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May 16-20, 2016

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The Eisenhower Memorial Commission

Stennis Center Honors USS *Ike* Sailors



USS Eisenhower Award Winners (from left): Paula Arbulu (spouse), Elena Arbulu (daughter), Carlos Arbulu (son), LTJG Gerardo Arbulu, 2015 USS EISENHOWER Five Star Leadership Award Winner; Captain Paul Spedero, Commanding Officer; CMDCM Tyrone Blockton, Command Master Chief; AZ1 Seth Thompson, 2015 USS EISENHOWER Spirit of Freedom Leadership Award Winner; Mason Thompson (son); Zelinda Thompson (spouse), and Sadie Thompson (daughter)

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On Tuesday, May 17, Commission staff participated in a luncheon on Capitol Hill honoring the Stennis Center's [Leadership Award](#) winners. The award is bestowed upon sailors who have demonstrated outstanding leadership on the [USS Eisenhower](#) aircraft carrier. Congratulations to LTJG Arbulu and AZ1 Thompson, and their families, on this significant achievement.

USS *Eisenhower* Commanding Officer, Captain Paul Spedero, and former Commanding Officers, Captain Marcus Hitchcock and Captain Stephen Koehler, have been strong supporters of the Eisenhower Memorial.

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EMC staff attend USS Ike Awards luncheon: Shannon Honl (left) and Brig. Gen. Carl Reddel, USAF (Ret.) (right)



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Ike In History

On May 17, 1954, the Supreme Court issued its first decision in [Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas](#), declaring that segregation in public schools was unconstitutional. Chief Justice Earl Warren, who was appointed by Eisenhower, wrote the unanimous opinion of the Court. Eisenhower would then enforce the *Brown* ruling during the Little Rock Crisis, which is highlighted in the E-Memorial Pivotal Moment film, [Little Rock: The Civil Rights Battleground](#).



[VIDEO - Little Rock, 1957](#)

Eisenhower acts to enforce the rule of law by sending Federal troops into Little Rock, Arkansas, where a violent mob has prevented the integration of Central High School.

Test Your Ike'spertise!

Trivia Question: [Oliver Brown et al. v. the Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas](#), was actually a consolidation of cases from five separate jurisdictions.

Can you name one of the four other jurisdictions comprising this consolidated case? (answer below)



Elementary students at an African-American school in Washington,

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Trivia Answer:

- Summerton, South Carolina - *Briggs v. Elliott*
- Wilmington, Delaware - *Belton (Bulah) v. Gebhart*
- Farmville, Virginia - *Davis v. County School Board of Prince Edward County*
- District of Columbia - *Bolling v. Sharpe*

The cases were consolidated because they all challenged the constitutionality of racial segregation in public schools.

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