GENERAL'LY SPEAKING
Week of January 23, 2017

Dispatches From
The Eisenhower Memorial Commission

CFA Approves Modifications to Memorial Design

On January 23, EMC in conjunction with Gehry Partners presented three design modifications to the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts (CFA). The CFA approved the revised design concept and will review mockups of the tapestry design at a forthcoming date. EMC looks forward to next presenting the design modifications to the National Capital Planning Commission on February 2.

Senator Pat Roberts (R-KS), Chairman of the Eisenhower Memorial Commission, commented following Monday's meeting of the CFA:

"The Eisenhower Memorial Commission appreciates the opportunity to meet with the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts (CFA) today and present the three modifications recently made to the memorial design. We look forward to working with the commissioners and staff of CFA in the coming months as we work out any details associated with these modifications. We remain committed to breaking ground on the memorial in the fall of this year."
This aerial rendering illustrates the revised tapestry which now features a peaceful scene of the Normandy coast at Ponte du Hoc
Image courtesy of Gehry Partners, LLP, 2017

EMC Welcomes Frank Luntz to Advisory Committee

EMC Chairman Senator Pat Roberts has announced that highly-respected communications professional, pollster, political commentator and analyst, Dr. Frank Luntz, has joined the commission’s committee of distinguished advisors.

Senator Roberts welcomed Dr. Luntz:
“I’m especially pleased to welcome Frank to our Advisory Committee. Known as one of the most brilliant minds in political research and communication, he enjoys an unprecedented level of respect on both sides of the aisle. With a degree in History and Politics, he also has a keen understanding of the pivotal role Ike played in 20th century history – on both the global and home front. We are delighted to have him join our Advisory Committee.”

Dr. Luntz responded:
"America needs to do a better job celebrating our heroes. As a long-
time admirer of President Eisenhower – in both his roles as the brilliant general who brought Hitler’s reign of tyranny to an end, and as the American President who guided us through the Cold War – it’s an honor to join Senators Pat Roberts and Bob Dole, and the scores of great Americans who have gathered together to honor one of our greatest Americans.”

Salute to Ike's Supporters

This week the Commission is delighted to announce receipt of a gift from Tricia and Frank Saul at the Chief-of-Staff level.

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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Ike's Timeless Legacy

Inaugural Week Wrap-Up

Last week we inaugurated Donald J. Trump as our 45th President. In celebration of the great American tradition of the peaceful transition of power, take a trip back down Pennsylvania Avenue to the first inauguration in 1953 of our 34th President, Dwight D. Eisenhower, through the Pivotal Moment film "Winning the Presidency." You can see clips from his Inaugural Address and Inaugural Parade.

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In addition, excerpts from Eisenhower's First and Second Inaugural Addresses will be inscribed on the Eisenhower Memorial for perpetuity.

*A people that values its privileges above its principles soon loses both.*

- President Eisenhower,  
  First Inaugural Address, January 20, 1953

*We look upon this shaken earth, and we declare our firm and fixed purpose - the building of peace with justice in a world where moral law prevails.*

- President Eisenhower,  
  Second Inaugural Address, January 21, 1957

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**Test Your Ike'spertise**

**Trivia Question:** In what year did Kansas achieve statehood?  
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**Trivia Answer:**

Kansas entered the Union as the 34th state on January 29, 1861. Just under a century later, Eisenhower fittingly became the 34th U.S. president to enter office.

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