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Congressman Roe to Speak at The National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial Site Dedication Ceremony

Representative Roe Set to Join Consecration of Memorial

Washington, D.C. – The National Desert Storm War Memorial Association is pleased to announce that the Honorable Dr. Phil Roe, United States House of Representatives, has agreed to speak during the Memorial’s site dedication ceremony in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Roe is a veteran of the United States Army, ranking member and previous chair of the U.S. House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs and a physician who has delivered more than 5000 babies. Roe has been an ardent and early supporter of the Association’s mission. His leadership and guidance are crucial toward achieving our vision.

Dr. Roe stated, “Operations Desert Storm and Desert Shield not only displayed our country’s dedication to ensuring stability abroad, but also served as a turning point in our nation’s relationship with the military. Our successful mission in the region did not come without a price; 383 servicemembers lost their lives.” Roe continued, “This memorial will serve as a place to honor these heroes and the roughly 600,000 servicemembers deployed in the region. As the sponsor of the legislation authorizing the creation of this memorial, I can attest to the overwhelming bipartisan support for this initiative and Congress’ appreciation to veterans of Operations Desert Storm and Desert Shield. I am very pleased the National Desert Storm and Desert Shield War Memorial has found a home on the National Mall, and I look forward to seeing the completion of this important monument.”

CEREMONY IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

LOCATION: Southwest corner of Constitution Avenue and 23rd Street Northwest, Washington, D.C.

DATE: Tuesday, February 26, 2019, at 10:30 AM ET

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 War Memorial received approval.

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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.