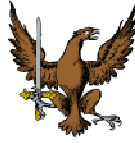


# DEFENSE COUNCIL OF WESTERN ARMENIA



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## DECLARATION

The Defense Council of Western Armenia was founded in the United States of America on August 10, 2005.

The Defense Council of Western Armenia is the principle representative body of Armenians deported from their native regions of Vasbouragan, Daron Duruperan, Karin-Erzrum and Hamshen-Treabizond.

The Very First Plenary Meeting of Defense Council of Western Armenia was held on February 7, 2006.

The Defense Council of Western Armenia pursues, by appropriate political means, the return to Armenian sovereignty internationally recognized Western Armenian territories amounting to 104,000 sq.kms. (40,000 sq. miles) granted to Armenia by the Peace Treaty of Sevres.

Defense Council of Western Armenia will continue its efforts until such time, when dispersed Armenian populations are allowed to return to their homeland, under the rule of democratically constituted sovereign state.

United in their unshakable faith, our people will continue struggle as they did in Van, at Sardarabad, Bash-Abaran and Gharakiliseh, at \*Arara, in Siunig and Artsakh.

*With faith and in unity we shall redeem our highlands-free and independent once again, as our national spirit soars, and our children's laughter and the familiar sounds of our Mother Tongue are heard again throughout our land.*

**Defense Council of Western Armenia**

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\*Located in Palestine .In September, 1918, the Armenian legion attacked and occupied the straight height, contributing to the Allied victory in the Middle East.