Honoring Ike and the Greatest Generation with Special Guests Tom Brokaw & Tom Hanks

Tuesday, September 27, distinguished leaders across business and...
government gathered alongside special guests Tom Hanks and Tom Brokaw, leading voices for the Greatest Generation and members of the Eisenhower Memorial Advisory Committee, and Susan and Anne Eisenhower (General Eisenhower's granddaughters), for an event in support of the National Eisenhower Memorial. The event was hosted by Commission Finance Campaign Chair Senator Bob Dole and Commission Chair Senator Pat Roberts.

The gathering was a reminder of the national and international importance of this project and the urgency to build the Eisenhower Memorial to honor the Greatest Generation and educate our youth about the heroism of our World War II and Korean War veterans and the prescient leadership and enduring legacy of General and President Eisenhower.

Click to learn how you can help complete the Eisenhower National Memorial by the 75th anniversary of D-Day, June 6, 2019.

Above: Tom Brokaw (left) and Tom Hanks (right)

Below from left: Senator Roberts, Senator Dole, Susan Eisenhower, Franki Roberts, Anne Eisenhower, Governor Dirk Kempthorne

To view all photos from the event, check out our Facebook album

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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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59 Years Ago Sputnik Sparked the Space Race

On October 4, 1957, the Soviet Union shocked the world by launching the first artificial satellite, Sputnik I, into space. As many panicked that Soviet scientific and technological capabilities were outpacing the United States and represented a threat to national security at the height of the Cold War, President Eisenhower remained resolute. Behind the scenes, his administration had sponsored the development of America's space program, resulting in the launch of the first American satellite, Explorer I, into orbit three months later, and the creation of NASA on July 29, 1958.

[VIDEO] Space Race, 1958
The E-Memorial Pivotal Moment film, featuring interviews with Senator John Glenn and Colonel Eileen Collins, demonstrates how some of America’s greatest accomplishments in space, science and technology were made possible by Eisenhower's active support of scientific education and technological research.

57th Anniversary of the Eisenhower Library Groundbreaking

On October 13, 1959, President Eisenhower spoke at the groundbreaking ceremonies for the Eisenhower Presidential Library in his hometown of Abilene, Kansas.

The Commission is privileged to have a partnership with the Eisenhower Library and the U.S. National Archives. We'd like to thank the knowledgable archivists and educators who have contributed passionately to the Eisenhower E-Memorial - your generous support and collections materials have made the legacy experience all the richer for memorial visitors.

As part of the national memorialization of Eisenhower, the

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Eisenhower Library story (along with five other Eisenhower legacy organizations) will be showcased on the E-Memorial.

"When this library is filled with documents, and scholars come here to probe into some of the facts of the past half century, I hope that they, as we today, are concerned primarily with the ideals, principles, and trends that provide guides to a free, rich, peaceful future in which all peoples can achieve ever-rising levels of human well-being."

- President Dwight D. Eisenhower, Ground-breaking Ceremonies Address, Abilene, Kansas, October 13, 1959

Test Your Ike'spertise - Birthday Edition!

Trivia Question: Eisenhower was born in Denison, Texas, on October 14th of what year? (See answer below)
Eisenhower birthplace in Denison, Texas, image courtesy of the Eisenhower Presidential Library

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Trivia Answer:

1890. The last president to be born in the nineteenth century, Eisenhower’s lifetime spanned an era of rapid, unprecedented change. In 1890, the U.S. Census Bureau declared the Western frontier to be closed. 79 years later, just months after Eisenhower’s passing in 1969, Apollo 11 astronauts Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin set foot on the moon, opening a new frontier—outer space.

To explore more milestones and pivotal moments in Eisenhower’s life, check out our new Interactive Timeline.

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