



HILLWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS RAISE \$10,928 TO BUILD THE NATIONAL DESERT STORM WAR MEMORIAL



Washington, DC, November 11, 2017 – To celebrate Veterans Day, Hillwood Middle School in Fort Worth, TX, took on National Desert Storm War Memorial (NDSWM) [Texas School Challenge!](#) to raise funds to build the National Desert Storm War Memorial in Washington, DC.

Over the course of 2017, each class devised a unique idea to raise as much money as possible for the Memorial. Hillwood Middle School's

Principal, Kathleen Eckert, Coach Joseph Nisbett, the staff and students executed a range of programs that included initiatives that allowed students and teachers to do things like wear jeans on Fridays and even come to school in their pajamas.



On Veterans Day, Eckert and students presented a check for \$10,928.55 to Bob Adams, vice president of the NDSWM Board of Directors.

The program not only helps build the memorial, but also offered students an engaging way to pay tribute to Desert Storm and Desert Shield veterans. “We took on the challenge to help students create a bond with veterans and understand what happened during that time in history,” said Eckert. “Instead of merely reading about this conflict in textbooks, this is a way for students to meet veterans, be creative in building a fundraising campaign and be celebrated for achieving success.”

“Building the memorial was approved by President Trump in March,” said Bob Adams, vice president of NDSWM. “We hope to have every school in Texas participate and look forward to getting to know each school, hearing from the kids and staff, increasing the overall educational awareness of the Desert Shield/Desert Storm conflicts and war, and engaging the children in our mission to salute the memories of those who have fallen, their families, veterans of the Desert Storm war and the liberation of Kuwait – all having historical and educational value and rightfully deserving remembrance.”

Hillwood Middle School will be recognized on the [NDSWM website](#) and in [social media](#) through the program. They also received the “Order of the Champion” commemorative plaque for their school.

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