The Eisenhower Memorial exhibit at the Pentagon received its second extension. The exhibit has been on display since July 2014 as part of the Office of the Secretary of Defense Rotating Patriotic Art Program and will now be up through September 2016.

Viewed by many thousands of soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines and their civilian colleagues, as well as thousands of American and foreign tourists who visit the Pentagon each year, the EMC has received numerous compliments about the content and design. The
exhibit's success has led to its repeated extensions.

The exhibit is open to the public via a Pentagon Tour. For those familiar with the Pentagon and with access, the exhibit is located on the 3rd Floor, A Ring, 1/2 Apex. While there, you can also visit the well-known Eisenhower Corridor.

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**Retirement of Eisenhower Library Director, Karl Weissenbach**

EMC would like to send our congratulations to our friend Karl Weissenbach, Director of the Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum, on his upcoming retirement in June. Bittersweet news for us, but we wish you all the best and are excited for you. It has been a pleasure working with you and the Library all these years! Best wishes for your new chapter ahead.

View official statement [here](#).

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**Ike In History**

On April 11 1953, the Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW), created by Eisenhower, officially came into existence as a cabinet-level department. Eisenhower appointed Oveta Culp Hobby, the first Director of the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps, as the first secretary of the department. This made her the second woman in US history to hold a cabinet position. HEW was the forerunner to today's U.S. Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, both of which will neighbor the Eisenhower Memorial, serving as fitting reminders in their own rights of Eisenhower's legacy. As Secretary of HEW, Hobby notably oversaw the approval and distribution of the Salk polio vaccine, an emergency plan to build new schools to meet the baby boomer demand, and expansions in federal hospital and health-care infrastructure and social security coverage.
Oveta Culp Hobby being sworn in as President Eisenhower's Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, April 11, 1953
Social Security Administration.

On April 16, 1953, Eisenhower delivered his *Chance for Peace* Address before the American Society of Newspaper Editors, in which he called upon the Soviet Union to distance itself from the aggressive policies of the late Joseph Stalin. He also expressed his concerns over the high amounts of Cold War military spending, arguing that "The cost of one modern heavy bomber is this: a modern brick school in more than 30 cities." This iconic Eisenhower speech is the focus of the E-Memorial Pivotal Moment film *Waging Peace*, which features interviews with Ike's grandson David Eisenhower and General Colin Powell, with narration from Tom Brokaw.

*VIDEO: Waging Peace, 1953 - Fighting To End All War*
In the first year of his presidency Eisenhower delivered his renowned cry for the end to war: his "A Chance for Peace" speech would be a pledge for a brighter future.
Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired signifies, in the final sense, a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and are not clothed.

- Dwight D. Eisenhower

Chance for Peace Address, April 16, 1953

Test Your Ike'spertise!

Trivia Question: To what post did President Eisenhower first appoint Oveta Culp Hobby, before naming her first secretary of the new Department of Health, Education, and Welfare in 1953? (See answer below)

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Trivia Answer: Administrator of the Federal Security Agency, the forerunner to HEW. Though it was a non-cabinet post, she was still asked to sit in on cabinet meetings.

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