

Subscribe

Share ▾

Past Issues

Translate ▾

[View this email in your browser](#)



GENERAL 'LY SPEAKING

April 25-29, 2016

Dispatches From
The Eisenhower Memorial Commission

Salute to Ike Ambassador, Matthew Winick



Follow Us



What do you most admire about Dwight D. Eisenhower?

Among his many achievements as President, I admire his leadership. Eisenhower is a personal inspiration for me. I have autism with a learning disability. Learning about the lives and accomplishments of influential people, such as Eisenhower, inspires

me to work hard.

What do you think is one of Eisenhower's greatest achievements?

I'm amazed at President Eisenhower's courage and commitment to Civil Rights, equality, and diversity, when both political parties were not decisive advocates.

Why do you believe there should be a memorial to Eisenhower?

I believe the Eisenhower Memorial should be built to show Americans, especially young people, that even in the presence of great obstacles, leaders can do great things for society. Even Americans born into modest means, like Ike, can make enormous positive change in the world. Also, I strongly believe that the memorial in D.C. is a great way to honor veterans who served in World War II.

Ike In History

On April 29, 1945, American forces under the supreme command of General Eisenhower, liberated approximately 32,000 prisoners at the [Dachau](#) concentration camp. A couple weeks earlier, Generals Eisenhower, Bradley and Patton personally visited the newly liberated Ohrdruf-Buchenwald concentration and extermination camp near Gotha, Germany. Eisenhower invited Congressman and journalists, in addition to ordering every American soldier not on the front lines and every citizen of Gotha, to tour the camp to see what the Allies had fought against and ensure that the world would understand the full extent of the Nazi crimes. Much of the official record of the Holocaust that exists, including both written and photographic evidence, can be attributed to Eisenhower's orders for the atrocities to be documented.



Make a Contribution

Join us in honoring and celebrating Ike's life and legacy by memorializing him in our Nation's capital.

**Donate at
Pay.Gov**



DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER
MEMORIAL COMMISSION

Commissioners

Sen. Pat Roberts (R-KS), *Chair*
Rep. Mike Thompson (D-CA),
Vice Chair
Sen. Joe Manchin (D-WV)
Sen. Gary Peters (D-MI)
Rep. Mac Thornberry (R-TX)
Rep. Mike Simpson (R-ID)
Rep. Sanford Bishop, Jr. (D-GA)
Rocco C. Siciliano, *Chair Emeritus*
Susan Banes Harris
Alfred Geduldig
Bruce Cole

Former Commissioners

Sen. Daniel Inouye (D-HI)
Sen. Ted Stevens (R-AK)
Sen. Bob Bennett (R-UT)
Sen. Jack Reed (D-RI)
Sen. Jerry Moran (R-KS)
Rep. Dennis Moore (D-KS)



General Eisenhower with Generals Bradley and Patton at the newly liberated Ohrdruf concentration camp, Germany, 12 April 1945

"I made the visit deliberately, in order to be in position to give first-hand evidence of these things if ever, in the future, there develops a tendency to charge these allegations merely to 'propaganda'."

- Letter from Eisenhower to George C. Marshall, 15 April 1945, The Papers of Dwight David Eisenhower

Honoring "East Meets West" on Elbe Day



Rep. Leonard Boswell (D-IA)
David Eisenhower

Advisory Committee:

Honorary Presidential Advisors

Jimmy Carter
George H. W. Bush
Bill Clinton
George W. Bush
Nancy Reagan (1921 - 2016)

Honorary Vice Presidential Advisors

Walter Mondale
Dan Quayle
Al Gore
Dick Cheney

Finance Campaign

Bob Dole, *Chair*
James Baker, III, *Vice Chair*
Chris Dodd, *Vice Chair*

Advisory Committee Leadership

Gen. P. X. Kelley, USMC (Ret.), *Co-Chair*
Frank Fahrenkopf, *Co-Chair*
Leonard Boswell, *Vice Chair*

Secretaries of State

Henry Kissinger
George Shultz
James Baker, III
Madeleine Albright
General Colin Powell, USA (Ret.)
Condoleezza Rice

Secretaries of Defense

Donald Rumsfeld
Frank Carlucci
Bob Gates

Representatives from the Embassy of the Russian Federation prepare to lay a wreath at the Spirit of the Elbe marker in Section 7A of Arlington National Cemetery, April 25, 2016, in Arlington, VA

On Monday, EMC Executive Director Brig. Gen. Carl Reddel, USAF (Ret.), had the privilege and honor of joining representatives from the [Embassy of the Russian Federation](#), including Russian Ambassador Sergey Kislyak, at the annual Elbe Day wreath laying ceremony at the Spirit of the Elbe marker at Arlington National Cemetery. Elbe Day commemorates the anniversary of the meeting of American and Soviet troops at the Elbe River near the town of Torgau, Germany.



Above: *The handshake between the 69th division of the US infantry and the 58th Russian division, at the destroyed Elbe bridge, symbolized the defeat of the Nazi Regime, 25 April 1945*

Below: *The iconic photo shown above served as the inspiration for one of the commemorative bas reliefs featured at the National World War II Memorial in Washington, DC*

Test Your Ike'spertise!

Leon Panetta
Chuck Hagel

Governors

Sam Brownback
Paul Laxalt
Frank Murkowski

Senate Majority Leaders

Tom Daschle
Bill Frist
Trent Lott
George Mitchell

Former Members of Congress

Nancy Kassebaum Baker
Bob Bennett
Tom Downey
Newt Gingrich
Paul Laxalt
Joe Lieberman
Blanche L. Lincoln
Ray McGrath
Frank Murkowski
Jim Slattery
Todd Tiahrt

Senior Presidential Officials

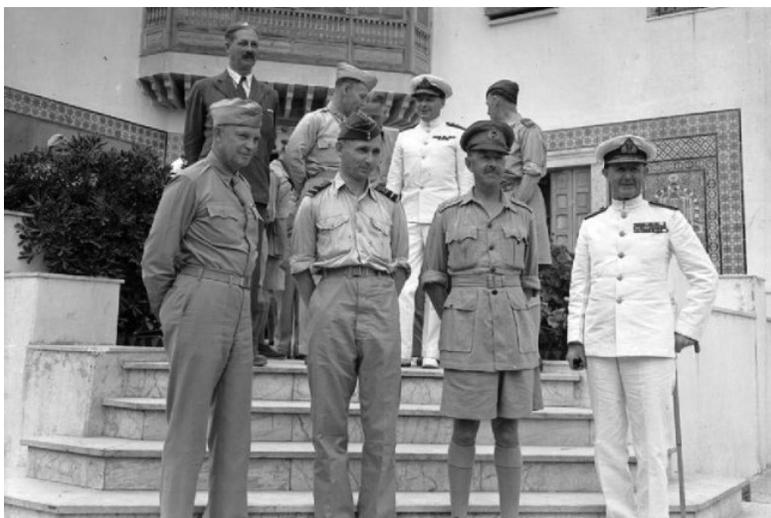
Nicholas F. Brady
William Coleman
C. Boyden Gray
Alan Greenspan
Ed Meese
William Webster

Military Leaders

Lt. Gen. Tom McInerney, USAF (Ret.)
Gen. Richard Myers, USAF (Ret.)
VAdm. Ann E. Rondeau, USN (Ret.)

This past Monday marked Liberation Day in Italy, celebrating the liberation of Italy from Nazi occupation by the Allied forces under Eisenhower's supreme command. Former EMC Vice Chairman the late Senator Dan Inouye, EMC Finance Campaign Chair Senator Bob Dole, and EMC Chairman Emeritus Rocco Siciliano all served heroically in the Italian campaign.

Trivia Question: What was the codename for the Allied Invasion of Sicily in the summer of 1943? (see answer below)



The Allied commanders of the Sicily Campaign
 From left to right: Gen. Dwight Eisenhower, Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Tedder, Gen. Sir Harold Alexander, and Adm. Sir Andrew Cunningham, Tunis, 1943, Imperial War Museum photo

Presidential Donors (\$5M+)

Citizens of the United States of America

Commander in Chief Donors (\$1M+)

Honeywell International

Republic of China (Taiwan)

The Starr Foundation, on behalf of Maurice R. Greenberg

Supreme Commander Donors (\$500,000+)

Ken and Elaine Langone

Lt. Gen. Brent Scowcroft, USAF (Ret.)

Leaders of Industry

Hank Greenberg

Fred Malek

T. Boone Pickens, Jr.

Frederick W. Smith

Leaders of Arts & Culture

Tom Brokaw

Harold Burson

Barbaralee Diamonstein-Spielvogel

Tom Hanks

Norman Lear

Distinguished Americans

Judy Burgess

Gerry Cassidy

Andy Demetriou

Larry Field

Lou Galambos

Vernon Jordan

David Keene

Tom Korologos

Tom Lorentzen

Tim McGivern

Ralph Mecham

Paul O'Day

Roswell B. Perkins

Donald Putnam

Gil Robinson

Matt Schlapp

Jill Sommers

Chief of Staff Donors (\$100,000+)

Lee and Elizabeth Ainslie

David and Sandra Frauensuh

Stanley Rumbough

General of the Army Donors (\$50,000+)

Legacy Donors (\$25,000+)

AIG Foundation

Kearney Wornall Foundation, on behalf of R. Crosby Kemper

Wilma Ewert

I Like Ike Donors (\$10,000+)

Anonymous

Harold Burson

William and Phyllis Draper, III

Tom Korologos

Donald and Joyce Rumsfeld

George and Charlotte Shultz

Rocco C. Siciliano

Robert D. Stuart, Jr.

To view the full list of donors,
visit our [virtual donor wall](#).

Trivia Answer: Operation Husky



You are receiving this email because you or your organization have shown an interest in the Dwight D. Eisenhower National Memorial and related activities.

Our mailing address is:

Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission
1629 K Street, NW
Suite 801
Washington, DC 20006

[Add us to your address book](#)

Website:

EisenhowerMemorial.gov

[unsubscribe from this list](#) [update subscription preferences](#)