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Department of the Army  
Baltimore District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Attn.: Edward P. Chamberlayne, P.E.  
Colonel, U.S. Army  
Commander and District Engineer  
10 S. Howard Street  
Baltimore, MD 21201

Subject: Establishment of the National Desert Storm War Memorial

Dear Mr. Chamberlayne:

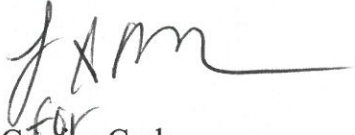
The National Desert Storm War Memorial (NDSWM) Association, in cooperation with the National Park Service (NPS), proposes to establish a permanent memorial to commemorate and honor those who, as a member of the Armed Forces, served on active duty in support of Operation Desert Storm or Operation Desert Shield. The United States Congress authorized, in Public Law 113-291, the establishment of the memorial on federal land in the District of Columbia. In Public Law 115-18, the United States Congress authorized the location of the memorial within Area I as defined under the Commemorative Works Act.

In accordance with NEPA, the NPS will prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) that will evaluate the proposed memorial's site selection and design. The site selection scoping period began on June 23, 2017 and extended through July 24, 2017. The site design scoping period will occur sometime in early 2018. For the EA, the NPS plans to elicit comments through its Planning, Environment, and Public Comment website ([parkplanning.nps.gov/nama](http://parkplanning.nps.gov/nama)). Three sites in Washington, DC have been identified for consideration as a site for the NDSWM: the Constitution Avenue Terminus Area near 23<sup>rd</sup> Street NW, the belvedere at the historic terminus to Constitution Avenue at the Potomac River, and Walt Whitman Park. All three sites are administered by the National Mall and Memorial Parks (NAMA) unit. As part of this proposal, the NDSWM Association would design and construct a memorial at the selected site. The NPS would be responsible for its long-term maintenance.

The NPS, in cooperation with the Association would formally like to invite the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to participate as a cooperating agency for this proposed action, in accordance with 40 CFR 1501.6 of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) should the Constitution Avenue Terminus Area near 23<sup>rd</sup> Street NW site be selected. The NDSWM Commemorative work will be established in compliance with the Commemorative Works Act (40 U.S.C. Chapter 89).

We look forward to working with you on this project. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Catherine Dewey, Chief of Resource Management for NAMA at 202-245-4711 or via email at [catherine\\_dewey@nps.gov](mailto:catherine_dewey@nps.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JAM' with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

for  
Cassius Cash,  
Acting Superintendent