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Week of February 20, 2017

Dispatches From
The Eisenhower Memorial Commission

Ike in the Top 5

HISTORIANS SURVEY RESULTS CATEGORY				
TOTAL SCORES/OVERALL RANKINGS				
President's Name	2017 Final Scores	Overall Rankings		
		2017	2009	2000
Abraham Lincoln	906	1	1	1
George Washington	867	2	2	3
Franklin D. Roosevelt	854	3	3	2
Theodore Roosevelt	807	4	4	4
Dwight D. Eisenhower	744	5	8	9



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The [2017 C-SPAN Presidential Historians Survey](#) ranking all U.S. Presidents was released last week in time for Presidents' Day and guess who made the top 5 for the first time...Dwight D. Eisenhower! Surveying a wide range of accomplished historians and other professional observers of the presidency, the consensus was that we all like Ike.

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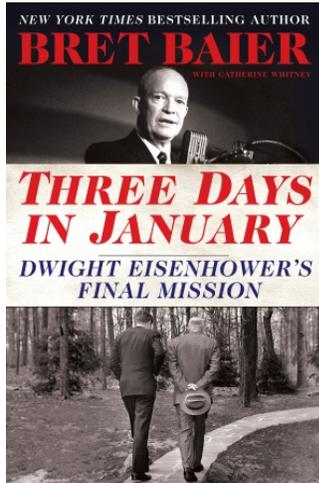
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The Eisenhower Memorial will join the national memorials of the other top five U.S. Presidents in Washington, DC.

Recent Ike Publication



[Three Days in January](#)

Released January 10, 2017

Delve into the last days of the Eisenhower presidency with *Three Days in January: Dwight Eisenhower's Final Mission*, by Bret Baier, Chief Political Anchor for Fox News Channel and Anchor and Executive Editor of *Special Report with Bret Baier*. Baier takes us on an enlightening journey from the occasion of Eisenhower's iconic Farewell Address through the momentous transition of power to

President Kennedy in 1961, illustrating crucial lessons in leadership we can apply today. Hear what EMC Chair, Senator Pat Roberts, had to say about "Revealing the Spirit of Ike" in a review for [The Washington Times](#).

Interested in more new Eisenhower literature? Check out the Commission's online list of [Recent and Forthcoming Media & Publications](#).

Ike's Timeless Legacy

Black History Month Spotlight

In continuing celebration of Black History Month, this week we honor the life of Sergeant John A. Moaney, Jr. who Eisenhower declared was "the irreplaceable man" in his daily life and that the two of them were "inseparable."

Moaney joined the Army in 1941 and was later assigned to General Eisenhower's personal staff shortly after Ike became the Commanding General for European Operations in 1942. For the next twenty-seven years, Moaney was Ike's valet. He and Ike would be together almost every day, becoming close friends. When Ike was elected President, Moaney became a fixture in the White House, where his wife worked as well. Moaney served as an honorary pallbearer at Ike's funeral and Ike left his beloved Rolex watch for his friend and confidant, Moaney.

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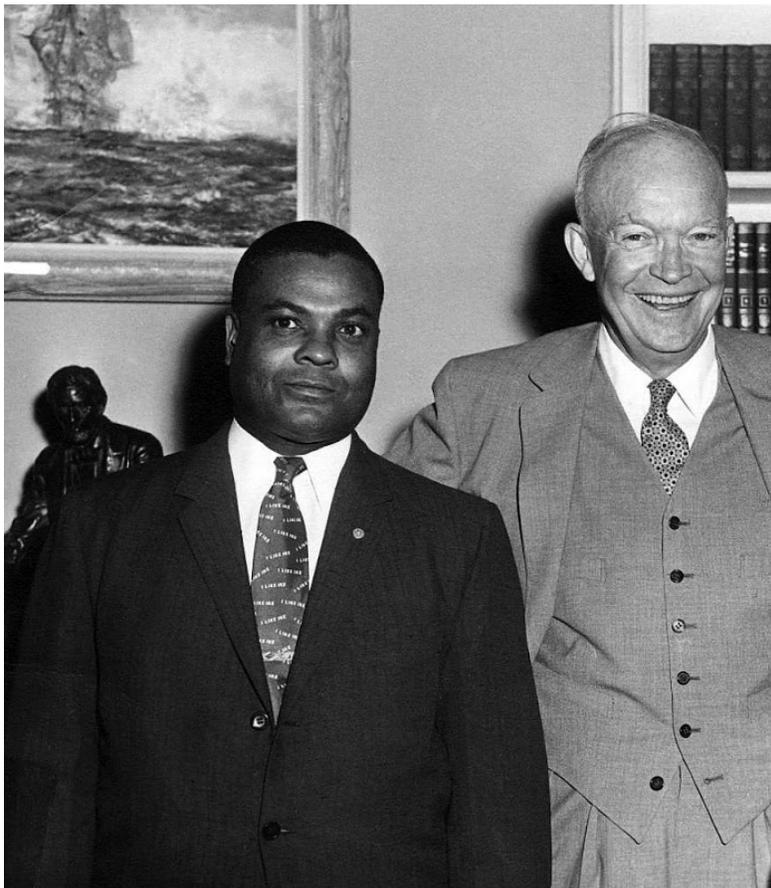
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Moaney, wearing his "I Like Ike" tie, poses with Eisenhower in the White House

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- Radio and Television Address to the American People on the eve of the South American Goodwill Trip, February 21, 1960

(Over the course of 15 days, Eisenhower would visit Puerto Rico, Brazil, Argentina, Chile and Uruguay)

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Trivia Question: In honor of the [89th Oscars](#) this Sunday, what Academy Award-winning actor has portrayed Ike in film?
(See answer below)

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Trivia Answer:

Robins Williams, who won the Oscar in 1998 for Best Supporting Actor (*Good Will Hunting*), portrayed President Eisenhower in Lee Daniels' *The Butler* (2013).

Other actors to portray Ike in film are Henry Grace (*The Longest Day*, 1962), Robert Duvall (*Ike: The War Years* TV mini-series and movie, 1979-80), Tom Selleck (*Ike: Countdown to D-Day* TV movie, 2004), Andrew Duggan (*Backstairs at the White House* TV mini-series, 1979), Robert Beer (*The Right Stuff*, 1983), and Keene Curtis (*IQ*, 1994).

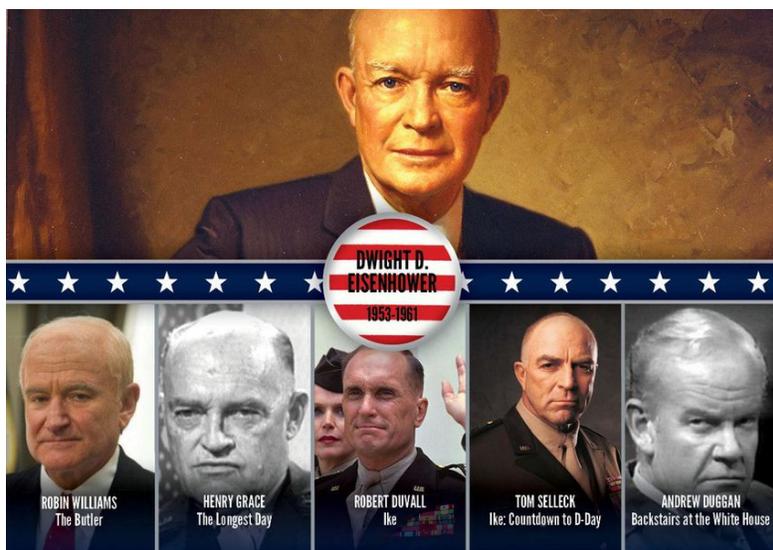


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