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National Desert Storm War Memorial Association Receives \$10 Million Pledge From Kuwait

The State of Kuwait's donation will help build the Memorial at the National Mall in Washington D.C.

Washington, D.C. – The National Desert Storm War Memorial Association (NDSWM) is pleased to announce Kuwait's \$10 million pledge to help build the National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial.

The Ambassador of the State of Kuwait in Washington D.C., H.E. Sheikh Salem Abdullah Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, expressed Kuwait's pleasure in contributing \$10 million to the National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial, stressing that this memorial, once complete, will embody and eternalize the strong relationship that exists between the State of Kuwait and the United States of America.

Ambassador Al-Sabah also stressed that this important memorial will stand as a reminder to all current and future generations of the countries, soldiers, and martyrs that liberated the State of Kuwait.

Scott Stump, CEO and President of NDSWM said, "This lead donation by the Government of Kuwait is an important validation of the historical importance of Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm, and is a display of the deep, special, and lasting friendship between our two countries. We are honored and humbled by this tremendous show of support."

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.

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 defended Saudi Arabia and liberated the people of Kuwait. The Memorial is projected to be completed by 2021.

In December 2014, President Obama signed the Memorial's enabling legislation into law. 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.

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. NDSWM's task is the completion and dedication of the memorial on Veterans Day 2021. All efforts are backed exclusively by private sources. The law authorizing construction of the memorial prohibits the use of any federal funds to establish this commemorative work. NDSWM is a federally recognized, tax-exempt, 501(c)3 structure led by an all-veteran board of directors.

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