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## PERMIT ISSUED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE DESERT SHIELD AND DESERT STORM MEMORIAL IN WASHINGTON D.C.

Washington, D.C. - On March 6, 2025, the National Park Service issued the official permit required for construction to commence at 2300 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, D.C.

*Construction is imminent.*

Scott C. Stump, CEO/President of the National Desert Storm Memorial Association, said, "Due to this highly anticipated milestone, we now move into the onsite construction phase of the Desert Shield and Desert Storm Memorial. Our goal is to connect with visitors on an emotional level and inspire them to learn more about and comprehend this important time in world history. Our team's focus is now on a projected 2026 completion date."

In 1990, Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait. Within 24 hours, Iraq's military occupied its southern neighbor with the intent of further advancing into Saudi Arabia.

In 1991, the United States of America, under the authority of President George H.W. Bush, successfully led a coalition of dozens of nations, sending 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 Shield and Operation Desert Storm was a remarkable example of American leadership, values, and sacrifice in the pursuit of freedom. This memorial will honor that service and sacrifice.

In December 2014, President Obama signed the memorial's enabling legislation. In March 2017, President Trump signed the law authorizing the Desert Shield and Desert Storm Memorial to be built near the National Mall in an Area 1 location. In June 2018, the site located in close proximity to the Lincoln Memorial and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial received approval.

More information on the Desert Shield and Desert Storm Memorial can be located at [www.ndswm.org](http://www.ndswm.org).

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Since 2011, the NDSMA has worked to achieve its singular mission: construction of the Desert Shield and Desert Storm Memorial. The NDSMA is a federally recognized, tax-exempt 501(c)3 structure led by an all-veteran board of directors.