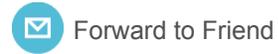


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This week the Commission is delighted to announce receipt of two gifts. One from Hugh K. Schilling at the *General of the Army* giving level and the second from the [Dr. Scholl Foundation](#) at the *Legacy* giving level.

EMC would like to express its sincere gratitude to the [Grayson College Student Veterans Association](#) for taking the initiative to raise funds in support of the construction of the Eisenhower Memorial. Grayson College is located in Denison, Texas, the birthplace of Dwight Eisenhower, making their support particularly noteworthy. We are inspired that the student veterans unanimously voted to support the construction of a national memorial to, in their own words, "their city and state's most revered veteran."

We extend our deepest appreciation to all of our donors for their generous contributions in support of Ike's memorial. Donations from our supporters make it possible for us to move ever closer to completing construction on the National Eisenhower Memorial in the heart of our nation's capital.

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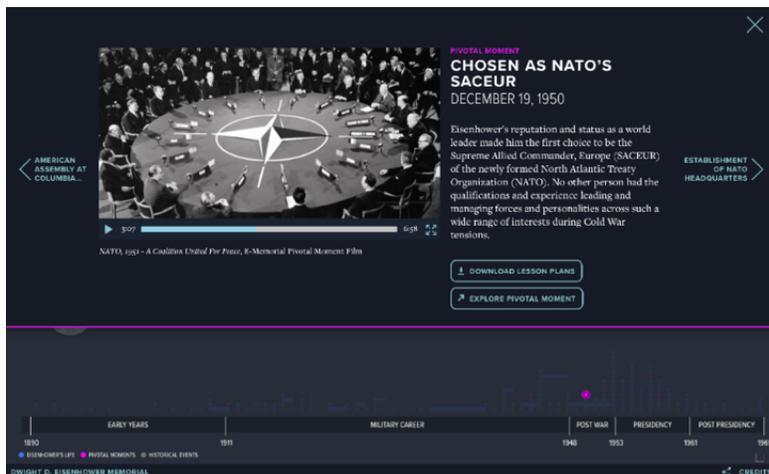
Ike's Timeless Legacy

First Supreme Allied Commander, Europe (SACEUR) of NATO

“In all history this is the first time that an Allied Headquarters has been set up in peace to preserve the peace, and not to wage war.”

-Dwight D. Eisenhower

On December 19, 1950, Eisenhower was appointed as the first Supreme Allied Commander, Europe (SACEUR) of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) by President Truman following the request of eleven NATO member nations. Under his leadership, a framework was established for the defense of Western Europe from Soviet aggression and the promotion of political integration.



TIMELINE MILESTONE: [Chosen As NATO's SACEUR](#)

To learn more about the precedent set by Eisenhower's command, check out the timeline milestone and Pivotal Moment film, [NATO, 1951](#), which features an interview with the 16th SACEUR Admiral James Stavridis

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- The first voice message broadcasted from outer space to Earth,
Dwight Eisenhower, December 19, 1958



[VIDEO] [Space Race, 1958 - Launching America's Era of Space Exploration](#)

Listen to the recording and learn more about Eisenhower's role in the creation of NASA in the [Space Race Pivotal Moment](#) film featuring an interview with the late Senator and American hero, John Glenn.

Test Your Ike'spertise

Trivia Question: In 1959, the Eisenhowers set a long-standing record for the number of trees in the White House. How many did they have?

(See answer below)

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Trivia Answer: 26 trees filled every floor of the house. The record held until 1997 when the Clinton administration installed 36 trees for their “Santa’s Workshop” theme. Happy Holidays!



*One of the many silver-tinsel Eisenhower Trees on display at the White House during the 1954 holiday season
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