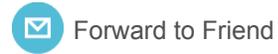


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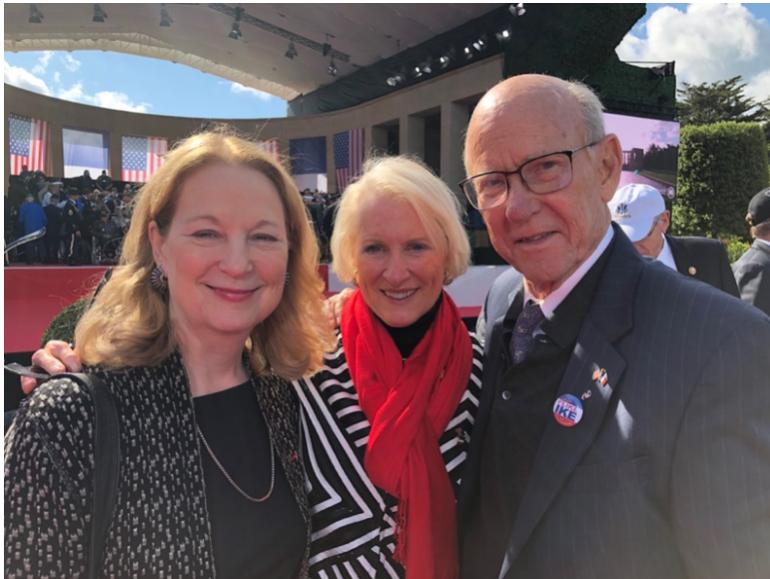
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Above: Susan Eisenhower (left), Franki Roberts (center), and Pat Roberts (right) at D-Day commemoration events in Normandy
Below: Roberts shows off his "I Still Like Ike" pin (left) and shares one with Speaker Nancy Pelosi (right)

Senator Roberts, Chairman of the Eisenhower Memorial Commission, attended events commemorating the 75th Anniversary of D-Day – June 6, 2019 – in Normandy, France. We are honored to share the below video capturing Roberts’ reflections on General Eisenhower’s D-Day legacy. In the words of President Eisenhower, “These people gave us a chance and they bought time for us, so that we can do better than we have before.”



[VIDEO] [Senator Roberts in Normandy for D-Day 75th](#)

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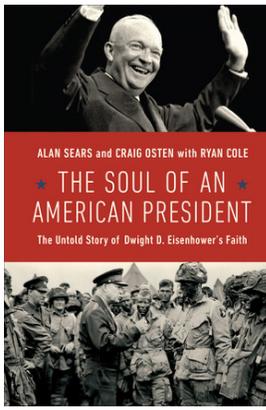
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Ike's Timeless Legacy



On June 29, 1956, President Eisenhower signed the landmark [Federal-Aid Highway Act](#), authorizing construction funding of the interstate highway system, the "greatest public works project in American history." Greatly influenced by his experience on the [1919 transcontinental convoy](#) and his observation of European roadways during World War II, Eisenhower understood the value of a safe, efficient and modern system of interstate highways. It was quite the legislative achievement from the man who once said "I never saw a paved road in my youth." So remember to thank Eisenhower as you hit the road for summer vacation.

In June 1945, following the end of World War II, General Eisenhower embarked on a victory tour which included stops in cities across Europe and America. The final stop on Ike's tour was his home town of Abilene, Kansas, where he delivered the following remarks:

"Because no man is really a man who has lost out of himself all of the boy, I want to speak first of the dreams of a barefoot boy. Frequently, they are to be of a street car conductor or he sees himself as the town policeman, above all he may reach to a position of locomotive engineer, but always in his dreams is that day when he finally comes home. Comes home to a welcome from his own home town. Because today that dream of mine of 45 years or more ago has been realized beyond the wildest stretches of my own imagination, I come here, first, to thank you, to say the proudest thing I can claim is that I am from Abilene."

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Test Your Ike'spertise

As an officer in the U.S. Army, Eisenhower underwent extensive training throughout his career. On June 18, 1926, Dwight Eisenhower graduated from which of the following military institutions?

- A) U.S. Army War College
- B) Command and General Staff College
- C) U.S. Military Academy at West Point
- D) The Citadel: The Military College of South Carolina

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Trivia Answer: B) Command and General Staff College

Eisenhower attended Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, from 1925 to 1926. Ike graduated first in his class of 245 students and later viewed the experience as a watershed year in his career for preparing him for the larger issues of war he would encounter at the Army War College.



Eisenhower family reunion following Ike's graduation, Abilene, Kansas, June 1926

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