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Date Set for The National Desert Storm and Desert Shield War 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 War Memorial Association announces the Site Dedication Ceremony for the Memorial in Washington, D.C.

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.

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

“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 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, the site location was approved; in close proximity to the Lincoln Memorial and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

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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.