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# **GENERAL 'LY SPEAKING**

October 5, 2017

**Dispatches From  
The Eisenhower Memorial Commission**

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## **NCPC Grants Final Approval**

### **EMC Prepares for Groundbreaking Ceremony**

Today the Eisenhower Memorial Commission (EMC) went before the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) to present revisions to the Eisenhower Memorial design. Before calling for the NCPC to vote for final approval, Chairman Bryant commented that he enthusiastically supports the revised imagery of the tapestry for the Eisenhower Memorial, adding that he thinks "it is really quite nice." After reviewing full-scale samples of the tapestry on display at the U.S. Department of Education, NCPC Commissioners voted unanimously to grant final approval of the memorial's design.

EMC Executive Director Carl Reddel captured the significance of this milestone in his remarks at today's meeting:

"I thank the NCPC Commissioners for their work as commissioners and especially for their support as citizens who are helping to celebrate one of America's greatest citizens. Ike is one of the most remarkable examples we have that this great American experiment works, and we need to share that story."

Last month the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts voted unanimously to approve the revisions, marking this week's NCPC approval as the final step in the review agency approval process.

The EMC will proceed with a groundbreaking ceremony on November 2, 2017. Construction is projected to last 30 months, which would enable the Eisenhower Memorial to be dedicated on May 8, 2020 – the 75th anniversary of Victory in Europe in World War II.



**Aerial of the Eisenhower Memorial**

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