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Memorial Association Partners with National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations

Joint briefing will reflect on Kuwait's 1991 liberation from Iraq and provide information about the National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial.

Washington, D.C. – The National Desert Storm War Memorial Association is pleased to announce a joint briefing with the National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations. The briefing will discuss the international coalition's 1991 victory to liberate Kuwait and detail efforts of the National Desert Storm War Memorial Association to construct a memorial near the National Mall in Washington, D.C.

National Council will present its Global Leadership Award to Congressman Phil Roe, who represents the First District of Tennessee in the United States House of Representatives and is Ranking Member of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, in recognition of his legislative efforts on behalf of the National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial.

CEREMONY IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC BUT REGISTRATION IS NECESSARY

REGISTER HERE: <http://bit.ly/May30Registration>

LOCATION: Rayburn House Office Building, Room 2043 (45 Independence Ave SW, Washington, DC 20515)

DATE: Thursday, May 30, 2019, at 12:00 – 2:30 PM ET

SPEAKERS:

- General Charles A. Horner (USAF) Retired; Commander of U.S. and Allied air operations, Operations Desert Storm and Desert Shield
- The Honorable Edward W. Gnehm Jr. Ambassador of the United States to Kuwait, 1991
- Dr. John Duke Anthony, Founding President & CEO of the National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations
- Scott Stump, President and CEO of The National Desert Storm War Memorial Association

In 1991, the United States of America sent a powerful message of international unity and cooperation to Saddam Hussein by opposing and ejecting Iraq's occupying forces and liberating the peaceful nation of Kuwait. The mission undertaken by the United States Armed Forces during Operation Desert Storm and Desert Shield was a remarkable example of American leadership, values, and sacrifice in the pursuit of freedom.

The Memorial's design will commemorate the historical significance of OperationS Desert Shield and Desert Storm while honoring the service and sacrifice of the United States of America and Coalition military personnel who liberated Kuwait from Iraq and defended Saudi Arabia. The Memorial is projected to be completed by 2021.

In December 2014, President Obama signed the Memorial's enabling legislation. In March 2017, President Trump signed the law authorizing the Memorial to be built near the National Mall in Washington, D.C., in an Area – 1 location. In June 2018, a site located in close proximity to the Lincoln Memorial and the Vietnam Veterans War Memorial received approval.

Since 2011, the National Desert Storm War Memorial Association (NDSWM) has worked to achieve its singular mission, construction of the National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial. Our task is the completion and dedication of the memorial on Veterans Day, 2021. All efforts are backed exclusively by private sources, zero taxpayer funds are accepted. NDSWM is a federally recognized, tax-exempt, 501(c)3 structure led by an all-volunteer board of directors.

Founded in 1983, the National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations is an American non-profit, non-governmental, educational organization dedicated to improving American knowledge and understanding of the Arab world. Information about the Council's program, projects, events, and activities can be found at ncusar.org.

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