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AUGUST 1990
IRAQ INVADES KUWAIT

AUGUST 1990
OPERATION DESERT
SHIELD BEGINS

AUGUST 1990
FIRST U.S. FORCES ARRIVE
IN SAUDI ARABIA

NOVEMBER 1990
IRAQ IS GIVEN
DEADLINE TO WITHDRAW
FROM KUWAIT BY
MID-JANUARY 1991

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JANUARY 1991
OPERATION DESERT
STORM AND AIR
WAR PHASE BEGIN

FEBRUARY 1991
ALLIED GROUND
ASSAULT BEGINS

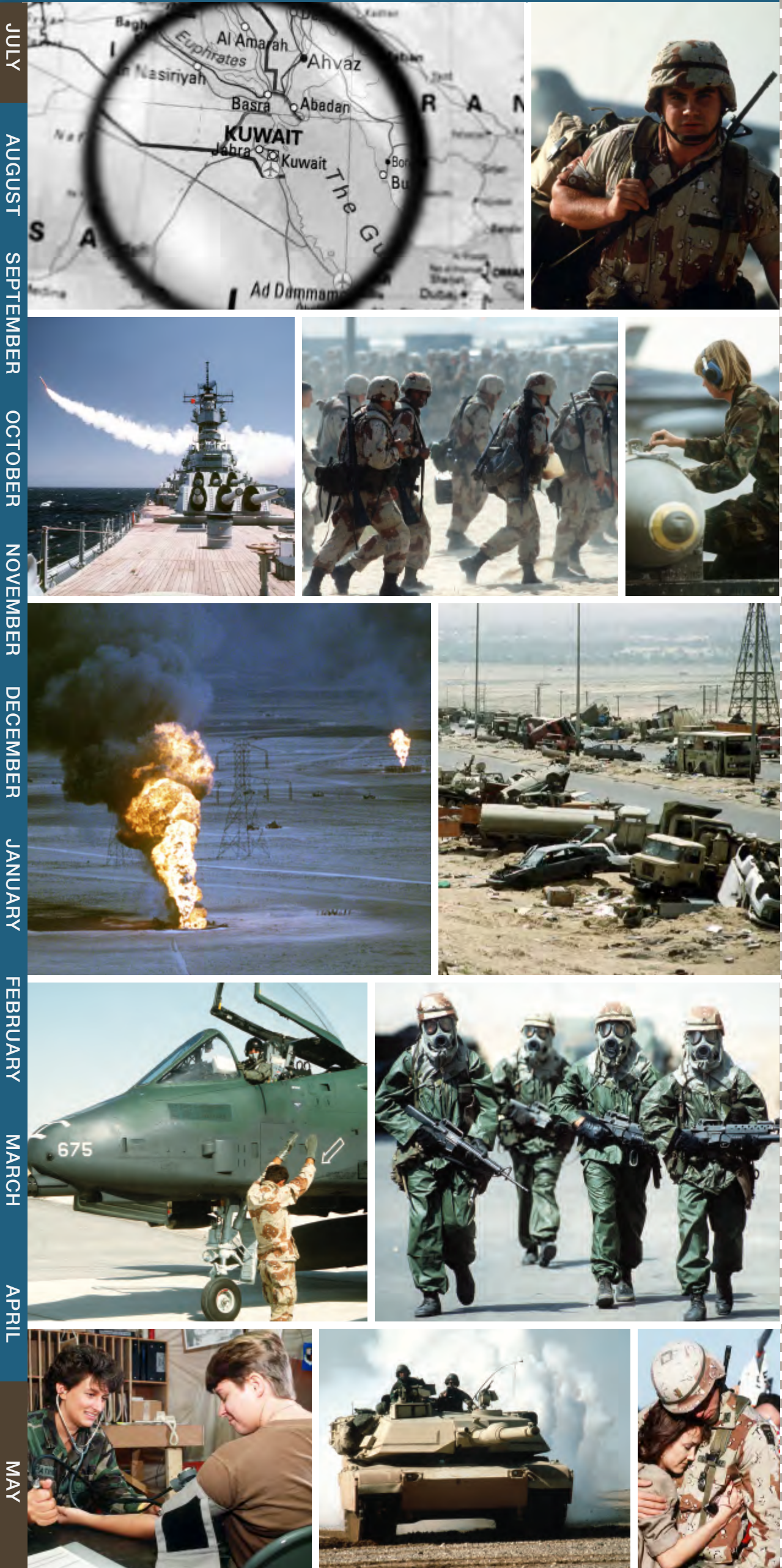
FEBRUARY 1991
CESSATION OF
HOSTILITIES DECLARED

APRIL 1991
IRAQ OFFICIALLY ACCEPTS
CEASE-FIRE TERMS FROM
THE UNITED NATIONS



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A Poster Honoring Gulf War Veterans

August 2010 marks the 20th anniversary of the beginning of the Gulf War, launched with Operation Desert Shield and followed by Operation Desert Storm. VA honors this milestone with a renewed commitment to improving our responsiveness to the challenges facing Gulf War Veterans.

VA offers a number of resources and benefits to address the unique needs of Gulf War Veterans. More information is available at:

- **Web site:**

www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/GulfWar

- **VA Gulf War Information Helpline:**

1-800-PGW-VETS (1-800-749-8387)

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U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
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Washington, DC 20420
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Description of Poster Images

1. Map of Kuwait in black and white.

Source: *Thinkstock.com*

2. A soldier carries his gear after arriving in Saudi Arabia during Operation Desert Shield.

Source: *www.defenseimagery.mil (DA-ST-92-06697)*

3. The battleship USS WISCONSIN (BB-64) launches a BGM-109 Tomahawk missile against a target in Iraq during Operation Desert Storm.

Source: *www.dodmedia.osd.mil (DN-ST-92-08661)*

4. Newly arrived Marines are led through an encampment near an airfield during Operation Desert Shield.

Source: *www.defenseimagery.mil (DF-ST-91-04461)*

5. A check of the Mark 84 2,000-pound bombs is conducted before loading aboard 401st Tactical Fighter Wing F-16 Fighting Falcon aircraft during Operation Desert Storm.

Source: *www.defenseimagery.mil (DF-ST-92-07650)*

6. Oil wells burn and darken the sky with smoke, after being set ablaze by retreating Iraqi forces during Operation Desert Storm.

Source: *www.defenseimagery.mil (DF-ST-92-08038)*

7. Demolished vehicles line Highway 80, the route fleeing Iraqi forces took as they retreated from Kuwait during Operation Desert Storm.

Source: *www.defenseimagery.mil (DF-ST-92-09592)*

8. A ground crewman signals as the pilot of a 353rd Tactical Fighter Squadron (353rd TFS) A-10 aircraft brings his plane to a stop during Operation Desert Shield.

Source: *www.defenseimagery.mil (DF-ST-91-03740)*

9. Soldiers from the 82nd Airborne Division walk around camp in rain suits, gloves, and M-17A1 protective masks as they condition themselves for the heat of the Saudi summer during Operation Desert Shield.

Source: *www.defenseimagery.mil (DF-ST-91-06499)*

10. A medical technician from the 363rd Air Transportable Hospital checks a patient's blood pressure during Operation Desert Shield.

Source: *www.defenseimagery.mil (DF-ST-92-07179)*

11. An M-1A1 Abrams main battle tank lays a smoke screen during maneuvers in Operation Desert Storm.

Source: *www.defenseimagery.mil (DA-ST-92-07814)*

12. Family and friends greet members of the 82nd Airborne Division upon their return from Operation Desert Storm.

Source: *www.defenseimagery.mil (DD-ST-92-09054)*