Banner Health; Ed Mangan, MOAA SMC President; Craig Remsburg, Telgian Corp.; Chris Lablesle, Operation Welcome Home AZ; Jordan Ray, Town of Gilbert; Jason Cvancara, Gilbert Police Department; Kevin Dang, President of Vietnamese Community of Arizona; Eileen Nguyn, Vietnamese Community of Arizona; Justin Yentes, Arizona Investigative Associates. Fundraising: Chris Ames, Operation Welcome Home AZ; Jake Verrue, Gilbert; Kip Steill, Gilbert Fire Department; Eddie Cook, Town of Gilbert; Lynn Rice, Operation Welcome Home AZ; MSgt David Zibell, Operation Welcome Home; Mai Le, Vietnamese Community of Arizona; and Crystal Reidy, Veteran.

Fundraising / PR & Outreach, cont'd from Page 3

payments to secure rights to locate a permanent Wall in Gilbert. Once those objectives were met, the committee has helped finalize an official presentation to potential donors and is compiling a list of potential contributors to approach. The team also is actively researching government grant opportunities as a possible funding source.

While 'large donors' will help the Project reach its goal in big chunks, two fundraising ideas have been developed to reach people at the grass-roots level and provide them with unique and inspiring ways to donate to the project.

Coin boxes at area retailers, VFW Posts and other high-traffic locations allow people to contribute spare change. Forty of these coin boxes are in place, and more are available. To submit a collection box request for your location, email to info@owhaz.org for more information.

The military Dog Tag Campaign is a unique program that promises to raise awareness and military appreciation as well as money. The Dog Tag Campaign encourages individuals and groups to sponsor any living or deceased Veteran by contributing toward a customized Dog Tag in that serviceperson's name. Money from the program will go to the AZ Wall Project, and the actual dog tag's will eventually become part of a permanent display at the AZ Wall Project site. Individuals will be able to sponsor a dog tag for \$20, and corporations or businesses will be able to sponsor blocks of dog tags -- one for each veteran they commit to hire in the next five years, for example.

Introduced during World War I, military dog tags are still used and are one of the most enduring and recognizable symbols of military service and sacrifice. Made of durable stainless steel, the tags are used to help identify the wearer in the event of death on the battlefield, and to aid with treating injuries by identifying name, blood type, religion and other factors specific to each serviceperson.

Want a presentation at your company?

Contact the IPR Committee.

Dog Tags will be available at upcoming events and will be used to help educate area students during Military Appreciation Month in May.

Watch for more details on this exciting program by visiting AZ Wall Project on Facebook.

Recent work by the Public Relations/Community Outreach Committee, chaired by David Milton, includes some very high-visibility projects:

Working with FOX Sports to get AZ Wall Project visibility at upcoming Super Bowl related events

Partnering with Valley's Vietnamese community and going 'on air' with information about the Project on the Saigon Broadcasting Network Television, a worldwide program.

DOG TAG SPONSORSHIPS

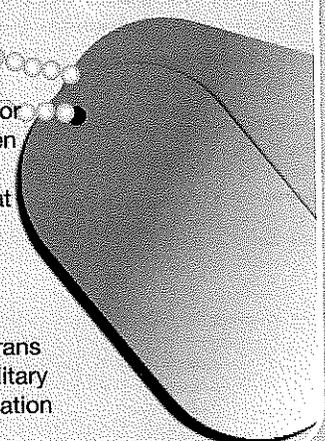
Honor a Vet and Help Raise Money for the AZ Wall

\$20 Individual Donation

- Receive 2 dog tags
- Choose someone to honor or select one of Arizona's fallen Vietnam War Vets
- Dog Tags will be stamped at the site of the AZ Wall on Memorial Day 2015

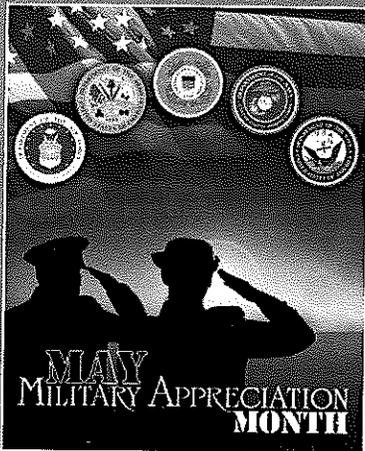
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- Honor your employed veterans
- Pledge to recruit former military
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PROGRAMMING

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Team Members

Tekoya Calixte, Navy Veteran; Jacques Clixte, Navy Spouse; Holly Pritulsky, American Family Insurance; Elizabeth Haylock-Rakestraw, Elizabeth's Moments of Joy; Blair Ballin, Blair Group; Dzung Tran, Vietnamese Community of Arizona; and Sang Nguyen, Vietnamese Community of Arizona.

An 80% tribute Wall, with 100% of the experience.

gather again and again for the richness of the experience.

Among the activities being considered -- in addition to special events surrounding Memorial and Veterans Days -- are:

- Veteran's Organization Events
- School Field Trips
- Flag-Raising Ceremonies
- Father's Day / Mother's Day activities

One of the biggest challenges for the group is to design programs that introduce the Vietnam War to younger generations who have only read about it or heard of it from their parents.

Currently, Programming Committee members are working to expand Operation Welcome Home AZ's Military Appreciation Month activities by contacting area schools to schedule a presentation May 2015. Last year's activities focused on Gilbert schools, and for 2015 the team is expanding into Chandler, Mesa, Scottsdale, Tempe and Queen Creek and will focus on 5th grade classrooms.

"We'd like to take the program to the West Valley, too," Jacques said. "To do that we

need to find partners there who will help recruit and plan. Our goal is to bring awareness of Military Appreciation Month -- and the AZ Wall project -- beyond the Valley."

MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH ACTIVITIES

In 1999 Senator John McCain introduced legislation to designate the month of May, National Military Appreciation Month. Both the Senate and House of Representatives adopted resolutions calling for Americans to recognize and honor U.S. Service Members during NMAM. These proclamations also urge the President to issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to observe NMAM.

As part of Operation Welcome Home AZ and the AZ Wall Project, Wallunteers will be available to make a presentation to area school children. Contact the Programming Committee for more information, to become a Wallunteer or to request a presentation.



GIVE A LITTLE; THEY GAVE ALL. BECOME A WALLUNTEER!

Sign Up as a Wallunteer and get updates on opportunities to contribute to the project!

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS: AZ WALL PROJECT

Why the Vietnam Wall? Why not a memorial to recognize other modern conflicts?

Operation Welcome Home AZ was honored to receive a 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War Commemorative Partnership from the Department of Defense. Bringing the gift of a permanent Vietnam Wall will not only honor commitment to this partnership but will leave a legacy of gratitude for a generation of heroes that were abandoned at a time of their greatest need. The design of the entire site will focus on creating an intergenerational experience that allows for healing, education, and celebration across all services and conflicts.

How will you ensure the Wall is still relevant well into the future?

The Wall's unique design is timeless and universal, regardless of age, race, religion, or socio-economic standing. Aside from the thoughtful and interactive design, the AZ Wall Project team is engaging schools, hospitals, veteran's organizations, and civic groups to proactively plan programs, activities, events, and traditions so that the site will always be teeming with life. The programming strategy is essential to creating a *vtorial*, or "living memorial," that lives on through the memory of future generations.

Why was Gilbert chosen as the site for the Wall?

The Town of Gilbert, along with Operation Welcome Home AZ is honored by this 50th Anniversary Vietnam War Commemorative Partnership. This is another example of Gilbert's commitment to honoring veterans and patriotic traditions. Gilbert is in a position to gift this Wall to Arizona as it possesses the human capital, organization and passion to make this dream a reality.

When is the project's anticipated completion date?

The projection for completion is Veterans's Day 2017.

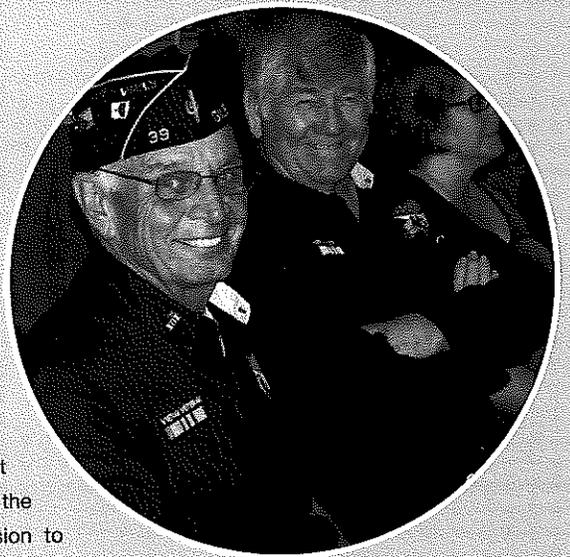
How much will the project cost?

The budget for the AZ Wall Project is still being finalized, but is expected to cost \$3 million when complete. The project will be constructed in phases in line with fundraising milestones. The first phase will include the Memorial Wall, Flag area, and infrastructure.

Will the funds be private or public?

The majority of the funds raised will be private donations from individuals and businesses, both monetary and in-kind contributions. The 7.7-acre site where the wall will be located is owned by the Town of Gilbert and has been dedicated to the AZ Wall project.

What percentage of donations to the AZ Wall Project will be used for administrative expenses?



The majority of donations will go directly to the project. There are costs associated with the Project that include events, printing, and professionals and businesses that are unable to donate their services. None of the donations go to staffing or employees as AZ Wall Project is led by a team of community volunteers and project partners.

How many people do you estimate will visit The Wall every year?

It is impossible to know how many people will visit The Wall in Arizona; however, the AZ Wall project is dedicated to building an experience which as closely as possible resembles that of the D.C. Wall. We believe this will inspire people to visit The Wall many times. Also, because there is a proactive strategy to program the site we believe this will largely contribute much of the daily activity. Our goal is to build an experience that draws a quarter- to a half-million people each year.

AZ WALL PROJECT

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SB 1195

searches; electronic devices; biometrics; warrants

Sponsor: Senator Dial

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OVERVIEW

SB 1195 specifies that a person who is detained or arrested and has possession of an electronic device that requires a biometric identifier to access it is not required to provide access to the device unless a valid search warrant has been issued for the biometric identifier, except in exigent circumstances.

HISTORY

Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) § 13-3911 describes a search warrant as an order in writing issued in the name of the state of Arizona and signed by a magistrate that directs a peace officer to search for personal property, persons, or other items upon the grounds specified in A.R.S. § 13-3912. These grounds include when:

- the property was stolen or embezzled;
- the property was used as a means of committing a public offense;
- the property is in the possession of a person with the intent to use the property as a means of committing a public offense or the property is in the possession of another person for the purpose of concealing or preventing the property from being discovered;
- the property consists of any item or constitutes any evidence that a particular public offense has been committed or that a particular person has committed the public offense;
- the property is subject to search and inspection by an appropriate official in the interest of the public health, safety, or welfare as part of an inspection program authorized by law; or
- the person sought is the subject of an outstanding arrest warrant.

Exigent circumstances allow a law enforcement officer who has probable cause to conduct a search or seizure without a warrant if certain emergency conditions are met, which include whether the person appears to be armed and planning to escape, whether a reasonable police officer would believe his or her safety or others' safety was threatened, and whether there was a serious crime involved.

PROVISIONS

1. Specifies that a person who is detained or arrested and has possession of an electronic device that requires a biometric identifier to access it is not required to provide access to the device unless a valid search warrant has been issued for the biometric identifier, except in exigent circumstances.
2. Defines *biometric identifier* to include a fingerprint, palm veins, face recognition, deoxyribonucleic acid, palm print, hand geometry, iris recognition, and retina.

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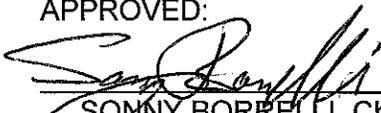
ROLL CALL VOTE

COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC SAFETY BILL NO. SB 1195

DATE March 12, 2015 MOTION: DP

	PASS	AYE	NAY	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mr. Andrade		✓			
Mr. Campbell		✓			
Mr. Cardenas		✓			
Mr. Farnsworth E		✓			
Mr. Kern		✓			
Ms. Mach		✓			
Mr. Pratt					✓
Mr. Finchem, Vice-Chairman		✓			
Mr. Borrelli, Chairman		✓			
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APPROVED:



 SONNY BORRELLI, Chairman
 MARK FINCHEM, Vice-Chairman



 COMMITTEE SECRETARY

ATTACHMENT 7



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SB 1291

firearms; state preemption; penalties

Sponsors: Senators Smith, Allen, Burges, et al.

X Committee on Military Affairs and Public Safety

Caucus and COW

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OVERVIEW

SB 1291 prescribes a penalty for knowingly and willfully enacting any ordinance, regulation, tax, or rule that is in violation of state firearm preemption laws.

HISTORY

Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) § 13-3101 defines a *firearm* as any loaded or unloaded handgun, pistol, revolver, rifle, shotgun, or other weapon that expels a projectile by the action of an explosive, but does not include a firearm in permanently inoperable condition.

A.R.S. § 13-3108 outlines state firearm preemption laws, which prohibit a political subdivision from enacting any ordinance, rule, or tax relating to the transportation, possession, carrying, sale, transfer, purchase, acquisition, gift, devise, storage, licensing, registration, discharge, or use of firearms. A political subdivision is prohibited from enacting any rule or ordinance relating to firearms that is more restrictive or carries a greater penalty than state law. Additionally, a political subdivision may not require the licensure or registration of firearms or prohibit the ownership, purchase, sale, or transfer of firearms. For the purposes of this section, a *political subdivision* is defined as a political subdivision that acts in any capacity, including under police power, in a proprietary capacity or otherwise.

State firearm preemption laws do not preclude a political subdivision from imposing a sales tax on the sale, lease, or rental of firearms pursuant to state law or enacting an ordinance or rule that prohibits an unaccompanied minor from possessing a firearm. Any relevant ordinance or rule does not apply if the minor is lawfully engaged in shooting, hunting, or agricultural activities.

A political subdivision is prohibited from retaining any personal identifying information or other record of the use of temporary storage for firearms at public events or establishments pursuant to A.R.S. § 13-3102.01.

PROVISIONS

1. Declares any ordinance, regulation, tax, or rule enacted by a political subdivision that is in violation of state firearm preemption laws as invalid.
2. Subjects the political subdivision to a permanent injunction from enforcement of the ordinance, regulation, tax, or rule.
3. Stipulates that acting in good faith or on advice from legal counsel does not constitute a defense for the political subdivision.

SB 1291

4. Permits a person or organization adversely affected by the ordinance, regulation, tax, rule, or other measure adopted or enforced by the political subdivision to file a civil action against the political subdivision in the appropriate court of jurisdiction.
5. Awards a plaintiff who prevails in a civil action against a political subdivision both reasonable attorney fees and costs and up to \$100,000 in actual damages.
6. Assesses a civil penalty of up to \$5,000 against the elected or appointed official or administrative agency head of the political subdivision under whose jurisdiction the violation of state firearm preemption laws occurred if a court finds that the violation is knowing and willful.
7. Prohibits a political subdivision from using public monies to defend or reimburse the person against whom the civil penalty is assessed.
8. Subjects a person who knowingly and willfully violates state firearm preemption laws while acting in an official capacity to termination of employment.
9. Makes technical and conforming changes.

**ARIZONA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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ROLL CALL VOTE

COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC SAFETY BILL NO. SB 1291

DATE March 12, 2015 MOTION: DP

	PASS	AYE	NAY	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mr. Andrade			✓		
Mr. Campbell					✓
Mr. Cardenas	✓		✓		
Mr. Farnsworth E	✓	✓			
Mr. Kern		✓			
Ms. Mach			✓		
Mr. Pratt					✓
Mr. Finchem, Vice-Chairman		✓			
Mr. Borrelli, Chairman		✓			
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Jim Burus
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ATTACHMENT 9