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GENERAL'LY SPEAKING

Week of October 17, 2016

Dispatches From
The Eisenhower Memorial Commission

Meet the Creative Team:
Sculptor Sergey Eylanbekov



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Architect Frank Gehry's design for the Eisenhower Memorial was developed in collaboration with a creative team of artists and engineers. Sculptor Sergey Eylanbekov was selected to design the sculptures that will commemorate Dwight D. Eisenhower as Supreme Allied Commander during World War II and as 34th President of the United States.

Eylanbekov, a world-renowned sculptor, was born in Russia. Growing up in the Soviet Union, he attended Moscow School of Fine Arts and was then accepted into the prestigious Surikov Academy of Fine Arts, from which he graduated with honors. During the tumultuous period of change that occurred in the 1980s during the Gorbachev era, Eylanbekov decided to start life over in the United States, becoming a U.S. citizen. Speaking no English and desperately short of money, he came to New York and then proceeded to work his way up to the top of his profession. In the past twenty years, his ascent has continued as his artwork has garnered praise all over the world.

Eylanbekov's sculptures will be placed at the core of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial in Washington, D.C. The statuary will be executed in bronze and the bas reliefs will be in stone.

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Eylanbekov in his studio at work on a 3' maquette of General Eisenhower which will be part of a larger sculptural grouping inspired by the famous photograph with the 101st Airborne Division before their jump into France, image courtesy of Sergey Eylanbekov

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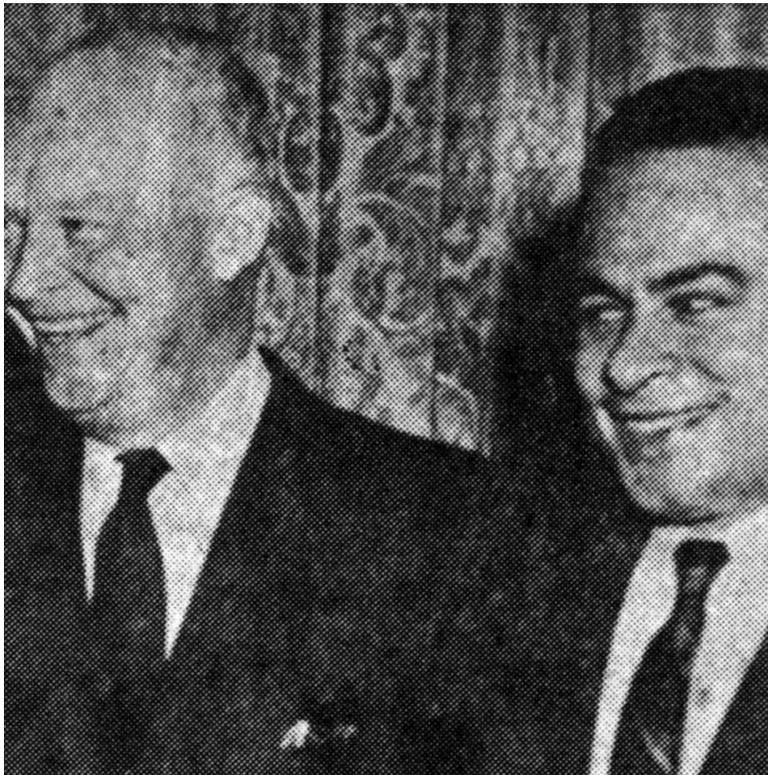
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This October we celebrated not only Eisenhower's birth on October 14, but also the 60th anniversary of the appointment, under the Eisenhower administration, of the first native-born Samoan Governor of the Territory of American Samoa, Peter Tali Coleman, on October 16, 1956.



President Eisenhower with Governor Coleman

On Tuesday, an event was held in Pago Pago to commemorate this historic appointment, which effectively marked the beginning of American Samoa's development towards self-government. Coleman later became American Samoa's first popularly elected governor in 1978 and was the only U.S. Governor whose service spanned five decades and was the first non-hereditary head of government in all the Pacific Islands. A pioneering icon, the "Man of the Pacific" was emblematic of Eisenhower's initiative to appoint native-born Governors of the United States' island territories including in Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

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EMC Advisory Committee member and former Alaska Governor and U.S. Senator, Frank Murkowski, poses with Congresswoman Aumua Amata Coleman Radewagen, the Delegate for the House of Representatives from American Samoa, and other attendees at the first Coleman-Eisenhower Day observance, October 18, 2016

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Trivia Question: What newly-constructed marvel did Mamie christen on October 11, 1975?
(See answer below)

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The Navy's third-nuclear powered and second-Nimitz class aircraft carrier, USS *Dwight D. Eisenhower* (CVN 69). IKE was commissioned just over two years later on October 18, 1977, under the command of Captain William E. Ramsey.

To explore more milestones and pivotal moments in Eisenhower's life, check out our new [Interactive Timeline](#).



USS *Dwight D. Eisenhower*, image courtesy of the [U.S. Navy](#)

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