



## NDSWM CEO'S END OF 2015 LETTER



Dear Friends,

It's VERY hard to believe that 2015 is rapidly coming to a close. We here at the National Desert Storm War Memorial Association have had a VERY busy and productive year since the bill authorizing the construction of the memorial was signed into law by President Obama last year on December 19th of 2014.

It was a hectic summer for myself and our cadre of volunteers traveling around the country attending as many state VSO Conventions, as well as each of the National Conventions for the VFW, American Legion, and AMVETS. It was a true honor meeting so many of you in person. Your hospitality, kindness, and support was phenomenal.

At the end of August we were informed that the VFW National Organization voted to award our cause a \$500,000 grant payable over 5 years. The generosity of the VFW is so very much appreciated! The timing of their donation has allowed us to plow forward with the site selection process in Washington and stay on track! I also want to thank all of you for your individual support! We can't do this without all of you!

Our efforts are now focused on 2016 as we remember the 25th Anniversary of Operation Desert Storm. As we move forward, I would like to kindly ask for your help once again. PLEASE help us get the word out! There are many of our own veterans still not aware of the memorial effort... I always like to remind folks that awareness leads to interest, and interest leads to participation either by donating or volunteering. However it all starts with awareness. Also, PLEASE keep in mind that as a 501(c)3 any donations made to us are 100% tax deductible. If you, or anyone you know are looking for a tax deduction for 2015 I'd like to ask you to consider donating to the NDSWM Association before the end of the day on Thursday. (December 31st)

Again, thank you so much for your interest and support as we continue on this mission. I consider it an honor to have each and every one of you a part of this very important mission. My best wishes go out to all of you and your families in 2016, and may God Bless each and every one of you.

Very Respectfully,

Scott C. Stump  
CEO, President & National Board of Directors