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# GENERAL 'LY SPEAKING

Week of September 11, 2017

Dispatches From  
The Eisenhower Memorial Commission

## Daschle joins Dole to Lead Fundraising Campaign



Senator Pat Roberts (R-KS), Chairman of the [Eisenhower Memorial Commission](#), has announced that former Senator Tom Daschle has graciously agreed to join Senator Bob Dole as Fundraising Co-Chairmen of the Campaign for the Eisenhower Memorial. When making the announcement, Senator Roberts commented,

*"My good friends Bob Dole and Tom Daschle will once again join forces and work together as we approach the finish line for the private fundraising effort. Midwesterners like Ike with a strong "can-do" spirit, both were accomplished Senate Majority Leaders and they will be equally great as leaders of our fundraising efforts."*

Senator Dole welcomed his former Senate colleague,



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"Tom is already an active member of the Eisenhower Memorial's board of distinguished advisors, and I'm delighted he has agreed to serve as my Co-Chair. I look forward to working with him once again!"

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## Salute to Ike's Supporters

This week the Commission is delighted to announce receipt of a gift from the Eisenhower Legacy Council at the *General of the Army* giving level. Eisenhower contemporary, Eugene Rossides, serves as Chairman of the Council.

We extend our deepest appreciation to all of our donors for their generous contributions in support of Ike's memorial. Donations from our supporters make it possible for us to move ever closer to groundbreaking on the National Eisenhower Memorial in the heart of our nation's capital.

Donate now at [Pay.Gov](#) to make an online contribution and join the many patriotic Americans, multi-national corporations, foreign nations and elementary school students in honoring this great American, Dwight D. Eisenhower.

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## Forthcoming Documentary Sheds Light on Ike's WWII Relationships



[\[FILM TRAILER\]](#)

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

Film preview courtesy of [Starbright Media Corporation](#)

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The final interview for [\*IKE: The Making of an American Hero, 1941 – 1945\*](#), a new documentary about General Eisenhower’s leadership in World War II, was recently conducted by historian and filmmaker Dr. George Colburn. The Interview took place at the Minnesota home of Professor Emeritus [William B. Pickett](#) of Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, author of two books on President Eisenhower.

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. In addition, Pickett was the Subject Matter Expert for the [Winning The Presidency](#) Pivotal Moment.

Colburn explains, “I sought out Professor Emeritus Pickett because he recently completed a book manuscript entitled [A Rumored Affair](#) that covers the close three-year relationship between General Eisenhower and an aide, Kay Summersby, and because his solid scholarship will have uncovered all the pertinent details. In my view, there has been far too much speculation for far too long among scholars and popular authors about this relationship and I wanted to present the latest word into my program.”

Summersby was Ike’s Irish-born driver, who was provided to the American commander by the all-female British Mechanized Transport Corps beginning with his arrival in London in 1942. She later became his personal secretary and, after the war, a U.S. Army officer until her retirement in 1947. She wrote a best-selling memoir in 1948 entitled [Eisenhower was my Boss](#).

Colburn said, “There’s no question in my mind that most people believe the storyline, offered by the 1979 ABC-TV mini-series, that Ike and Kay had an ongoing wartime affair and that they were in love. Every time I make a presentation about Ike, the issue comes up during the Q&A session.” The ABC mini-series was entitled *IKE: The War Years* and starred Robert Duvall and Lee Remick. The storyline was based on Summersby’s second memoir, [Past Forgetting](#), which was “ghost-written” and then published after her death in 1975 - Ike died in 1969.

“Based on Pickett’s great research skills, his views on Ike and Kay deserve a place in my own examination of Eisenhower’s war leadership and his post-war reputation as a great military hero who deserved to be President,” Colburn states. “Many people believe the rumored affair, if true, was inappropriate and detrimental to Ike’s wartime duties, especially his interaction with our British allies. Others believe Ike was only acting ‘fatherly’ to Kay, a young woman who had lost her husband-to-be in the war during the time they were working together,” Colburn added.

*IKE: The Making of an American Hero, 1941 – 1945* is Colburn’s latest creation in his series of documentaries about the Eisenhower legacy and is planned for release on public television stations to

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coincide with the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the D-Day landings in 2019.

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## Ike's Timeless Legacy

### Celebrating 60 years of Citizen Diplomacy



On September 11, 1956, [Sister Cities International](#) and [People to People International](#) were created by President Eisenhower as part of his White House Conference on Citizen Diplomacy. Believing that "peaceful relations between nations require understanding and mutual respect between individuals," Eisenhower called for increased cultural, educational, trade and humanitarian exchanges as a means for enhanced international understanding at the height of the Cold War.

Today, People to People and Sister Cities continue to promote "citizen diplomacy" and cross-cultural friendships as avenues to achieving enduring peace in the world. As part of the Congressional memorialization of Eisenhower, the People to People International [story](#) (along with five other Eisenhower legacy organizations) will be showcased on the E-Memorial.

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***I believe that the United States must make certain that every citizen who is entitled to vote under the Constitution is given actually that right.***

- President Eisenhower, News Conference, July 31, 1957

(On September 9, President Eisenhower signed the 1957 Civil Rights Act, the first federal civil rights legislation passed since Reconstruction.)

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**Trivia Answer:** Click [here](#) to discover your city's Sister City and explore an interactive map.

Washington, DC, happens to have twelve official Sister Cities, plus Paris which is a "Partner City" due to their one Sister City policy.

-  [Accra, Ghana](#)
-  [Ankara, Turkey](#)
-  [Athens, Greece](#)
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