



**VFW AUXILIARY SUPPORTS EFFORTS TO BUILD  
NATIONAL DESERT STORM WAR MEMORIAL WITH \$10,000 GIFT**  
*The VFW Auxiliary honors the service and sacrifice of America's Gulf War veterans with  
largest donation for the National Desert Storm War Memorial to date*

Washington, DC, July 26, 2016 –Twenty-five years ago, more than 680,000 service members took part in Operation Desert Storm, at the time the largest deployment of U.S. Armed Forces since Vietnam. To memorialize and honor our nation's veterans who served during the war, the VFW Auxiliary is making a donation in support of constructing a National Desert Storm War Memorial in Washington, DC. The donation is the largest financial commitment to the National Desert Storm War Memorial Association to date in the effort to raise an approximate \$25 million to build the monument.

“The VFW Auxiliary is proud to support the National Desert Storm Veterans War Memorial,” said Francisca Guilford, VFW Auxiliary National President. “It is important that the hundreds of thousands of veterans who fought for our freedom during Operation Desert Storm are publicly recognized for the sacrifices they made during the war.”

In 2014, Congress passed legislation and President Barack Obama signed a law approving construction of the National Desert Storm War Memorial in Washington, DC. Since that day, the National Desert Storm War Memorial Association has been working to build the monument and aims to raise \$25 million in this 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary year.

“As a life member of the VFW and supporter of the VFW Auxiliary's nationwide efforts to impact veterans and their families, this donation humbles me personally. It will go a long way towards our efforts to make this memorial real,” said Scott Stump, Founder, President and CEO of the National Desert Storm War Memorial Association. “On behalf of those who served and the friends and family of those we lost, I want to thank the VFW Auxiliary for this donation. I hope this act of generosity will inspire others to join our efforts to build a lasting monument to those who gave everything.”

To learn more about the National Desert Storm War Memorial and its efforts to honor our nation's Gulf War veterans, visit [ndswm.org](http://ndswm.org).

**ABOUT THE NATIONAL DESERT STORM WAR MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION:**

The National Desert Storm War Memorial Association is a 501(c)3 organization with the sole mission of constructing a Desert Storm War Memorial in Washington, D.C. The association is led by a board of directors comprised of Desert Storm Veterans from all branches of the military and from across the country. You can learn more about the effort and donate to this important cause at [www.ndswm.org](http://www.ndswm.org).

**ABOUT THE VFW AUXILIARY:**

The VFW Auxiliary is one of the nation's oldest veterans' service organizations and our



members are the relatives of those who have served in overseas combat. We have more than 465,000 members representing all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign-based Auxiliaries who volunteer millions of hours and give millions of dollars to support veterans, military service personnel, and their families.

We are a voice for veterans on Capitol Hill and are instrumental in assisting the VFW pass or block legislation that impacts veterans and their families. We are one of the top 10 providers of volunteer hours in the VA medical system. Every year, members fundraise millions of dollars for charitable projects that benefit veterans and their families. We also provide hundreds of thousands of dollars in scholarships for our nation's youth. With more than 4,000 Auxiliaries, there is likely one in your area working to improve the lives of America's uncommon heroes. Learn more at [www.vfwauxiliary.org](http://www.vfwauxiliary.org).

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