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# DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER MEMORIAL COMMISSION

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## **EISENHOWER MEMORIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE** **WELCOMES DAVID KEENE**

*Leading voice of American conservatism joins effort for Ike's Memorial*

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**WASHINGTON; JULY 23, 2015** -- The Eisenhower Memorial Commission (EMC) today announced that David Keene, opinion editor of the *Washington Times*, has joined the Commission's Advisory Committee. The committee consists of a number of distinguished Americans, all of whom are dedicated to ensuring that the National Eisenhower Memorial is constructed in Washington, DC. Committee members include Senator Bob Dole; television journalist and author Tom Brokaw; former Secretary of State George Shultz; and President of the American Conservative Union, Matt Schlapp. The committee is Co-Chaired by former Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps and past Chairman of the America Battle Monuments Commission, General P.X. Kelley, USMC (Ret.), and former head of the Republican National Committee, Frank Fahrenkopf.

Known as a leading voice of American conservatism, Mr. Keene has served as an advisor to Presidents, elected officials, and political candidates, including: Presidents Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush, and presidential candidates Mitt Romney and Bob Dole. Keene is a highly-respected author, columnist and national television commentator. In addition, Mr. Keene has served as President of the National Rifle Association and Chairman of the American Conservative Union (ACU). While at the ACU, Keene was credited with growing the organization's yearly Conservative Political Action Conference into a highly-anticipated and respected gathering of conservative voices.

Mr. Keene commented: *"I'm honored to be part of the effort to build a fitting memorial to Dwight D. Eisenhower, a great American leader – in war and in peace. This is an important moment for the Eisenhower Memorial – as it moves into a new phase of its mission and I'm looking forward to playing a role in ensuring that the completion of the memorial is accomplished in time for Ike's troops to experience it!"*

U.S. Senator Pat Roberts, Chairman of the Eisenhower Memorial Commission welcomed Mr. Keene, commenting: *"I am delighted that David is joining our effort to honor a great American hero. David's life's work has been dedicated to preserving the freedoms that Ike fought so hard for the world to enjoy. David's service on the Advisory Committee is a reflection of the broad consensus that has joined together to honor Ike with this meaningful memorial."*

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