

## VETERANS MEMORIAL AT TOWN LAKE



<b>Project Status:</b>	On-going fundraising for phases 2010 project began - Phase I Completed Fall 2012 Phase II – on-going to complete the grounds and the Veterans Parade
<b>Budget Needs:</b>	Phase II \$600,000

### The Overlook & Ceremonial Plaza

Tempe unveiled and dedicated Phase I of the Veterans Memorial in Beach Park on Town Lake in 2012 to remember and honor the men and women who have served our country throughout its history. The City of Tempe and the Rio Salado Foundation have raised funds to restore the historic Ash Avenue Bridge, one of only two bridges that crossed the Salt River. The memorial utilizes the original bridge abatement and created a beautiful memorial and overlook of Town Lake and Beach Park. The structure is a historic artifact and is now listed on the Tempe Historic Property Register. A major area rehabilitation was completed in the 1990s, allowing the park to serve as a site for special events, including the conclusion celebration of the annual Tempe Veterans Day Parade. The Overlook & Plaza was completed in 2012 and with the help of local corporations and individual giving we continue to raise awareness and funds for Phase II of the memorial.



### The Veterans Parade

The Veteran's Parade will consist of 80 silhouette panels of steel representing veterans of each service throughout history. Made of laser cut steel, they will outline marching officers, enlisted men and women in full-dress and battle fatigues. Ongoing fundraising efforts are in place to work with families to add panels to memorialize loved ones. Additional phases will be added to include a memorial brick campaign to restore the historic road to the bridge on Ash Avenue from Rio Salado Parkway.

**Major donors:** City of Tempe, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, the Malone Family & APS



Hundreds of individuals and families pass through the Veterans Memorial each day going from the Beach Park Parking Lot to the Lake

Each panel will represent a family loved one and commemorate which war they fought in. A plaque is placed in front of the panel.



Each year on Veterans Day, the City of Tempe hosts a series of activities around the commemorative day. There is an annual Veterans Day Parade down Mill Avenue and concludes in Beach Park. Several local groups place flags on the grounds.