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Gulf War Veterans to March in DC's Memorial Day Parade

**National Desert Storm War Memorial Association to host veterans during
Memorial Day parade in the Nation's Capital.**

Washington, D.C. – The National Desert Storm War Memorial Association is excited to announce its participation in this year's National Memorial Day Parade along Constitution Avenue.

On May 27, 2019, hundreds of veterans of Operations Desert Storm and Desert Shield will assemble, march and be reviewed by officials in front of the National Archives Building.

Scott Stump, CEO of the Association stated, "It is an honor to participate in this year's National Memorial Day Parade. In 2012, we marched for the first time and were only represented by 10 Gulf War veterans. Today, our numbers count in the hundreds!" Stump continued, "Each Memorial Day is a red-letter day. This event allows our veterans and their families to come together, remember our sacrifice and bond in celebration of our service."

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 Operation 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 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.

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