MISSION AND ENABLING LEGISLATION:

The Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission was created on October 25, 1999 (Public Law 106-79). The Commission is charged with memorializing Dwight D. Eisenhower, the Supreme Commander of the Allied Forces in Europe in World War II and the 34th President of the United States.

The law states that “. . . an appropriate permanent memorial to Dwight D. Eisenhower should be created to perpetuate his memory and his contributions to the United States.” In 2002, Congress provided in Public Law No. 107-117 that the “Commission may establish a permanent memorial to Dwight D. Eisenhower on land under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior in the District of Columbia.”

12 APPOINTED COMMISSIONERS:

Appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate

Pat Roberts (R/Kansas), Chairman
Joe Manchin (D/West Virginia)
Gary C. Peters (D/Michigan)
Thad Cochran (R/Mississippi)

Appointed by the Speaker of the House

Mike Thompson (D/California), Vice Chairman
William (Mac) Thornberry (R/Texas)
Mike Simpson (R/Idaho)
Sanford D. Bishop, Jr. (D/Georgia)

Appointed by the President

Rocco C. Siciliano (Beverly Hills, CA)
Susan Banes Harris (Potomac, MD)
Alfred Geduldig (New York, NY)
Bruce Cole (Washington, D.C.)
Senator Roberts served in the United States Marine Corps and is the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry.

Congressman Thompson is a combat veteran from the Vietnam War and has represented California in the 1st and then 5th District since 1999.

Staff:

The Commission employs a small, dedicated staff led by Executive Director Carl W. Reddel, Brig. Gen., USAF (Ret.) and Deputy Executive Director Victoria Tigwell. In 2005, Executive Architect Daniel J. Feil, FAIA joined the Commission to oversee development of the physical memorial. They are supported by full-time staff members, as well as part-time and ad hoc staff members and consultants. The staff works closely with the U.S. National Park Service, the National Archives, and the U.S. General Services Administration.