72nd Anniversary of D-Day

Monday, June 6 marks the 72nd anniversary of D-Day, the Allied invasion of Normandy. Under the supreme command of General Eisenhower, roughly 160,000 British, Canadian, and American troops engaged in the largest amphibious invasion in history, successfully gaining a foothold on the European continent. Less than a year later, the Allies liberated the people of Western Europe from Nazi tyranny. Visit our Facebook Page beginning June 1 for our "Countdown to D-Day," featuring original film productions from the E-Memorial Pivotal Moment, D-Day: The Decision that Changed the World.
[VIDEO]

D-Day, 1944: The Decision That Changed the World

As the Supreme Commander of Allied Forces during World War II, Dwight D. Eisenhower changed the course of history by launching the D-Day invasion.

The tide has turned! The free men of the world are marching together to Victory! *

- Dwight D. Eisenhower, D-Day Address to Troops, June 6, 1944, Portsmouth, England

* To be engraved in stone on the memorial

Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

This past May, we celebrated Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, honoring the historic contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders to the United States. At EMC, it gives us a moment to remember the decorated World War II combat veteran and Senator, Daniel Inouye of Hawaii, who was one of the original co-sponsors of P.L. 106-79, inaugurating the Eisenhower Memorial. Senator Inouye served as Vice Chair of the Commission for eleven years until his passing in December 2012.
President Eisenhower awarding the Medal of Honor to Japanese American Corporal Hiroshi Miyamura of the 7th Infantry Regiment for his actions during the Korean War, October 1953

President Clinton awarding the Medal of Honor to Second Lieutenant Daniel Inouye of the Japanese American 442nd Regimental Combat Team for his actions during World War II, June 2000

Ike In History

On June 4, 1952, Eisenhower announced his candidacy for President of the United States in his hometown of Abilene, Kansas. After securing the Republican nomination he would go on to defeat Illinois Governor Adlai Stevenson in a landslide, propelled by the popular slogan "I Like Ike." Learn more about his campaign in the E-Memorial Pivotal Moment film, Winning the Presidency: Daring All for Our Country.

[VIDEO]
Winning the Presidency, 1952: Daring All For Our Country
Eisenhower’s landslide victory in securing the presidency placed him at the forefront of one of the most challenging eras of US history, guiding the nation and the world through dangerous and unsettling times.

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Test Your Ike'spertise!

Trivia Question: At which state primary during the 1952 presidential election did 108,692 citizens cast write-in votes for Eisenhower, a yet-to-be-declared candidate who remained stationed in Europe as Supreme Commander of NATO? (see answer below)

State delegates show their support for Ike at the Republican Convention, Chicago, IL, 1952, image courtesy of Peter Stockpile Time Life Pictures/Getty Images via Encyclopedia Britannica.

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**Trivia Answer:** Minnesota. The New York Times stated that the grassroots effort in Minnesota was a “political miracle”
and “something unique in American political history.”

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