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USS Eisenhower Commanding Officer, Captain Paul Spedero, and former Commanding Officers, Captain Marcus Hitchcock and Captain Stephen Koehler, have been strong supporters of the Eisenhower Memorial. A Color Guard unit from the USS Eisenhower presented the colors at the Eisenhower Memorial's groundbreaking ceremony on November 2, 2017.

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This week we celebrated Victory in Europe (V-E) Day, commemorating the 73rd anniversary of the end of World War II in the European theater following Supreme Commander Allied Expeditionary Force General Eisenhower's message to the Combined Chiefs of Staff, "The mission of this Allied Force was fulfilled at 0241, local time, May 7th, 1945." We salute all those whose served and sacrificed in the Great Crusade, at home and abroad.

The projected dedication date of the Eisenhower Memorial is scheduled for May 8, 2020, fittingly the 75th anniversary of Victory in Europe in World War II. The Eisenhower Memorial was conceived by and has continuously been led by World War II veterans, including the co-sponsors of the EMC's enabling legislation, the late Senators Daniel Inouye and Ted Stevens as well as Chairman Emeritus Rocco C. Siciliano, and Finance Chair Bob Dole. Two years from now, visitors will be able to visit the Eisenhower Memorial and learn of the incredible legacy of the 5-Star General and the 34th President, while honoring the sacrifices of the Greatest Generation and commemorating the spirit of the first V-E Day.

Memorial construction site, May 9, 2018
"As we celebrate Victory in Europe let us remind ourselves that our common problems of the immediate and distant future can be best solved in the same conceptions of cooperation and devotion to the cause of human freedom as have made this Expeditionary Force such a mighty engine of righteous destruction."

- Supreme Commander Allied Expeditionary Force,
  General Eisenhower, Victory Order of the Day, May 8, 1945

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Test Your Ike'spertise

Trivia Question: What seaway connecting the Great Lakes to Atlantic trade was officially authorized for construction by President Eisenhower?

(see answer below)

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Trivia Answer: **Saint Lawrence Seaway**.

On May 13, 1954, Eisenhower signed the Wiley-Dondero Act authorizing a partnership with Canada to construct the St. Lawrence Seaway and to establish the St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation as the U.S. authority. The seaway officially opened on June 26, 1959, with Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in attendance.

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