Commemorating Ike: A Memorial & An Ornament

On February 14th, EMC had the pleasure of presenting at the White House Historical Association’s (WHHA) quarterly board luncheon. Executive Director Carl Reddel and Executive Architect Dan Feil gave an overview of the project, touching on how Ike's accomplishments are commemorated in Frank Gehry's design for the memorial. The presentation was especially timely, given that the Official 2019 White House Christmas Ornament - Ike & The First Presidential Helicopters - was unveiled last week in honor of President's Day. EMC extends a special thanks to WHHA for a lovely reception and we encourage you to visit WHHA's website to view the "Official 2019 White House Ornament" honoring Ike’s presidency.
On July 12, 1957, Dwight D. Eisenhower became the first president in office to employ a helicopter in his transportation service. This event marked a significant development for both the White House and the helicopter industry. Eisenhower embraced the new model for jet-setting diplomacy throughout his presidency.

Salute to Ike's Supporters

This week the Commission is delighted to announce receipt of gifts from GE Aviation at the Legacy level and American Chemistry Council at the Founders 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 completing construction of the National Eisenhower Memorial in the heart of our nation's capital.

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75th Anniversary of D-Day Symposium

The Eisenhower Institute at Gettysburg College and the Dwight D. Eisenhower Society will host a one-day symposium to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Invasion of Normandy. The event will feature remarks and lectures from distinguished experts on General Dwight D. Eisenhower and the Second World War. Speakers include Susan Eisenhower, Dr. George Colburn, Dr. Craig Symonds, and Dr. John C. McManus.

- When: Saturday, March 30, 2019
- Time: 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM
- $25.00 Registration Fee
- View Full Schedule

IKE: The Making of an American Hero

Currently in final production, IKE: The Making of an American Hero is scheduled for general release by Starbright Media Corporation on June 6, 2019, in honor of the 75th anniversary of D-Day. A pre-screening of the forthcoming documentary will take place at the Eisenhower Institute’s D-Day Symposium (above) on March 30.

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This new one-hour documentary, directed by E-Memorial Content Committee Member and historian George Colburn, examines the major decisions of the war in Europe made by Ike, often over the objections of his British allies, including Prime Minister Winston Churchill, and Ike's own generals.

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**Special St. Patrick's Day Edition**

**Mamie Eisenhower's Frosted Mint Delight**

**Ingredients**

- 2 one-pound cans crushed pineapple
- 3/4 cup pure mint flavored apple jelly
- 1 pint heavy whipping cream
- 2 teaspoons confectionery sugar
- 1 package gelatin

**Directions**

Have all ingredients chilled. Melt the jelly and mix the crushed pineapple into it. Dissolve the package of gelatin in one cup of the juice from the pineapple. Mix the gelatin mixture into the jelly mixture. Whip the cream, sweeten it with the sugar, and fold it into the mixture. Put into the freezer until firm. Do not freeze solid.

Serves 10 - 12

*Recipe courtesy of the Eisenhower Presidential Library*

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"Nearly two centuries ago a young Irish lad went to sea from the land of his birth and sailed westward... Then came a war of independence and he found his destiny in the naval forces of a new nation... Now John Barry symbolically has returned to his native land... this bronze statue, a gift of his grateful countrymen to the people of"
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- President Eisenhower, Letter to President O'Kelly of Ireland, Dedication of the Commodore Barry Statue at Wexford, September 16, 1956

Test Your Ike'spertise

Trivia Question:
In honor of St. Patrick’s Day on March 17, we look to some of Ike and Mamie’s favorite tunes. Which of these songs, Irish in origin, was one of Ike’s favorites?

A) Smoke Gets in Your Eyes
B) Goin’ Home
C) I’ll Take You Home Again, Kathleen
D) My Blue Heaven

(see answer below)

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**Trivia Answer:** C) I'll Take You Home Again, Kathleen

Although all of the above answers were favorites of Ike's, I'll Take You Home Again, Kathleen was his favorite Irish(ish) tune. The song, most known for being a popular Irish ballad, was actually written in 1875 by Thomas Paine Westendorf, an American of German descent. Maybe Ike's own German-American heritage explains why it was his favorite "Irish" tune.

Visit the Eisenhower Presidential Library archives for a full listing of Ike and Mamie favorites.
Listen to Bing Crosby's *I'll Take You Home Again, Kathleen*

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