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Week of October 8, 2018

Dispatches From
The Eisenhower Memorial Commission

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Last week we were delighted to host a group of visitors representing the SHAEF Veterans Association. SHAEF (Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force) was General Eisenhower's headquarters in Europe from the end of 1943 through V-E Day. Guests included SHAEF veterans and direct decedents of veterans accompanied by their families. EMC staff were honored to welcome them to our office in Washington, DC, and provide them with a presentation of the memorial and first-hand update of the construction progress.

While visiting the District for their annual reunion, members were treated to a variety of experiences including a pre-screening of the forthcoming Eisenhower documentary, *Ike: The Making of An American Hero, 1941-1945*. The new film, directed by E-Memorial Content Committee Member and historian [George Colburn](#) in collaboration with [Starbright Media Corp.](#), will officially premiere this coming June in honor of the 75th anniversary of D-Day.

We extend a special thanks to SHAEF Veterans Association President David Levy and Treasurer Barry Fishman for coordinating this event. And to the SHAEF veteran's for their dedicated service during World War II.



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DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER
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Congratulations Senator Dole



Last month EMC Finance Chair, Senator Bob Dole, was honored by his law school alma mater, [Washburn University](#), with the dedication of a commissioned bronze likeness. Dole has dedicated himself to a life in service to this county — first as a soldier in World War II and then as a United States Senator from Kansas. No one is more deserving of this recognition.

EMC extends our sincere congratulations and appreciation for all he has accomplished. As Finance Chair, Dole has championed the

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memorial's private fundraising campaign raising over \$12 million in donations and pledges with only \$2 million to go before dedication in May 2020. Join Senator Dole and the many patriotic Americans, multi-national corporations, foreign nations, and elementary school students in honoring this great American, Dwight D. Eisenhower. Donate now at [Pay.Gov](#) to make an online contribution.

Ike's Timeless Legacy

Happy Birthday Ike!



In honor of Ike's birthday, EMC Chairman Senator Pat Roberts submitted the following tribute, entitled "Remembering Dwight D. Eisenhower," to the Congressional Record:

"Mr. President, this Sunday, October 14, 2018, we celebrate the 128th birthday of General and President Dwight D. Eisenhower. The last President born, in the 19th century, Ike came of age in both a changing nation and an ever-shrinking world. As Kansas' favorite son, Ike left an indelible mark on the Nation and on the world, from being appointed Supreme Allied Commander during the Second World War, to being duly elected as our President. Ike's character-driven experiences guided him in all of his workings. ...

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Today I ask my fellow citizens and Senators to celebrate and memorialize this outstanding president, Kansan, and American by wishing Ike a happy 128th birthday."

[Read the full record here.](#)

"Wherever he went, Ike never forgot where he came from. So it was only natural that when he launched his campaign for the White House in the spring of 1952, he did so here, in the heart of America. Lost in the huge crowd that turned out for his homecoming was a young Second Lieutenant, scarred by war and struggling to find his place in postwar America. What I heard that day confirmed what I already suspected – that my commanding general was also my political hero."

- Senator Dole's remarks on the 100th anniversary of President Eisenhower's birth, October 14, 1990, Abilene, Kansas

Test Your Ike'spertise

Trivia Question: Memorial construction is coming along. Since groundbreaking in November 2017, we have reached the half-way point to completion. In honor of this milestone, we offer this site-specific trivia. Can you name the five neighbors directly adjacent to Eisenhower Square?

Bonus Question: Of those five, how many have a direct connection to the Eisenhower legacy?

(see answer below)

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Trivia Answer:

1. U.S. Department of Education
2. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
3. National Air and Space Museum
4. Federal Aviation Administration
5. Voice of America.

Bonus Answer:

It is befitting that **ALL** of the adjacent institutions are closely connected to Eisenhower. As President, Eisenhower signed legislation creating the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare (HEW) – the predecessor to the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Education. He was also the driving force in creating the National Aeronautics and Space Administration which correlates to the Air and Space Museum. He actively promoted airport development and regulation of air travel with the establishment of the Federal Aviation Administration, which fostered “greater safety in air travel.” And he established the U.S. Information Agency in 1953 and moved the the Voice of America to its present location in 1954.

Correction: In the previous issue of *General'ly Speaking*, we featured all five of the justices President Eisenhower nominated to the U.S. Supreme Court. There was a mix up in identification between Justice Whittaker and Justice Stewart. Below, the Justices and their names are presented correctly. In addition, the trivia question may have mislead our readers to believe that all of Eisenhower's appointees were supportive of Civil Rights. To clarify, many of them were but not all.

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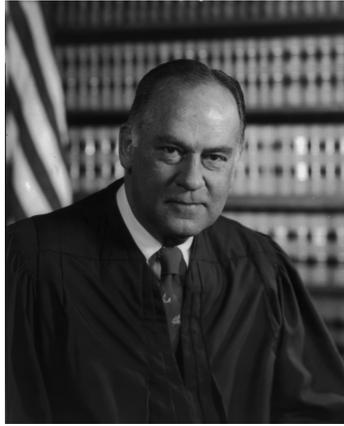
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Left: Charles Evans Whittaker (March 1957)

Right: Potter Stewart (January 1959)

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