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July 11 - 22, 2016

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The Eisenhower Memorial Commission

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The Commission sends its best wishes this July 22nd to our Finance Campaign Chairman, Senator Bob Dole, on his 93rd birthday. Thank you Senator for your service to our country and devotion to Ike's memorial.



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Ike in History



As the Republican National Convention (RNC) rolls on this week, take a look back at conventions past to July 11, 1952, when Eisenhower first secured the Republican nomination for President in Chicago. Eisenhower's first presidential campaign is the subject of the E-Memorial Pivotal Moment film [Winning the Presidency](#), where you can watch clips of the convention proceedings just as it was in

1952. Both conventions that year were the first ones to be nationally televised. After some successful backroom strategy and the decision of the Minnesota delegates to change their votes to fully support him, Eisenhower secured a majority over Ohio Senator Robert Taft moving on to face Illinois Governor Adlai Stevenson in the general election. Eisenhower's defeat of Taft signaled a victory for internationalism over the isolationist stances of Taft.

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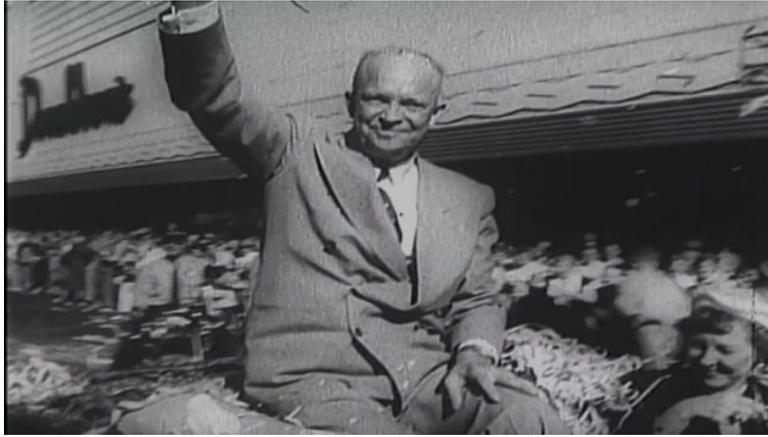
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[VIDEO]

[Winning The Presidency, 1952: Daring All For Our Country](#)
Watch the E-Memorial Pivotal Moment Film to learn more about Eisenhower's decision to run for president and his 1952 campaign.

On July 21, 1955, at the Geneva Summit among the United States, United Kingdom, France, and the Soviet Union, Eisenhower proposed his "Open Skies" treaty, which would put in place a mutual aerial reconnaissance program between the U.S. and Soviet Union to promote transparency of military forces, limit stockpiling of dangerous weapons, and reassure each country that neither was preparing to attack. While the Soviets ultimately rejected Eisenhower's initial proposal, later in 1992 the treaty was signed by the U.S. and 23 other nations as a means to strengthen security between NATO and Warsaw Pact nations.



[VIDEO]

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Ladies and Gentlemen, you have summoned me on behalf of millions of your fellow Americans to lead a great crusade—for Freedom in America and Freedom in the world. I know something of the solemn responsibility of leading a crusade. I have led one. I take up this task, therefore, in a spirit of deep obligation. Mindful of its burdens and of its decisive importance. I accept your summons. I will lead this crusade.

- Dwight Eisenhower, Address Accepting the Presidential Nomination, RNC, Chicago, IL, July 11, 1952

Test Your Ike'spertise!

Trivia Question: On July 12, 1957, Eisenhower became the first sitting president to ride in a helicopter. What was his destination? (see answer below)



President Eisenhower stands beside the new presidential helicopter, Washington, D.C., July 12, 1957, image courtesy of the [Associated Press](#)

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Trivia Answer: Camp David. Eisenhower rode in an Air Force Bell H-13J as part of a simulated nuclear emergency drill, "Operation Alert," testing how quickly the President could evacuate Washington, D.C. Nuclear capabilities of the Soviet Union had forced the Secret Service to develop evacuation maneuvers that were not dependent on roads at the height of the Cold War. The original helicopter can be seen at the [Smithsonian's Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center](#), annex to the National Air and Space Museum.

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