Bring It On, 2019!
Memorial Construction Progresses Despite Snowstorms andShutdowns

As seen from the live construction camera, all eight concrete columns, which frame the site and hold up the forthcoming tapestry, have been poured and two are already sheathed in Ambar.
stone. The support building, which will house the National Park Service (NPS) contact station, bookstore, and public restrooms, has been framed out and almost enclosed. To the left of the site’s core, structural concrete for the Presidential memorial block (plinth, wall, and lintel) is in place. And the General memorial block, located to the right of the core, is well underway. In the foreground, mock-ups of various design elements were erected to help understand the assembly process and connection details.

Fabrication of the stainless-steel tapestry, sculpting and casting of the bronze statues, and quarrying of the Ambar stone are all progressing off site. As construction advances, look for these elements to arrive on site for installation.

EMC looks forward to completing the majority of on-site construction by the end of the year, followed by turnover to NPS, and dedication on May 8, 2020.

Ike's Timeless Legacy: Hail and Farewell

"You Like Ike, I Like Ike, Evereybody Likes Ike!"

On January 20, 1953, Dwight D. Eisenhower took the oath of office and was inaugurated as our 34th President of the United States. Citizens from across the nation - and across the aisle - called for Eisenhower to take up the mantle as president. The “Citizens for Eisenhower” organization rallied Ike supporters, which led to more than 800 “Citizens for Eisenhower” clubs forming in 38 states. Ike ran a campaign on the promise of world peace through the combined efforts of the United States and its allies, which was only a prelude to his international efforts as president. An American general with a grassroots campaign for global leadership propelled to the highest office as our 34th President. Congratulations, Ike!

[VIDEO]
Winning The Presidency, 1952: Daring All For Our Country

Experience the E-Memorial's "Winning the Presidency"
Pivotal Moment for more on "Citizens for Eisenhower," audio of Eisenhower's Inaugural Address, and footage of the Inaugural Parade

Farewell Address to the Nation

President Dwight D. Eisenhower delivered his Farewell Address from the White House, January 17, 1961, image courtesy of Bill Allen/AP

On January 17, 1961, President Eisenhower delivered his Farewell Address to the Nation, arguably one of the most well-known speeches of the twentieth century. No other modern President had entered the Oval Office with more military prestige than Eisenhower,

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yet none did more to preserve the peace. After a half century of service to the country, Eisenhower used the occasion of his departure from the public spotlight to warn Americans of the unchecked growth and influence of the "military-industrial complex" at the height of the Cold War. Excerpts from the famous speech will be inscribed on the Eisenhower Memorial, where visitors will read and reflect on Ike's timeless message.

"We pray that...all peoples will come to live together in a peace guaranteed by the binding force of mutual respect and love.”

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Test Your Ike'spertise

Trivia Question:
On January 21, 1954, Mamie Eisenhower became the first First Lady to christen a U.S. Naval submarine. Which vessel did she sponsor?

A. USS George Washington
B. USS Nautilus
C. USS Iowa
D. USS Sturgeon

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Trivia Answer: B. USS Nautilus (SSN-571)

Mamie Eisenhower christened the USS Nautilus, the world's first operational nuclear powered submarine, at the Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics Shipyard in Groton, Connecticut.

Mamie Eisenhower launches the USS Nautilus, January 21, 1954
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