

SW Asia War Service



The U. S. response to the Invasion of Kuwait was swift and deadly, for three campaigns occurred from 2 Aug 1990 to 30 Nov 1995.

The Importance of Mesopotamia is to the left, and the importance of Central Asia is below.



History will show that the SW Asia Veterans of the Sons of the American Revolution fought in Mesopotamia and parts of Central Asia. Mesopotamia is a strategic focal point which includes a significant part of the Fertile Crescent that is often considered the cradle of civilization and the birthplace of writing and the wheel.

Yes, we fought there recently, not once but twice. First it was the Persian Gulf War (2 August 1990 – 30 November 1995). Then it was the Iraq War (20 March 2003 – 18 December 2011). U.S. involvement there and beyond persists as the fight against militants of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant demands. Why? Geopolitical reasoning makes it so.

“Mesopotamia has been the strategic focal point of the region for millennia. Its resources affect countries far away. The dividing line between the Shiite and the Sunni worlds runs through its center – indeed, through its capital. Iraq’s Kurdish provinces rest uneasily between Turkey and Iran and indigenous adversaries within Iraq. It cannot be in the American interest to leave the region....” (Henry Kissinger, Op Ed The Washington Post, Wednesday, February 3, 2010.)

Invasion of Kuwait—On 2 August 1990 at 0200, Iraq launched an invasion of Kuwait with four elite Iraqi Republican Guard divisions, and Iraqi Armyspecial forces units equivalent to a full division. The main thrust was conducted by the commandos deployed by helicopters and boats to attack Kuwait City, while other divisions seized the airport and two airbases.



Dick Cheney 1998 addressed the region’s geopolitical significance. Namely, vast oil and gas reserves exist in the Caspian basin and are of immense importance in global power play during the next century, for the U.S, Russia, China, and Iran. The U.S. has an interest there:

A passive and friendly Afghanistan complements our vision of how fuel should be exported from the region through Afghanistan to the ports of Pakistan.

To transport all the Caspian basin’s fossil fuel through Russia or Azerbaijan would greatly enhance Russia’s political and economic control over the central Asian republics and diminish America’s long-term influence on the region. To export it via Iran would turn a regime which the US has been relentlessly seeking to isolate into a major regional power in its own right.



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SAR Southwest Asia Veterans Corps Members Arranged by State Society

STATS: Compatriot Names listed below number 56.

The purpose SW Asia Veterans Corps is to recommend to the President General that a Compatriot be presented a Certificate of Patriotism and have his name added to the NSSAR SW Asia Veterans Corps. The verifying instrument shall be the appropriate campaign medal, service medal, or expeditionary medal as associated with a particular operation and/or several operations in the CENTCOM AOR. For a list of qualifying medals for the SW Asia VetCorps visit item two under the Documents tab of Veterans Recognition Committee Website at <http://www.VetCorp.Info/>.

SW Asia VetCorps--3 Nov 2015					
ID	SAR#	First Name	MI	Last Name	State
51	194245	Christopher	J.	Evey	AL
43	187113	Marcus	E.	Moon	AL
30	187112	Millard	E.	Moon	AL
47	192469	Tom	O.	Sandner	AL
13	181360	Daniel	B.	McLaughlin	CA
46	179370	Dennis	L.	Hopper	CO
45	184015	Britton	T.	Hopper	CO
41	184017	Cloyde	D.	Hopper	CO
6	166247	Frederick	U.	Bowers III	FL
7	188599	Terry	N.	Friend	FL
10	170686	James	Y.	Gaskins	FL
29	181604	James	A.	Gazaway	FL
11	179384	Ronald	C.	Irons	FL
21	190608	Andrew	M.	Lindenmuth	FL
8	146486	Leslie	P.	Matheson	FL
22	146486	Leslie	P.	Matheson	FL
9	140720	James	M.	McGarity III	FL
12	180734	Ronald	D.	Stark II	FL
3	167667	Charles	T.	Sweeney	FL
25	18427	Carl	V.	Wade	FL
48	186044	James	G.	Hankins	GA
15	183383	John	M.	House	GA
20	157491	John	R.	McDonald	GA
16	157491	John	R.	McDonald	GA
14	181421	Jared	W.	Ogden	GA
31	175938	Thomas	K.	Owen	GA
52	196316	Joh	M.	Jansen	IN
38	137501	Donald	C.	Smock	IN
49	195162	Travis	L.	Wheatley	IN
40	182022	John	A.	Schatzel	KS
42	172705	Harry	W.	Wilklow III	KS

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ID	SAR#	First Name	MI	Last Name	State
1	155305	George	H. W.	Bush	KY
32	180704	Rodney	S.	McKelroy, Jr.	LA
50	179430	Charles	M.	Schmidt	MO
24	160077	Jesse	F.	Shouse	MO
26	181371	William	J.	Horne	MS
4	153289	Paul	R.	Callanan	NC
23	178080	John	S.	Moore	NC
5	177590	George	K.	Strunk	NC
53	184146	Dennis	H.	Fink	NY
55	157176	John	J.	Smith	OH
54	195668	Shaun	P.	Smith	OH
18	171648	David	E.	Davis	TN
28	16682	James	K.	Stone	TN
35	180210	Virgil	P.	Travis, Jr.	TN
17	131356	Don	A.	Sharer	TX
27	183205	Kenneth	D.	Tooke	TX
44	192401	Carl	F.	Bess, Jr.	VA
56	196152	John	B.	Salmon	VA
2	86465	Pat	M.	Stevens, IV	VA
19	174117	Thomas	M.	Taimi	VA
39	191819	Dwight	T.	Menard	VT
36	186393	Gregory	D.	Emerson	WA
37	186393	Gregory	D.	Emerson	WA
33	190258	Steven	D.	Greaf	WV
34	190258	Steven	D.	Greaf	WV