



THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR  
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Mr. Scott Stump  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
National Desert Storm War Memorial Association  
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Washington, DC 20036

Dear Mr. Stump:

Public Law 113-291 authorized the National Desert Storm War Memorial Association (Association) to establish a memorial on parkland in the District of Columbia or its environs 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, pursuant to the provisions of the Commemorative Works Act of 1984, 40 U.S.C. chapter 89 (CWA). Public Law 115-18, enacted on March 31, 2017, authorizes the memorial to be located within Area I as defined by the CWA.

The Association's authority to establish the memorial will expire on March 31, 2024. Under the CWA, 40 U.S.C § 8903(e), I have the authority to grant the Association a one-time extension of that authority for a period not to exceed 3 years if certain conditions are met. The Association obtained final design approval from the National Capital Planning Commission on September 11, 2023, and obtained final design approval from the Commission of Fine Arts on January 11, 2023. At present, the Association has raised at least 75 percent of the funds estimated to be necessary to complete the memorial.

I consulted with the National Capital Memorial Advisory Commission, which concluded on March 19, 2024, that the Association met the requirements in 40 U.S.C. § 8903(e)(2). Accordingly, I have determined that the requirements of 40 U.S.C. § 8903(e)(2) have been met. Therefore, I am pleased to extend the Association's authority to establish the memorial for 3 years, from April 1, 2024, through March 31, 2027.

I look forward to the addition of the memorial to the National Park System.

Sincerely,



Deb Haaland