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# **Kuwaiti Amb. to Speak at The National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial Site Dedication Ceremony**

**Kuwait supports memorial in D.C. to honor U.S. troops who liberated nation in 1991**

Washington, D.C. – The National Desert Storm War Memorial Association is pleased to announce that Kuwait’s Ambassador to the United States, His Excellency Salem Abdullah Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, has agreed to speak during the Memorial’s site dedication ceremony in Washington, D.C.

The Association is grateful for the nation of Kuwait’s continued guidance and support toward achieving our mission, honoring the courage and sacrifice of the United States and Coalition Armed Forces who honorably fought in Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

Ambassador Al-Sabah stated, “We would like to congratulate the National Desert Storm War Memorial Association on the outcome of the memorial site selection process. We are excited and look forward to working with the Memorial Board and Association as they move forward on this momentous project.”

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

**LOCATION:** Southwest corner of Constitution Avenue and 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 Iraqi’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.