

# VFW Honors the Nation's Gulf War Veterans

## The 33rd anniversary of the conflict's cease fire is April 11

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**WASHINGTON** – More than three decades later, the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) continues to pay tribute to the nearly 700,000 military men and women who served in Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm, commonly referred to as the Persian Gulf War.

April 11 marks the 33rd anniversary of the cease fire signed between the coalition and the Iraqi government, and we recognize and thank the veterans who fought and selflessly sacrificed to liberate the nation of Kuwait from invading forces.

American soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen served in the Gulf War, ensuring one of the swiftest, most decisive victories in U.S. history. However, the price paid for this victory is often overlooked. We must never forget the cost of 374 dead, 467 wounded, and the two servicemen whose remains have yet to come home.

On behalf of a grateful nation, the VFW remembers this momentous event for our country and for liberty.

We honor all Gulf War veterans – men and women who dedicated themselves to accomplishing their mission and protecting freedom halfway around the world. Let us all honor their service and sacrifice today and forever more.

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