GENERAL'LY SPEAKING
Week of August 21, 2017

Dispatches From
The Eisenhower Memorial Commission

GSA Awards Memorial Construction Contract

Last week, following a federal procurement, the General Services Administration awarded Clark Construction the contract for construction of the Eisenhower memorial which is slated to begin following agency approvals later this fall. Of its many projects of note, Clark recently completed the construction of the National Museum of African American History and Culture. We look forward to working with Clark Construction on building the National Eisenhower Memorial!

Salute to Ike's Supporters
Over 75 local chapters of the National Federation of Republican Women have donated to the Eisenhower Memorial Commission from across the country. The total raised exceeds $2,000, including several donations from the NFRW headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia. The continued support of the NFRW and all its local chapters countrywide is a truly grassroots testament to the Eisenhower Memorial’s national significance. Thank you to all our NFRW members out there!

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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Happy 101st Anniversary to the U.S. National Park Service

August 25 marks the 101st anniversary of the creation of the National Park Service (NPS). To all our colleagues at NPS, we wish you a happy birthday! Once the National Eisenhower Memorial is dedicated, it will become one of the newest additions to the National Park System, joining the iconic sites of the National Mall and Memorial Parks in the nation’s capital. A fitting tribute to the General and President who deserves his place of reverence among the likes of Washington, Lincoln, Jefferson, and both Roosevelts.

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The Great American Ike-clipse

Still in awe about the Great American Solar Eclipse of 2017? You may have seen some of the incredible images taken by NASA, which will hopefully inspire students to take an interest in science. Many might not be aware that it was Eisenhower who created NASA in 1958. On September 2, 1958, Eisenhower also signed into law the National Defense Education Act, which provided increased funding in the way of scholarships, grants, and fellowships in math, science, engineering, and foreign languages to promote and improve America's educational system.

[VIDEO] Space Race, 1958: Launching America's Era of Space Exploration

Learn more about Eisenhower's instrumental role in launching America into space and his dedicated efforts to support science education through the E-Memorial's Pivotal Moment, Space Race, 1958: Launching America's Era of Space Exploration, featuring interviews with the late John Glenn and the first female Space Shuttle pilot and commander, Colonel Eileen Collins.

According to my scientific friends, one of our greatest and most glaring deficiencies is the failure of us in this country to give high priority enough to scientific education and to the place of science in our national life.
Test Your Ike'spertise

Trivia Question: What National Park was established during Eisenhower’s presidency? Hint: It is not located in a U.S. state.

(See answer below)

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**Trivia Answer:** Virgin Islands National Park.

On August 2, 1956, President Eisenhower signed into law the establishment of Virgin Islands National Park. Encompassing over half of the island of St. John, much of the region's tropical ecosystem, including reefs and shoreline, as well as prehistoric and historic sites, have been protected as a result of the national park designation.

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