GENERAL'LY SPEAKING
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Dispatches From
The Eisenhower Memorial Commission

EMC Welcomes Author Bret Baier
Bret Baier (left) and EMC Executive Director General Reddel (right) pose in front of the Commission’s Eisenhower portrait, Washington, D.C., 2017

It was our distinct pleasure to have Bret Baier, Chief Political Anchor for Fox News and Anchor and Executive Editor of *Special Report with Bret Baier* visit our office last week!

Check out Baier's book *Three Days in January: Dwight Eisenhower's Final Mission*, which takes an in-depth look into the last days of the Eisenhower presidency, illustrating crucial lessons in leadership from Ike we can apply today while revealing the "spirit of Ike" to a new generation. Also read a review of the book in *The Washington Times* from EMC Chairman Senator Pat Roberts.

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**Ike's Timeless Legacy**

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Honoring Women's History Month

President Eisenhower presents Harmon International Trophies to Jaqueline Cochran and Chuck Yeager, image courtesy of the U.S. Air Force

In celebration of Women's History Month, we recognize the accomplishments of Jacqueline Cochran, the famed aviatrix who received the Distinguished Service Medal and the Distinguished Flying Cross, rising to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

During World War II she was instrumental in forming and then was later selected to direct the famed Women's Air Force Service Pilots (WASP) program. A pioneer in every definition of the word, Cochran was the first woman to land and take off from an aircraft carrier, the first woman pilot to break the sound barrier, the first woman to pilot a bomber across the North Atlantic and later to fly a fixed-wing jet aircraft on a transatlantic flight, the first pilot to make a blind (instrument) landing, and the first woman to enter and win the Bendix Transcontinental Race just to name some notable "firsts." She still holds more distance and speed records than any pilot living or dead, male or female.

Later she and her husband helped organize the 1952 "Draft Eisenhower" political rally at Madison Square Garden. She then personally flew a copy of the film of the rally, on behalf of the Citizens for Eisenhower Committee, to Eisenhower in Paris. Upon seeing the footage from the rally, Eisenhower was reportedly moved to tears, proving important in his decision to run for President.

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If it should be my destiny to serve as Chief Executive, I would utilize the contributions of outstanding women to the greatest extent possible.

- Presidential Candidate Eisenhower, August 16, 1952

(Eisenhower made good on his campaign promise and appointed more women to high-level positions than any other preceding President in U.S. history)

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Did you know that the first visit of an Irish President to the U.S. was while Eisenhower was President? On Saint Patrick's Day 1959, Irish President Seán T. O'Kelly was warmly welcomed to the White House (which was designed by Irish architect James Hoban) for a state dinner. In a toast, Eisenhower quipped, "...wouldn't it sound..."
funny if I tried to say O'Eisenhower?"

The historic visit was particularly meaningful as it helped to signify an end to a perceived period of distrust between the two countries stemming from Ireland's official neutrality in World War II.

In 1962, Eisenhower in turn visited Ireland where he placed a wreath in Wexford at the statue to Commodore John Barry, "the father of the American Navy," which the U.S. had gifted to the people of Ireland in 1956.

[VIDEO] Eisenhower in Ireland (1962)
Courtesy of British Pathé

Test Your Ike'spertise

Trivia Question: March 9 marks the 60th Anniversary of the signing of the Eisenhower Doctrine into law, which declared that the U.S. was "prepared to use armed forces to assist" any Middle East nation requesting aid against armed aggression from a Communist-dominated country.

In which country did the first real test of this policy occur?

(See answer below)
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Trivia Answer: Lebanon.

President Camille Chamoun requested assistance from the U.S. in order to prevent attacks from his political rivals, some of whom had Communist leanings. Eisenhower responded by sending U.S. troops to maintain order. Eisenhower never directly invoked the Eisenhower Doctrine, but sent a message to the Soviet Union that the U.S would act to protect the sovereignty of nations in the Middle East.

To learn more about the Eisenhower Doctrine and other significant milestones during Eisenhower's administration, visit the E-Memorial Interactive Timeline.
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