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Week of December 19, 2016

Dispatches From  
The Eisenhower Memorial Commission

**Happy Holidays and  
Warm Wishes for 2017!**



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## Salute to Ike's Supporters!



We would like to extend our congratulations to Vincent "Vinnie" Viola on his nomination to become the next Secretary of the Army. The Viola Foundation has provided a leading contribution at the "Supreme Commander" level for the Eisenhower Memorial's construction. As a West Point Graduate like Eisenhower, Mr. Viola has exemplified the time-honored mantra, "Duty, Honor, Country" in his support of this patriotic endeavor.

Support from our national leadership and donors make it possible for us to move ever closer to groundbreaking on the National Eisenhower Memorial in the heart of our nation's capital.

Donate now at [Pay.Gov](#) to make an online contribution and join the many patriotic Americans, multi-national corporations, foreign nations and elementary school students in honoring this great American, Dwight D. Eisenhower.

All donors are prominently recognized on our [Virtual Donor Wall](#).

## Legacy Organizations: Now Live on the E-Memorial

With the guidance of the E-Memorial design team, [Local Projects](#), the Commission is committed to sharing the unique histories and ongoing missions of the six Eisenhower legacy organizations. Each organization was either directly created or inspired by Eisenhower during his lifetime and is dedicated to perpetuating his legacy. Combined, they serve as the "living memorial" to the champion of peace.

We are delighted to share with you [The American Assembly](#) story, the first of six to be unveiled on on the [Legacy Organizations](#) segment of the E-Memorial website. While president



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Visit the [E-Memorial Legacy Organizations](#) to learn more about The American Assembly

Stay tuned as we roll out the remaining organizations and their stories in 2017:

- [Eisenhower Foundation](#)
- [Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum](#)
- [Eisenhower Fellowships](#)
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- [Eisenhower Institute at Gettysburg College](#)

## Ike's Timeless Legacy

### First Supreme Allied Commander, Europe (SACEUR) of NATO

On December 19, 1950, Eisenhower was appointed as the first Supreme Allied Commander, Europe (SACEUR) of 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.

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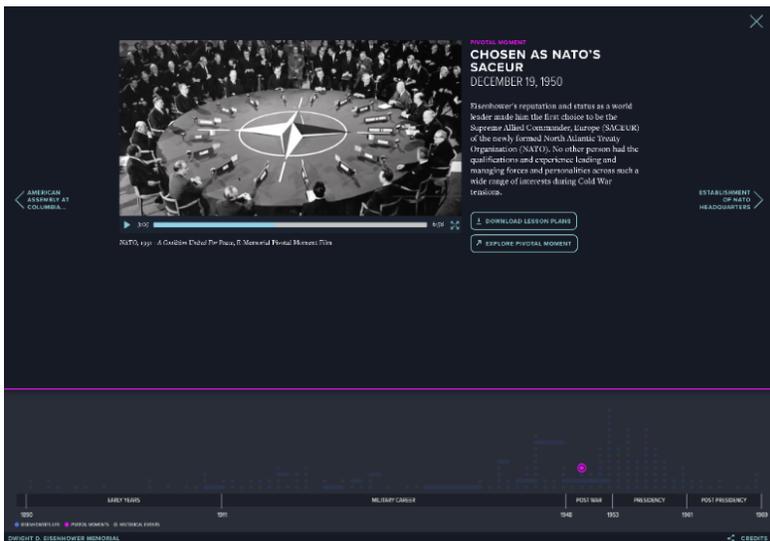
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**TIMELINE MILESTONE:** [Chosen As NATO's SACEUR](#)

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

*This is the president of the United States speaking. Through the marvels of scientific advance my voice is coming to you from a satellite circling in outer space. My message is a simple one. Through this unique means I convey to you and to all mankind America's wish for peace on earth and good will toward men everywhere.*

- President Eisenhower, a pre-recorded message broadcast from aboard the world's first communications satellite was the first voice to be transmitted across space, December 19, 1958



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*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.*

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## Test Your Ike'spertise

**Trivia Question:** On December 17, 1954, President Eisenhower spoke of the hope and need for lasting peace before lighting the National Community Christmas Tree. He affirmed, "Even at this happy season, we dare not forget crimes against justice, denial of mercy, violation of human dignity.... Neither dare we forget our blessings." In addition to his speech, the evening included a life-size nativity scene for the first time and Santa Claus, who arrived in his sleigh driven by reindeer. What institution broadcasted the Pageant for Peace to the world in thirty-eight languages?  
(See answer below)

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**Trivia Answer:** The [Voice of America \(VOA\)](#). President Eisenhower relocated the VOA headquarters to its present site on Independence Avenue in 1954. It will be adjacent to the Eisenhower Memorial.

To learn more about the Voice of America and other neighbors to the Eisenhower Memorial, visit us [here](#).

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