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## "Report to America: The Building of the National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial 2011-2019" to be released

## Insights on Operation Desert Storm: Intersecting with today's Middle East

Washington, D.C. – CEO and President Scott C. Stump will present the report to the public on Tuesday, June 25, 2019. Following the report release, a panel of experts will hold a conversation on how Operation Desert Storm intersects with today's Middle East with former White House Press Secretary Marlin Fitzwater.

LOCATION: National Press Club, Holeman Lounge 13<sup>th</sup> Floor, Washington, D.C. DATE: Tuesday, June 25, 2019, at 9:30 AM ET MEDIA RSVP: <u>KimFuller924@gmail.com</u> or 202-590-3572 OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: All public wishing to attend must respond to Emily.Pease@ndswm.org by

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Stump will highlight the nine-year journey of obtaining Congressional approval and the prominent site selection to honor the men and women who bravely fought for the freedom of Kuwait and defended Saudi Arabia and the coalition of nations that would not look the other way when Iraq advanced. The Memorial is approved for construction at Constitution Avenue and 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, N.W. near the Lincoln Memorial and the Vietnam Veterans memorial. This prime location ensures millions of visitors will learn of the importance of this conflict for generations to come.

The featured panel speakers will speak on the successes of Operation Desert Storm and Desert Shield and several are noted experts on the region and military techniques today.

## PROGRAM

Mr. Scott C. Stump, President & CEO of the National Desert Storm War Memorial Association

## Panel:

Moderator: Kathleen L. Koch, Former CNN Correspondent, State, White House, Capitol Hill

- Joe Davis, Director of Communications and Public Affairs, Veterans of Foreign Wars
- Lt. General (Ret.) David Deptula–U.S. Air Force, principal air strike planner during Operation Desert Storm
- The Honorable Marlin Fitzwater Spokesman for the White House during Operation Desert Storm
- Ambassador (Ret.) Skip Gnehm, Ambassador from the U.S. to Kuwait following the liberation of Kuwait in 1991

The <u>National Desert Storm War Memorial Association</u> is a federally 501(c)3 dedicated to the building of the National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial.

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