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You Did It!

Eisenhower Presidential Museum Renovations Underway

After weeks of carefully removing artifacts from exhibit cases and completely emptying the classroom cabinets, construction has officially commenced at the Eisenhower Presidential Museum. This renovation project is a grassroots effort that is being funded through donations to the Eisenhower Foundation's *Dwight D. Eisenhower: A Legacy of Leadership* Capital Campaign.

As U.S. Senator Jerry Moran remarked in a recent letter of support, "The Foundation's vision, as laid out in its 'A Legacy of Leadership' Campaign, will ensure the Museum's vitality well into the 21st century." With a fundraising goal of \$11.75 million, the Campaign is near completion and the Eisenhower Foundation is grateful to the individuals, foundations, and corporations that have made this project a reality.

In May, the Dane G. Hansen Foundation joined the President's Club — an exclusive list of lead donors, that includes the Hall Family Foundation, the William T. Kemper Foundation, and the Sunderland Foundation — with a second major grant to the Campaign. In addition, gifts made by the DeBruce Foundation and the Walter S. and Evan C. Jones Testamentary Trust, Bank of America, N.A., Trustee, both in the First Family Club, have enabled the project to stay on the current timeline that allows the Museum to reopen in time for the 75th Anniversary of D-Day — June 6, 2019.

The new exhibit, *Leading to Victory*, will tell the D-Day story from Ike's perspective at the command level. Visitors will learn what it was like to plan D-Day — with no detail too small, no element unimportant, no idea easily dismissed, only one man would make the decision of where, when and how to launch the invasion. A key artifact highlighted in this gallery is the D-Day planning table, where the greatest military minds of the 20th century, led by General Eisenhower, gathered to plot Hitler's downfall and the liberation of Europe (top rendering).

Two additional "star" artifacts — General Eisenhower's Cadillac staff car, as well as a section from the Mulberry Harbor model that once belonged to Prime Minister Winston Churchill and was a gift to President Franklin D. Roosevelt — will also be displayed in the *Leading to Victory* gallery (bottom rendering). For the latest information about this project, visit www.EisenhowerFoundation.net.



Meredith's Memo

It's happening! Because of you, our loyal donors, the process of installing brand new exhibits in the Eisenhower Presidential Museum has commenced! I cannot thank you enough for bringing this historic project to fruition. In this issue, we highlight some donors who made significant gifts which positioned the project to align with our aggressive timeline to re-open the new exhibits in June 2019, the 75th anniversary of D-Day. While those gifts allowed the project timeline to stay on target, we still need \$500,000 to finish the *Dwight D. Eisenhower: A Legacy of Leadership* Campaign strong.

How does the exhibit renovation affect our guests' experience at the Eisenhower Presidential Library right now? Please note that although there is no public access to the Museum while the new exhibits are being installed, the curatorial staff has designed a special exhibit, located in the Library Building, that includes artifacts that have never been publicly displayed. In addition, weekly "White Glove Wednesday" programs feature rarely seen artifacts. The rest of our 22-acre campus is open to the public, so come enjoy the Library, Boyhood Home, Place of Meditation and Visitors Center during your visit.

As always, I look forward to keeping you informed of our project's progress.

Meredith Sleichter
Executive Director

Special Recognition

Abilene ACBL Hosts 5th Annual Benefit for IKEducation

On Saturday, July 28th, the Abilene ACBL (American Contract Bridge League) Club hosted the 5th Annual Dwight D. Eisenhower Bridge Benefit. This event promotes the legacy of the "Bridge Player in Chief," another one of Ike's nicknames, and started in 2014 with just over 40 players attending. This year, 120 people from cities throughout Kansas played in this charity game that raised over \$1,800 for Ike's Field Trip Fund.

During the week leading up to the event, members of the Abilene ACBL Club taught Bridge Camp for the second year in a row. Kids ages nine to 14 learned the basics of bridge and, by the final session, were able to play their own game.

The Eisenhower Foundation thanks the members of the Abilene ACBL Club for their continued support and for helping share Ike's legacy with future generations.



Bob Dalke and Jim O'Connell, both of Hutchinson, Kansas, won the 2018 Bridge Benefit and were presented the traveling trophy by members of the Abilene ACBL Club, David Mills and Georgia Reynolds.

Celebrating Our Heroes

Women from our World War II Honor Roll

Relatively few female veterans are listed on our World War II Honor Roll. We are pleased to feature two servicewomen in this newsletter and salute their service to our country. To learn more about other World War II heroes or to honor a veteran, visit our website, www.EisenhowerFoundation.net, under the Support tab. If you have information about a World War II servicewoman, we hope you consider sharing their story.



Margaret Bridgeford was born in Pennsylvania in 1919, and served from 1943-1946 at Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Forces, SHAEF. Margaret was the secretary to the Adjutant General, General Lovett, on General Eisenhower's staff.

Lt. Mary B. Drew felt honored to be "Once a Marine, always a Marine." Armed with an English and history degree from Tift College, she completed Officer Training School during World War II. At Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, she served as an Instructor for other women in the Marines, teaching them to handle office duties. Like Ike, she was considered an expert in the card game of bridge.



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Our Partners

Hansen, DeBruce, and Jones Provide Major Boost to Museum Project

Now in full swing, the Eisenhower Presidential Museum project is on track to reopen by the 75th anniversary of D-Day, June 6, 2019. Three foundations, all with Kansas roots — the Dane G. Hansen Foundation (Logan, KS), the DeBruce Foundation (Kansas City, MO), and the Walter S. and Evan C. Jones Testamentary Trust, Bank of America, N.A., Trustee (Kansas City, MO) — each provided a major boost to keep the project moving forward.

The Dane G. Hansen Foundation and the Eisenhower Foundation share a longtime partnership. Dane G. Hansen, a fellow Kansan, was a close personal friend of Dwight D. Eisenhower and was also a trusted advisor. Mr. Hansen served on the Eisenhower Foundation Board of Trustees during the formative years of the organization and was instrumental in developing the Eisenhower Presidential Campus.

The DeBruce Foundation is led by Mr. Paul DeBruce, founder and former CEO of DeBruce Grain. Born in Kansas, Mr. DeBruce bought his first grain elevator in Ike's hometown of Abilene, which was the start of a very large presence in the Kansas grain business. A true friend of the American farmer, President Eisenhower would be proud to know the DeBruce Foundation is taking a lead role in securing his legacy.

Walter S. and Evan C. Jones were successful farmers and cattlemen from Lebo, Kansas, who established their Trust to help develop a cure for polio. When a vaccine was licensed under the Eisenhower Administration, the Trust expanded their focus. Given the shared interest the Jones brothers and President Eisenhower had in ending the polio epidemic, it seems especially fitting to include them as a partner.



The Eisenhower Foundation staff grabbed hammers and hardhats to officially start the renovation project.

Did You Know?

Travel Grants Help Scholars Research Eisenhower Legacy

Did you know the Eisenhower Foundation's Abilene Travel Grant Program — funded entirely through your generous donations — is assisting scholars from around the world in 2018? The recipients are part of an annual travel grant program for individuals wishing to utilize the extensive resources amassed at the Eisenhower Presidential Library. The Library contains approximately 26 million pages of textual records, 350,000 of which are still restricted pending declassification. The archives also house about 350,000 photographs.

The 2018 travel grant applicants hailed from the United Kingdom, Spain, Kuwait, Greece, Turkey, Brazil, and Italy, as well as several locations in the United States. Applicants for the Abilene Travel Grant Program apply by mail or through the Foundation website. A selection panel reviews the applications and awards the grants on a competitive basis. If the grantee's research results in a thesis, dissertation, book, or article, a copy of the final product is submitted to the Eisenhower Foundation, then placed in the Library's holdings.



Eisenhower Foundation Travel Grants help researchers fund visits to the Eisenhower Presidential Library.

Travel grant researchers have one year to schedule a time to visit the Eisenhower Presidential Library in Abilene, Kansas. Topics are as diverse as the researchers, but there is one common thread reiterated — these worldly scholars give accolades to the facility, the archivists, and the documents. Upon their visit, they find the Eisenhower Presidential Campus tranquil and beautiful, the archivists helpful and knowledgeable, and describe the data as impressive, adding vast information to their study. From the hundreds of scholars who fill our Research Room to the numerous publications that result from this research each year, it is easy to conclude the legacy of Dwight D. Eisenhower's integrity and leadership lives on through his Presidential Library.

IKEducation

Teacher Workshop Creates New Programs for New Museum

What happens when 15 dedicated and enthusiastic teachers have access to the primary sources of the Eisenhower Presidential Library, Museum, and Boyhood Home? Creative sparks fly and innovative lesson plans are forged!



Teacher workshop participants at work in the Library Courtyard.

“This was by far the best workshop I have been a part of as a teacher. Everyone was so supportive and kind. They made it easy to be in a creative mindset. The resources were outstanding.”
 ~Trevor Bieberle, High School Teacher

A new museum is a great opportunity to implement new educational approaches to teaching the life and times of Dwight D. Eisenhower. This past July, the Eisenhower Foundation hosted a week-long IKEducation Teacher Lab where teachers from all K-12 grade levels and a variety of disciplines collaborated with museum specialists, archivists, and education professionals from around the country to develop K-12 instructional materials that will complement the renovated Presidential Museum.



Museum Curators William Snyder and Jeff Nelson, right, describe artifacts that pertain to the Mulberry Harbors. Teacher Dan Brown, left, is creating a lesson in which students will learn about the size and scale of the harbors built to deliver supplies to the Allies after D-Day.

Experienced museum education professionals from the National World War II Museum and the Grand Rapids Public Museum School presented best practices, trends, and examples from their respective facilities. The PRD Group, the exhibit design firm, unveiled content, artifacts, and media that will be in the new Eisenhower Presidential Museum.

Curriculum consultants from ESSDACK and IKEducation updated teachers on strategies and technologies to engage students with history. Museum and archival experts from the Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum staff helped provide artifacts, documents, and photos that will enrich the teachers’ lesson plans.

“I’m very excited to finalize my plans and get D.D.E. into the hands, minds, and hearts of my students! I hope to continue to develop lessons for younger students (K, 1,2) to set a strong foundation on the life of an incredible man that can continue to grow with them. I hope to be a part of educating the next generation of life-long IKE fans.”
 ~ Leslie Hoffman, Elementary Teacher

Participants will apply the ideas and tools provided to research and develop lesson plans throughout this year and then pilot their activities with students in the newly renovated museum.

Improving student learning starts with teachers, and this IKEducation Teacher Lab is just one way that the Eisenhower Foundation is establishing strong partnerships with districts, schools, and teachers.

History for the Future

Community Collaboration Brings “Little Ike” to Life



New this school year, teachers are invited to bring students to step back in time and learn about “Little Ike” — as he was known during his boyhood — through a visit to the Dwight D. Eisenhower Boyhood Home and the Dickinson County Heritage Center in Abilene, Kansas. The home is the largest primary source on the Eisenhower Presidential Campus, and the adjoining Heritage Center encompasses a selection of historical buildings and artifacts that paint a picture of rural Kansas life for boys and girls from 1890 to 1910. Students will tour Ike’s Boyhood Home and then participate in one of three themed programs that address educational standards and present life as Little Ike might have experienced it: *Play Like Ike*, *A Day for Everything*, or *Pasture to Plate*.

Check out the 2018- 2019 Educators Guide at www.EisenhowerFoundation.net

Support our Cause

Limited Time Match Doubles Your Gift!

As we move into the final push to raise the remaining funds for the *Dwight D. Eisenhower: A Legacy of Leadership* Campaign to completely renovate the Eisenhower Presidential Museum and expand IKEducation, we need your help more than ever.

We are thrilled to announce that an individual donor recently committed to match every donation we receive, dollar-for-dollar, up to \$40,000!

This donor is a native Kansan from a farming family. Growing up in a community near Abilene, he recalls many visits to the Eisenhower Presidential Museum. He feels strongly that we must educate young people about our history and the unparalleled accomplishments of Dwight D. Eisenhower, which is why he supports the work of the Eisenhower Foundation. This matching gift challenge is a wonderful way to further Ike's legacy.

Use the form below to make a donation to the *Dwight D. Eisenhower: A Legacy of Leadership* Campaign that will be matched by our Kansas donor. Your gift will help complete the historic Eisenhower Presidential Museum renovation project and bring the legacy of Ike to K-12 students through IKEducation.

Please take advantage of this matching gift opportunity to *double your donation* by **October 14, 2018**, in honor of General and President Eisenhower's birthday.



Upcoming Events

September

- 5, 12, 19, 26 White Glove Wednesdays
- 10 Ike Book TALK: *The Worst Hard Time* by Timothy Egan
- 22 Smithsonian Museum Day
- 27 Lunch & Learn: *Forced Freedom*, Elizabeth Wenger

October

- 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 White Glove Wednesdays
- 9 Evenings at Ease: Candidate Forum
- 12 VFW Vigil begins
- 13 American Legion Pilgrimage & Wreath Laying
- 13 Eisenhower Legacy Gala
- 25 Lunch & Learn: *The Chisholm Trail: Joseph McCoy's Great Gamble* with author Jim Sherow

November

- 4 Ike Book TALK (film): *Bugles in the Afternoon*
- 5 Ike Book TALK: *Bugles in the Afternoon* by Ernest Haycox
- 7, 14, 21, 28 White Glove Wednesdays
- 11 World War I and Soldier Poetry with Tim Rives and Tim Dayton
- 20 Evenings at Ease: *Big Week: The Biggest Air Battle in WWII* with author James Holland
- 22 **Thanksgiving Holiday: Closed**
- 25 Museum Store Sunday: Gift Shop Discounts!
- 28 Giving Tuesday for Ike's Field Trip Fund

December

- 2 Holiday Band Concert
- 5, 12, 19, 26 White Glove Wednesdays
- 7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- 25 **Christmas Holiday: Closed**

Please see our website calendar for more information.

Matching Gift Opportunity Donation Form

Thank you for your support and for doubling your gift! Simply send this form to: PO Box 295, Abilene, KS 67410. You can also make a contribution by calling our office at (785) 263-6771 or online at www.EisenhowerFoundation.net.

First & Last Name(s)

Email Address

Phone Number

Street Address

City

State & Zip

My gift is for: Museum Exhibit Renovation IKEducation Both

Enclosed is my check, made payable to the *Eisenhower Foundation* **OR** please charge my:
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In the Amount of: \$50 \$100 \$250 \$500 \$1,000 \$2,500 \$5,000 Other: _____

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Spotlight Event

Eisenhower Presidential Library Hosts Skype Call to International Space Station

Recognizing NASA's 60th anniversary in 2018, the Eisenhower Presidential Library hosted a Skype call in July with Astronaut Ricky Arnold aboard the International Space Station. This 20-minute video chat was the highlight of the *Science and Space Day* held in partnership with NASA and the Coronado Council of Boy Scouts of America (BSA).

Questions were submitted to NASA prior to the event, then several scouts asked Astronaut Arnold their questions during the call, which can be seen on the IkeLibrary YouTube channel. More than 200 attendees learned that Arnold arrived on the Space Station in March and will return home in October. The Space Station and its worldwide control centers operate on London time, which can make it difficult to schedule a call home to family, although they do receive regular email.

A science teacher from Maryland, Richard R. Arnold II was selected for astronaut training in 2004 when NASA was looking for applicants from the field of education with math, science or engineering backgrounds. Arnold's astronaut training took about two years, with an additional 2.5 years for the Space Station. One scout asked what Boy Scout lessons helped him as a teacher and an astronaut, to which Arnold replied, "Be prepared!" And teaching helped him with astronaut training. "Watch your teachers at work one day and see all the things they are juggling at once to provide you and all your classmates with the education that you need... That skill of being able to focus on a lot of things simultaneously translates very well between the two jobs." A crowd favorite was Astronaut Arnold's demonstration of the Iron Man move when asked about his favorite move or trick in microgravity. Raising one fist upward, the astronaut slowly floated up off-camera.

Arnold said he did learn to speak Russian, but he also learned about the culture of others on the Space Station by visiting Russia, China, and Europe. Arnold explained, "Language is a piece of it, but getting to know the people and what they value is a really important thing here, and I think it's also really important on earth."

Programs like this support President Eisenhower's legacy of youth education and citizenship training. The Eisenhower Foundation and Presidential Library are pleased to develop partnerships that show Eisenhower's relevance today while reaching a new generation.



Area Scouts, leaders and families enjoyed a long-distance video call via Skype with Astronaut Ricky Arnold on the International Space Station.

Featured Artifact



The inscription, signed by the Apollo 8 astronauts, reads, "To General Dwight D. Eisenhower - In appreciation for your leadership in promoting our quest into space exploration."

NASA Items in the Museum Collection

President Eisenhower signed the National Aeronautics and Space Act on July 29, 1958, which led to the establishment of the agency we know as NASA. Since its inception, NASA has led a series of missions taking Americans to space.

The Apollo 8 mission was the first manned ship to leave Earth's orbit and journey to the moon on December 21, 1968. The Apollo 8 crew members included Commander Frank Borman, Command Module Pilot Jim Lovell, and Lunar Module Pilot William Anders. Upon their return, the astronauts presented Dwight Eisenhower with a framed mission patch and flag they carried to the moon and back (shown at left). These are the only artifacts at the Eisenhower Presidential Museum to have orbited the moon.



Photo courtesy of NASA.

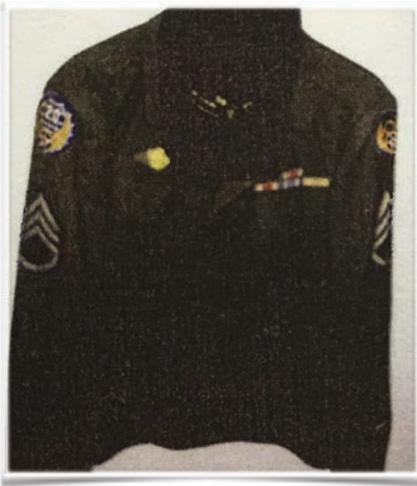
The 1968 Apollo 8 mission also produced one of the most iconic photos ever taken when Anders captured the Earthrise on color film during their fourth lunar orbit, shown at right.

In the Mailbox

World War II Veteran Shares Thoughts on Renovation

Often, a mailing from our office will prompt a donor to take a moment to write us a letter, sharing a memory of General or President Eisenhower, their own military service, or thoughts on the work of the Eisenhower Foundation. We appreciate hearing from our donors and enjoy reading these letters.

Recently, a World War II veteran sent a photo of his own Eisenhower jacket (left), and shared what the renovation of the Eisenhower Presidential Museum means to him and to all veterans of that war.

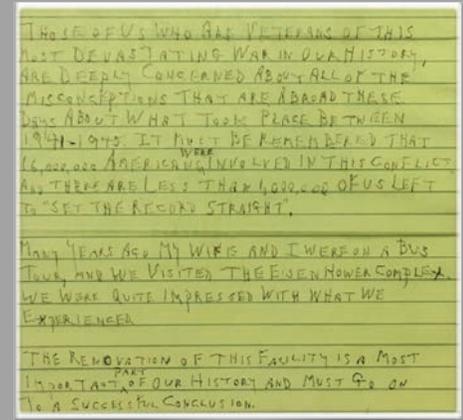


This Eisenhower Jacket was issued over 72 years ago to Staff Sergeant Gilmore Lescalleet, Jr., upon his discharge from military service on January 24, 1946, after having served for over 3 1/2 years, both in the United States and overseas in the Pacific Theater of Operations. He was stationed on the island of Okinawa when the atom bombs were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Those of us who are veterans of this most devastating war in our history, are deeply concerned about all of the misconceptions that are abroad these days about what took place between 1941-1945. It must be remembered that 16,000,000 Americans were involved in this conflict and there are less than 1,000,000 of us left to "set the record straight."

Many years ago, my wife and I were on a bus tour, and we visited the Eisenhower complex. We were quite impressed with what we experienced.

The renovation of this facility is a most important part of our history and must go on to a successful conclusion.



We couldn't agree more with this veteran, and the Eisenhower Foundation looks forward to reopening the Museum in June 2019 as we commemorate the 75th anniversary of D-Day and honor the service of all World War II veterans.

Special Delivery

iPads and iPad Charging Cart Donated by Tri-County Telephone

"Technology is a great resource to have in the classroom. Tri-County Telephone (TCT) is thrilled to aid in the education of the students that participate in IKEducation field trips to the Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum by making iPads available for their use while onsite," says Dale L. Jones, CEO of TCT.

Thanks to TCT, the Eisenhower Foundation now has a new tool to improve their IKEducation programs. TCT donated 25 mini iPads and an iPad charging cart to easily charge and transport all 25 iPads. The cart allows the iPads to be moved with ease from gallery to gallery within the Eisenhower Presidential Museum or between buildings on their 22-acre campus.

"The iPads and cart are great resources to enhance the learning experience of IKEducation programs," stated Meredith Sleichter, Executive Director of the Eisenhower Foundation. "We are grateful to TCT for their generous donation." The iPad cart is used in various programs such as Flat Ike, Attic Artifacts, and Presidential Pics. On behalf of the students who participate in IKEducation field trips, the Eisenhower Foundation is very thankful to Tri-County Telephone for their continuous support and generosity.



Students from Amanda Arnold School show their appreciation for TCT's donation of 25 iPads used on their IKEducation Field Trip at the Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum.



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