EMC Vice Chairman Visits Memorial Construction Site
Rep. Mike Thompson (left) receives a tour of the construction site from EMC Deputy Executive Director Victoria Tigwell (right), March 5, 2019, Washington, DC

Following his visit to the memorial's construction site earlier this month, Representative Mike Thompson remarked:

"As the Vice Chairman of the Eisenhower Memorial Commission, I was glad to stop by and see the progress on the site this month. This project has been a long time in the making and will be a fitting way to honor President Eisenhower’s lifetime of service to our nation. I look forward to the completion of this progress and another chance to pause in honor his great legacy."

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Eisenhower historian, author, and editor, Louis Galambos, will discuss his latest book, Eisenhower: Becoming the Leader of the Free World at a forthcoming event hosted in partnership between EMC and The University Club of Washington, DC.

- When: Tuesday, April 2, 2019
- Time: 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
- Location: 1125 16th St NW, Washington, DC
- Fee: $30 (Member) or $35 (Non Member)
- Advanced registration via Eventbrite is required

Ike's Timeless Legacy
Honoring Women's History
This Women's History Month, we salute the achievements of Oveta Culp Hobby. On April 11, 1953, President Eisenhower appointed Hobby as the first secretary of the newly-created Department of Health, Education, and Welfare (HEW). This made her the second woman in U.S. history to hold a cabinet-level position. As Secretary of HEW, Hobby notably oversaw the approval and distribution of the Salk polio vaccine, an emergency plan to build new schools to meet the baby boomer demand, and expansions in federal hospital and healthcare infrastructure and social security coverage.

However, Hobby’s service to her country did not begin with Eisenhower’s administration in 1953. During World War II, Hobby was Director of the Women’s Army Corps (WAC), formerly known as the Women’s Army Auxiliary Corps. Hobby re-organized WAC and helped fight against the negative publicity that women in uniform were receiving at that time. Due to her service in the war, she also became the first woman in U.S. Army history to receive the Distinguished Service Medal.

As we approach completion of Ike’s memorial, it is worth remembering that HEW was the forerunner to today’s U.S. Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, both of which neighbor the Eisenhower Memorial and serve as fitting reminders in their own rights of Eisenhower’s legacy. We thank you, Madam Secretary, for your lasting impact on this nation. Happy Women’s History Month!
During his Presidential campaign, General Eisenhower was asked if he were elected President, would he plan on appointing women to serve in his cabinet. In his reply he stated:

"You may be assured that if it should be my destiny to serve as Chief Executive, I would utilize the contributions of outstanding women to the greatest extent as possible."

Sure enough, during his two administrations, President Eisenhower honored women with 217 high-level appointments to the diplomatic service, the federal establishment, and policy-making committees, commissions, and boards. President Eisenhower appointed more women to high-level positions than any other Chief Executive up to that point in our nation's history.

Test Your Ike'spertise

Next Thursday, March 28, marks the 50th anniversary of General and President Eisenhower's passing at Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington, DC. He was 78 years old.

Funeral service for Dwight D. Eisenhower, Washington National Cathedral, Image courtesy of the National Archives

Trivia Question:
Throughout history presidents have been laid to rest in a variety of places. Where did Eisenhower choose to be his final resting place?

A) Eisenhower Farm, Gettysburg, PA  
B) Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA  
C) Normandy American Cemetery, Colleville-sur-Mer, France  
D) Eisenhower Library, Museum and Boyhood Home, Abilene, KS

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Trivia Answer: D) Eisenhower Library, Museum and Boyhood Home

On April 2, 1969, Eisenhower was laid to rest in the Place of Meditation on the grounds of the Eisenhower Presidential Library, Museum and Boyhood Home (EPLM) in his hometown of Abilene, Kansas. He is buried beside Mamie and their first-born son, Icky.

Visit EPLM's Legacy Organization Story on the Eisenhower E-Memorial for more information about the grounds and photos of the burial ceremony.

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