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SPRINGFIELD – In honor of the 19th anniversary of the cease fire announcement of the Persian Gulf War, the Illinois Department of Veterans’ Affairs (IDVA) will hold a memorial service at 11 a.m. Friday, February 26, 2010 at the Capitol Rotunda in Springfield for the 14 Illinois service members who lost their lives during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. A proclamation from Governor Pat Quinn will be issued declaring Sunday, February 28th, 2010 as Desert Storm Remembrance Day in Illinois.

Nancy G. Tieber-Wiles, a U.S. Army medical specialist and Operation Desert Storm veteran, will be the guest speaker.

“With Sunday marking the 19th anniversary of the end of Operation Desert Storm, we take time to remember the brave men and women who gave their lives during the conflict,” IDVA Director Dan Grant said. “The state of Illinois lost fourteen courageous service members during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, and today we renew our vow to always honor their memories and dedication to this nation.”

WHAT: Operation Desert Storm Remembrance Ceremony.

WHEN: 11 a.m., Friday, February 26, 2010.

WHERE: Capitol Rotunda, Springfield.

WHO: Nancy G. Tieber-Wiles, U.S. Army medical specialist and Desert Storm veteran
Sergio Estrada, Assistant Director, Illinois Department of Veterans’ Affairs
Other veterans service organizations and elected and appointed officials