



## **VII CORPS DESERT STORM VETERANS ASSOCIATION (DSVA) HOLD 26<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY MEMORIAL REUNION**

Arlington, VA, February 4, 2017 – The VII Corps Desert Storm Veterans Association (DSVA) recently announced that they will be holding their 26th Anniversary Memorial Reunion Weekend in Houston, Texas.

The event will take place over the weekend of February 24- 26, 2017, at DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Houston - Greenway Plaza in West Houston. Activities include a general membership meeting, a memorial service, and a reunion dinner.

The memorial service, which commemorates the 111 soldiers who did not return home from Desert Shield/Storm, will be held at the University of Houston Chapel. The service speaker will be Lieutenant General Don Holder, US Army Retired. LTG Holder commanded the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment during Operation Desert Shield/Storm.

The keynote speaker at the reunion dinner will be the Sergeant Major of the Army Daniel A. Dailey.

The VII Corps DSVA was founded in 1996 by General Fred M. Franks, US Army Retired, and a group of dedicated wartime veterans. General Franks was the VII Corps commander during Desert Shield/Storm.

The Association was formed to foster camaraderie between VII Corps Desert Storm veterans and to preserve the legacy of Operation Desert Shield/Storm. It also provides charitable assistance to VII Corps Desert Storm veterans and their immediate family members through a scholarship fund that has awarded more than \$350,000 to date.

Past reunion and memorial events have typically been held in the D.C./Northern Virginia-area. "My fellow board members and I chose to hold this year's event in Houston to increase awareness of our association by being closer to more of our members," commented General Franks on the decision to hold this year's event in Houston.

Past keynote speakers have included former President George H. W. Bush, former Vice President Dick Cheney, former Secretary of State Colin Powell, and former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Martin Dempsey.

More information about the VII Corps Desert Storm Veterans Association and a link to event registration information can be found at <http://www.desertstormvets.org/>.

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### **Detail Information**

**LOCATION:** DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Houston - Greenway Plaza, 6 E Greenway Plaza, Houston, Texas 77046

**DATES:** 24 – 26 February 2017

**COST:** \$100/person

**ATTIRE:**

**Civilian:** Business

**Military:** Service Uniform

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Sergeant Major of the Army Daniel A. Dailey, Former VII Corps ODS/DS Soldier

**EVENTS:**

**Friday:** Opportunity for Unit Gatherings at the hotel

**Saturday:** VII Corps DSVAs General Membership Meeting, VII Corps DSVAs Memorial Service, VII Corps DSVAs 26th Anniversary Banquet

**Sunday:** Opportunity for Unit Gatherings at the hotel

**ONLINE REGISTRATION:** For full event information, online registration, and hotel reservations, visit: <http://26.desertstormvets.org/>

**BY MAIL:**

**Make check payable to:** VII Corps DSVAs (Attn: Dinner), 2425 Wilson Blvd. Arlington, VA 22201. Please provide the names of each attendee along with meal choice (Herb Roasted Chicken, Herb Crusted Salmon, Eggplant Parmesan (Vegetarian)) and any dietary needs.

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