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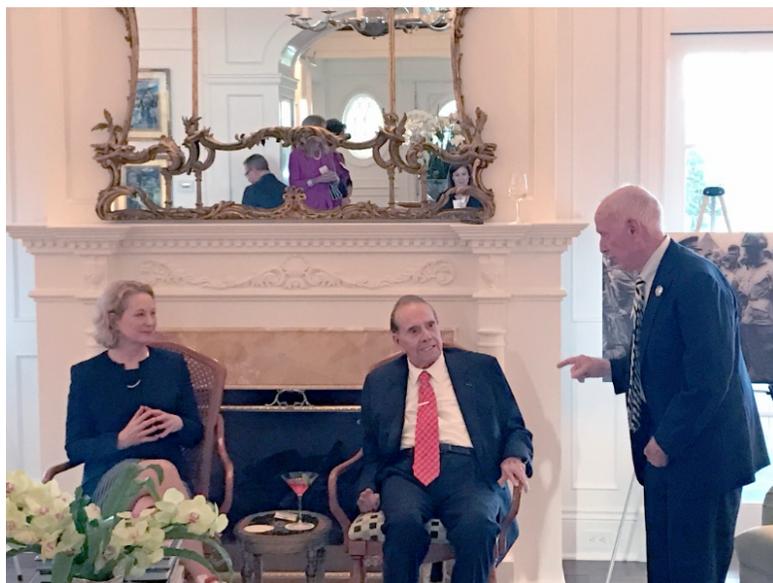


GENERAL 'LY SPEAKING

Week of May 22, 2017

Dispatches From
The Eisenhower Memorial Commission

Palm Beach for Ike!



Susan Eisenhower (left) and Senator Bob Dole (center) attend a fundraising event hosted by Ambassador Al Hoffman (right)

On two beautiful spring evenings in March, back to back fundraisers



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were held for the Eisenhower Memorial in Palm Beach, Florida. In attendance were noted guests Susan Eisenhower and the Commission's Finance Chair, Senator Bob Dole. Ambassador Al and Dawn Hoffman graciously hosted an event at their lovely home while Barbara Hamilton and Sarah Williams hosted the other event the previous evening.

Senator Dole reflected on the importance General and President Eisenhower holds for surviving World War II and Korean War veterans, and talked about his frequent conversations with them at the National World War II Memorial in Washington, DC, where he continues to greet veterans on a weekly basis. The tremendously successful events in Palm Beach have helped bring Floridians to the forefront of our campaign and we salute their efforts and enthusiasm towards completing Ike's memorial. Team Florida is on board!



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Ike WWII Documentaries to be Released for 75th Anniversary



In honor of Memorial Day 2017, historian and documentary producer Dr. George Colburn announced that Starbright Media Corporation would be releasing a remastered version of [IKE: Allied Commander](#). According to Dr. Colburn, this commemorative release is designed to focus the public's attention on Ike's

World War II military achievements and lasting legacy at a time when World War II is fading from memory, especially among the younger generations.

Colburn is a member of EMC's E-Memorial Content Committee, a group of five outstanding Eisenhower historians, scholars, and education specialists, who curated the content for the seven [Pivotal Moments](#) featured on the [E-Memorial website](#).



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IKE: Allied Commander is hosted and narrated by the late John Chancellor, the distinguished NBC-TV reporter, anchorman, and commentator who covered the Eisenhower Presidency during his four decades with NBC-TV. The documentary originally premiered on the Disney Channel on the 50th anniversary of V-E Day in 1995. It was the third in a series of national television specials on Eisenhower's public life written and produced by Colburn and presented by Chancellor. The re-mastered one-hour documentary is available from Starbright Media Corporation at www.EisenhowerLegacy.com.



Coming soon from Starbright Media is a new documentary by Colburn on Ike's role in World War II entitled *IKE: The Making of an American Hero*. This new documentary will trace Ike's rise from a low-level officer in a small peacetime army to Supreme Allied Commander who led the fight a few years later to liberate western European from the control of Nazi Germany in 1944 – 1945. This program features the commentaries of historians Carlo D'Este and Nigel Hamilton and will premiere in Washington, D.C. and sites around the country in Fall of 2018. It will later be released on television to coincide with the 75th anniversary of D-Day - June 6, 2019.



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Click for a preview of Colburn's forthcoming documentary, "[Ike: The Making of an American Hero](#)"

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All Aboard the N.S. *Savannah*



This past Sunday, EMC was invited to participate in National Maritime Day ceremonies aboard the [N.S. Savannah](#) in Baltimore. The *Savannah*, the world's first nuclear-powered merchant ship was the brainchild of Eisenhower, resulting from the vision set forth in his Atoms for Peace initiative. Eisenhower first proposed this

"Peace Ship" in 1955 and the project was authorized by Congress via P.L. 848 in July 1956. The ship was launched on July 21, 1959, following its christening by First Lady Mamie Eisenhower. From its years of operational service to its decommissioning process today, it serves worldwide as a symbol of the peaceful use of nuclear power, a cause that Eisenhower championed, as well as a reminder of the sacrifices of the U.S. Merchant Marine. Our thanks to Mr. Peter Hartsock for his generosity in extending an invitation and spending the day to give us a personal tour, and to Mr. Erhard Koehler, the manager of the *Savannah's* programs, for his support for the Eisenhower National Memorial over the years, including at the ceremonies this past Sunday.



Mrs. Mamie Eisenhower christens the N.S. Savannah, July 21, 1959, Camden, New Jersey, image courtesy of [U.S. Department of Transportation Maritime Administration](#)

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Ike's Timeless Legacy: Special Memorial Day Edition



President Eisenhower lays a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Arlington Cemetery, VA, 1958, image courtesy of the [Old Guard Museum](#)

Because you have been such great fighter, I am quite certain that all of you feel a great compulsion to be a fighter for peace. The cornerstone for fighting for peace and winning the peace is the strength of America.

- President Eisenhower's remarks to the Congressional Medal of Honor Winners for the interment services for the unknowns representing World War II and the Korean War at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Arlington National Cemetery, May 30, 1958

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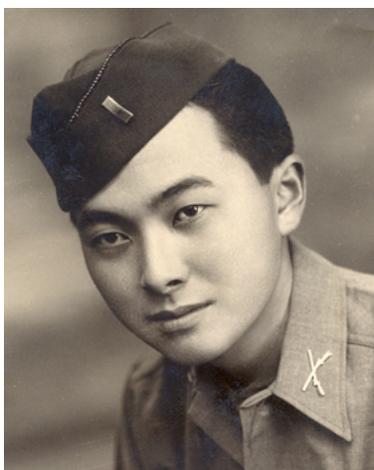
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[Film] *Two Unknown Warriors Brought To Rest At Arlington National Cemetery, 1958*, courtesy of *British Pathé*

May is Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month



In honor of [Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month](#), we recognize the life and leadership of the late Senator Daniel K. Inouye of Hawaii. Senator Inouye, alongside his fellow World War II combat-decorated veteran, Senator Ted Stevens of Alaska, was a co-sponsor of the founding legislation of the [Eisenhower Memorial Commission](#) and served as the Vice Chairman

until his passing in 2012.

A first-generation Japanese American, Senator Inouye volunteered to fight with the all-Japanese American (Nisei) 442nd Regimental Combat Team in World War II, and was struck in the chest directly above his heart by a bullet, stopped only by two silver dollars he happened to have stacked in his shirt pocket. Later in the war, he would suffer major wounds, including losing his right arm. For his uncommon valor, Senator Inouye was awarded the Bronze Star medal, the Purple Heart, the Congressional Medal of Honor, and posthumously the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Sen.

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Inouye was one of the most influential and beloved political leaders of the past half century. The first Japanese American to serve in the Congress, he compiled an almost fifty year career in the U.S. Senate, having previously served as Hawaii's first member of the House of Representatives following Hawaii's admission to the Union during the Eisenhower administration in 1959. He served as President pro tempore of the Senate from 2010 to 2012, making him the highest-ranking Asian American politician in U.S. history. Besides his recognition as an influential member of the Watergate and Iran-Contra Committees and Chairing the Senate Appropriations, Intelligence, Commerce, and Indian Affairs Committees, Sen. Inouye gained a reputation as a memorial builder, proving instrumental in the creation of, to name a few, the FDR Memorial, the National Museum of the American Indian, the USS Arizona Memorial, and of course the Eisenhower Memorial. We miss his leadership greatly, but continue to work to fulfill his dream of dedicating a national memorial in Washington, DC to one of his heroes, General and President Dwight Eisenhower.

Test Your Ike'spertise

Trivia Question: Ike graduated from Abilene High School on May 27, 1909. In the school's yearbook, his classmates predicted he would go on to become a professor of what field?

(See answer below)

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Ike's high school graduation photo, image courtesy of the [Eisenhower Presidential Library](#), ID: 64-170

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Trivia Answer: Ike's classmates predicted he would become a professor of history at Yale University, while they believed his brother, Edgar, would become President of the United States.

To learn more about Ike's years in Abilene, visit the E-Memorial's [West Point Pivotal Moment](#)

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