Eisenhower Memorial Dedication Week

Dedication Ceremony
The Commission culminated a week-long celebration with the dedication of the memorial on Thursday, September 17, 2020. The event, emceed by Bret Baier, featured a keynote address from U.S. Senator Pat Roberts of Kansas (chairman of the Eisenhower Memorial Commission,) recorded remarks from former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, former Senator and World War II veteran Bob Dole, and Memorial designer Frank Gehry. Eisenhower's grandson, David Eisenhower spoke of his grandfather's legacy, and Susan Eisenhower offered recorded remarks. A downloadable PDF of the printed dedication program is available here.

Invited guests wore masks emblazoned with "I Like Ike" as they witnessed a flyover by the 177th Fighter Wing of the New Jersey Air

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National Guard and moving performances by the "The President's Own" United States Marine Band and Voices of Service.

Senator Roberts and Mrs. Roberts take in the momentous occasion, September 17, 2020, Washington, DC

The ceremony culminated in Chairman Roberts turning the keys to the Memorial over to the National Park Service who, in partnership with The Trust for the National Mall, will operate and maintain the Memorial and provide volunteer tour guides. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer at the memorial you can apply here.

This short sizzle reel, which premiered at the dedication ceremony, offers a preview of the memorial complemented by audio of Eisenhower's most notable speeches.

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Eisenhower Memorial Audio Tour

In partnership with the creative team at Bluecadet, the Eisenhower Memorial Commission launched an immersive podcast-style audio tour designed to enrich the Memorial experience. Whether you are listening from home or on-site at the Memorial, the audio tour provides useful and informative insights into the Memorial and the remarkable man whose service it celebrates.

The tour is available via:

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On Tuesday, September 15, 2020, the Commission kicked off the celebration of Ike's legacy with a moderated webinar event titled, "America's Re-Appreciation of Dwight D. Eisenhower." Click here to view a recording of the webinar.

Participants included the following Eisenhower scholars:

**Evan Thomas** (Moderator) | Journalist and Author of *Ike's Bluff: President Eisenhower's Secret Battle to Save the World*

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