Salute to Ike Ambassador, Matthew Winick

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.
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.

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**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 Ohdruf-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.

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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

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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

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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

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