



NEWS RELEASE
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
October 29, 2021

CONTACT: Jill Etter
Director of Communications
PHONE: (210) 508 9953
EMAIL: jill.etter@ndswm.org

FINAL DESIGN APPROVAL IN SIGHT FOR THE NATIONAL DESERT STORM AND DESERT SHIELD MEMORIAL

On 21 October 2021, the Commission of Fine Arts reviewed and approved the revised design concept for the National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial.

Washington, D.C. - The National Desert Storm Memorial Association (NDSMA) is pleased with the progress as the design process advances toward final design approval.

Scott Stump, CEO and President of the NDSMA said, "This approval validates the exceptional work of our team and the memorial's evolving design over the last several years. As we come into the home stretch, we look forward to obtaining final design approval in the not too distant future."

In 1991, the United States of America sent a powerful message of international unity and cooperation to Saddam Hussein by opposing and ejecting Iraq'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.

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 an Area 1 location. In June 2018, a site located in close proximity to the Lincoln Memorial and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial received approval.

The Memorial's design will commemorate the historical significance of Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm while honoring the service and the sacrifice of the United States of America and Coalition military personnel who liberated Kuwait from Iraq and defended Saudi Arabia and the Arabian Peninsula from further invasion.

###

Since 2011, the NDSMA has worked to achieve its singular mission, construction of the National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial. The NDSMA's goal is the completion and dedication of the memorial by 2023.

The NDSMA is a federally recognized, tax-exempt, 501(c)3 structure led by an all-veteran board of directors.