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Gen. Horner to Speak at The National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial Site Dedication Ceremony

Aviation Combat Commander of U.S. and Coalition Forces during Operation Desert Storm to speak at consecration

Washington, D.C. – The National Desert Storm War Memorial Association is pleased to announce that General Charles A. Horner, USAF, Retired has agreed to speak during the Memorial’s site dedication ceremony in Washington, D.C.

For 36-years, General Horner honorably served the United States in uniform. Horner was awarded the Silver Star during the Vietnam War for distinguishing himself as a pilot in combat. During Operation Desert Storm, General Horner commanded the United States and coalition air forces in combat operations and briefly served as Commander-in-Chief – Forward of U.S. Central Command. Following his military retirement, Horner served on the board of directors at the U.S. Institute of Peace. Today, he assists with fundraising efforts to build the National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial.

General Horner stated, “It is appropriate that we’ll have a Desert Storm memorial to commemorate the liberation of occupied Kuwait, the remarkable International Coalition that undertook that noble mission and their sacrifices in blood. Their efforts to limit the loss of life and destruction represented a revolution in diminishing the horrors of war.”

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 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.