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The Eisenhower Memorial Commission

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August 25 marks the 100th anniversary of the creation of the [National Park Service](#) (NPS). To all our colleagues at NPS, we wish you congratulations and best wishes for the next 100! Once the [National Eisenhower Memorial](#) in Washington, DC is dedicated, it will become one of the newest additions to the National Park System, joining the iconic sites of the [National Mall and Memorial Parks](#) in the nation's capital. A fitting tribute to the General and President who deserves his place of reverence among the likes of



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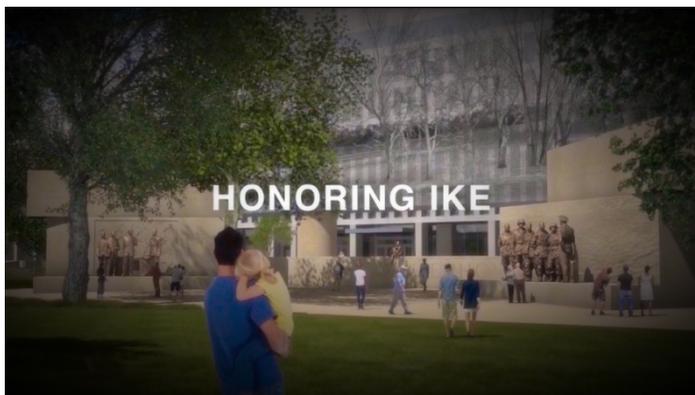
Washington, Lincoln, Jefferson, and both Roosevelts.



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The Commission extends our deep appreciation to the Ford Motor Company for their generous *Legacy-Level* donation in support of Ike's Memorial. Ford's contribution is an especially fitting way to honor Eisenhower's contributions to the Interstate Highway System - a project that, according to Ike himself, "changed the face of America."

Donations from our supporters make it possible for us to move ever closer to groundbreaking on the National Eisenhower Memorial in the heart of our nation's capital.

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Ike's Timeless Legacy

Aloha!

On August 21, 1959, President Eisenhower officially admitted Hawaii as the 50th state of the Union, simultaneously making the Eisenhower White House the first to fly the current flag of the United States. Beginning with his 1952 presidential campaign through his presidency, Eisenhower fought tirelessly to admit Hawaii to the Union.

Fittingly, it was the late Hawaii Senator and World War II hero, Daniel K. Inouye, who was an original co-sponsor of the [legislation](#) that established the [Eisenhower Memorial Commission](#). Serving as the Commission's Vice Chairman from 2001 until his passing in 2012, Senator Inouye championed our mission to build an enduring memorial to the Supreme Allied Commander in World War II and the 34th President. Completing the mission will also be a lasting tribute to Senator Inouye's leadership.



Senator Inouye (upper right) and other officials look on as President Eisenhower signs the official proclamation admitting Hawaii as the 50th state of the Union, image courtesy of [History.com](#).

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Following his proclamation of October 16 as Olympic Day, President Eisenhower stated:

The participation in athletics is one of the greatest influences in the development of our youth; and I thoroughly believe in the Olympics as one of the means and methods by which some understanding of fair play and justice can be developed among nations.

- Remarks to members of the Olympic Committee,
Denver, Colorado, October 12, 1954.

Test Your Ike'spertise!

Trivia Question:

What was the name of the Eisenhower administration's ten-year program that was intended to expand the National Park Service's visitor services in time for its 50th anniversary?
(see answer below)

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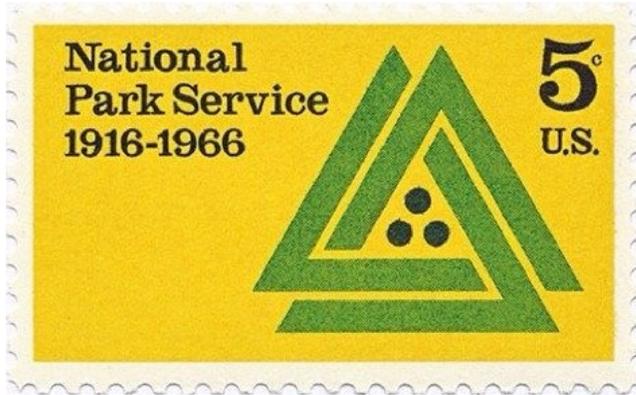
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Trivia Answer:

Started in 1956, Mission 66 bolstered recreation and facility infrastructure in a much needed way as national parks experienced a post-war boom in visitation numbers. The

federally-sponsored program introduced the concept of the “visitor center” to national parks, constructing approximately 100 within the ten-year window. Today, the image of the National Park Service, specifically its administration buildings and their distinctive modern architecture, owes much to the Mission 66 program started during the Eisenhower administration.

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