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## COLORADO ARTIST CREATES SCULPTURE FOR MEMORIAL AT THE NATIONAL MALL IN WASHINGTON D.C.

Washington, D.C. - The National Desert Storm Memorial Association (NDSMA) Board of Directors is hosting a private event in Loveland, Colorado, on September 16, 2023, to showcase the progress of a historic sculpture, one of the commemorative elements of the Desert Shield and Desert Storm Memorial.

Robert J. Eccleston, a sculptor, U.S. Army veteran, and resident of Loveland, Colorado has been working on the project since 2018.

Scott C. Stump, CEO/President of the NDSMA, said, "Robert Eccleston is a remarkable artist; his talent will soon be permanently and prominently displayed in our nation's capital within the historic National Mall, America's most visited national park. As we prepare to begin construction on the Desert Shield and Desert Storm Memorial, we are elated to be in Colorado to highlight the progress of this historic sculpture prior to its journey to Washington, D.C."

Robert J. Eccleston stated, "I am deeply honored to have the opportunity to create the raptors for the Desert Shield and Desert Storm Memorial in Washington D.C. This project is a tribute to the valor of our veterans who led and fought alongside a multinational coalition to liberate the country of Kuwait. I hope that this sculpture will stand as a lasting testament to the sacrifices made and the resounding victory that was achieved during this pivotal moment in our history."

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 Shield and Operation Desert Storm 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.

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Members of the media may request credentials to attend the private event to be held on September 16, 2023, in Loveland, Colorado: [jill.etter@ndswm.org](mailto:jill.etter@ndswm.org)

Since 2011, the NDSMA has worked to achieve its singular mission: construction of the Desert Shield and Desert Storm Memorial. The NDSMA's goal is the completion and dedication of the memorial by spring 2025.

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