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# The National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial Site Dedication Ceremony

**Veterans and honored guests will gather to consecrate land on which the Memorial will be built.**

Washington, D.C. – The National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial site will be dedicated in a public ceremony here, Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at 10:30 AM ET.

The Memorial's site is located near the Lincoln Memorial and will commemorate the historical significance of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm while honoring the service and sacrifice of the U.S. and Coalition military personnel who liberated Kuwait from Iraq and defended Saudi Arabia.

## **CEREMONY IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**WHERE:** Southwest corner of Constitution Avenue and 23<sup>rd</sup> Street Northwest, Washington, D.C.

**WHEN:** Tuesday, February 26, 2019, at 10:30 AM ET

## **SPEAKERS INCLUDE**

- Scott Stump, President and CEO of National Desert Storm War Memorial Association
- Congressman Phil Roe, M.D. (R-Tenn.)
- Lieutenant Governor Jenean Hampton (R-Ky.)
- General Charles Albert "Chuck" Horner, USAF, Retired
- The Honorable Edward "Skip" Gnehm, Ambassador of the United States of America to Kuwait-1991
- His Excellency Abdullah Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, The Ambassador of the State of Kuwait

Some speakers will be available for interviews before and/or after the ceremony.

## **Musical Rendition**

"The President's Own", United States Marine Band is to perform a selection during the ceremony, including America's national anthem, *The Star-Spangled Banner*.

"Although remembering our fallen is of utmost importance, this will not be a place of mourning. Instead, the efforts and achievements of Operations Desert Storm and Desert Shield will be remembered and celebrated through the Memorial," said Scott Stump, President and CEO of the National Desert Storm War Memorial Association. "We are humbled and honored to be entrusted with this mission, while at the same time conscious of the tremendous responsibility we bear," Mr. Stump concluded.

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.

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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.