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Week of May 6, 2019

Dispatches From  
The Eisenhower Memorial Commission

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This week, the memorial's construction team (fondly referred to as "The Ike Squad") welcomed the Eisenhower Memorial Commission's Chairman, [Senator Pat Roberts](#), to the construction site. After regaling the team with stories about Ike, whom he met as a teenager, Roberts received a full briefing on the status of the project and tour of the construction progress.

"I was privileged to receive a tour of the construction of the Memorial," Senator Pat Roberts said. "The progress is steady, on budget, and on time. A year from today, we will celebrate the dedication of the Eisenhower Memorial and the 75th Anniversary of V-E Day, one of Eisenhower's greatest accomplishments on behalf of mankind. As Commission Chairman, I look forward to dedicating this memorial to Ike."

Let the countdown to dedication begin!



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Join us in honoring and celebrating Ike's life and legacy by memorializing him in our Nation's capital.



## Salute to Ike's Supporters!



*Secretary Oveta Culp Hobby (center) with Assistant Secretary Roswell Perkins (left) and President Eisenhower (right), 1954  
Image courtesy of [Rice University](#)*

This week the Commission is pleased to announce a donation at the *General of the Army* giving level in memory of [Oveta Culp Hobby](#), on behalf of her family: Martin Kohout and Heather Catto Kohout, The Alpenglow Foundation, The Catto Shaw Foundation, and The Kristina and William Catto Foundation. This gift honors Ms. Hobby's contributions to the Eisenhower administration as the first



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## Ike's Timeless Legacy

On May 7, 1945, Nazi Germany formally surrendered to the Allied Forces in Europe. Supreme Commander Allied Expeditionary Force Eisenhower relayed to the world that the mission of the Allied Forces had been fulfilled. While the war would rage on in the Pacific, Ike had accomplished his mission. Victory in Europe (V-E) Day was celebrated the following day on May 8, 1945, with throngs of people taking to the streets of the world. This significant event that brought this horrific conflict in Europe to an end set the stage for Ike to forever change the face of the United States and the world.

On May 8 next year, the 75th anniversary of V-E Day, the National Eisenhower Memorial will be officially dedicated and the Eisenhower Memorial Commission will announce its mission fulfilled.

Thanks for leading the Allied Forces to victory, Ike!

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Allied Force leaders at the signing of Nazi Germany's unconditional surrender, Reims, France, May 7, 1945



In honor of Mother's Day, we salute Ida Stover Eisenhower - mother to six exceptionally successful children!

*"Mother was by far the greatest personal influence in our lives .... I may exhibit a son's prejudice. But my feeling reflects the affection and respect of all who knew her. Her serenity, her open smile, her gentleness with all and her tolerance of their ways, despite an inflexible loyalty to her religious convictions and her own strict pattern of personal conduct, made even a brief visit with Ida Eisenhower memorable for a*

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- Dwight D. Eisenhower,  
At Ease: Stories I Tell to Friends, 1967



*Ida Stover Eisenhower with her son Dwight, Abilene, KS, 1938  
Image courtesy of the Eisenhower Presidential Library*

## Test Your Ike'spertise

As a lead in to Infrastructure Week (May 13-20), which technology and infrastructure agency did President Eisenhower help create?

- A) Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)
- B) National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)
- C) Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA)
- D) All of the above

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**Trivia Answer:** D) All of the above

Creation of the [Interstate Highway System](#) may very well be Eisenhower's best known contribution to infrastructure. And if you read the last issue of *General'ly Speaking*, you already know that he authorized the partnership with Canada to construct the [St. Lawrence Seaway](#). But did you know that he

also authorized legislation creating the [FAA](#), [NASA](#), and [ARPA/DARPA](#)? Visit the [Interactive Timeline](#) to learn more about Ike's infrastructure milestones.

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