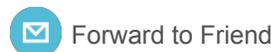


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Week of February 18, 2019

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The Eisenhower Memorial Commission

PRESIDENTS DAY SPECIAL EDITION



President Eisenhower Commemorative Sculpture

In honor of Presidents Day, we are pleased to announce that sculptor [Sergey Eylanbekov](#) has completed the clay sculpture commemorating President Eisenhower. The heroic-size (9' tall) statue of Eisenhower as 34th President of the United States will be placed in front of his White House Oval Office desk and flanked by sculptures of civilian and military advisors, symbolizing the balance Eisenhower struck between conflicting demands of national security



and peaceful progress. The sculptural grouping will be set against a stone bas relief background depicting a map of the world, symbolizing Eisenhower's role as a world statesman and preeminent internationalist pursuing peace.

For more details on the sculptures and artist, read *Creation of the Eisenhower Memorial Sculptures* [Part I: Working in Clay](#) and [Part II: Making the Bronze](#).



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Ike's Timeless Legacy

Honoring Black History Month

As we celebrate [Black History Month](#), we look back on Ike's role in major civil rights milestones during his tenure as president. Following President Harry Truman's executive order ending segregation of the armed forces, Ike's administration brought about its enforcement with the last African American unit being abolished in 1954.

Other notable civil rights milestones included the desegregation of Washington, DC, followed by the desegregation of public schools. While desegregation of our nation's schools is directly tied to the Supreme Court's landmark decision in *Brown v. Board of Education*, it was Eisenhower who acted to enforce the rule of law by sending Federal troops into [Little Rock, Arkansas](#), where a violent mob prevented the integration of Central High School.

In 1955, E. Frederic Morrow became the first African-American appointed to serve on the White House executive staff when Eisenhower named him Administrative Officer for Special Projects. Morrow's accomplishments in the Eisenhower administration are symbolized by the inclusion of a statue of an African-American advisor alongside President Eisenhower in the Memorial core.

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Memorial sculptural element commemorating Eisenhower as 34th President
 Memorial design by Gehry Partners, LLP; Sculpture maquette by Sergey Eylanbekov

"Together, the uniting forces of our communication and transportation systems are dynamic elements in the very name we bear -- United States. Without them we would be a mere alliance of many separate parts."

- President Eisenhower, Highway Message to Congress,
 February 22, 1955

Test Your Ike'spertise



The [2019 White House Gift Shop Christmas Ornament](#) will be unveiled this week in honor of Presidents Day. The ornament features President Eisenhower and his electric car. CEO and chief gift designer, Anthony Giannini, details that "100 years before Chevy

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and Nissan sold their first Volt and Leaf, respectively, electric cars roamed American roads. President Dwight D. Eisenhower, who created our nation's highway system, often drove his parents' decades-old electric car during his presidential campaign in 1952.”

Trivia Question:

What was the year and make of the electric car Eisenhower drove during his 1952 presidential campaign?

- A) 1917 Rauch and Lang Electric Car
- B) 1909 Babcock Electric Car
- C) 1914 Frichle Electric Car
- D) 1904 Milburn Model 27L Light Electric Car

(see answer below)

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Trivia Answer: A) 1917 Rauch and Lang
Headquartered in Cleveland, Ohio, Rauch and Lang Carriage Company manufactured electric cars from 1905 to 1932.
Be sure to visit the [White House Gift Shop](#) later this week to see the ornament's design.

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