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## You Did It!

### Match Met, Museum Project Progresses

Thanks to you, our generous donors, the Eisenhower Foundation was able to meet our match goal of raising \$40,000 by Dwight D. Eisenhower's 128th birthday, October 14, 2018. Each dollar raised has been matched, dollar-for-dollar for a total of \$80,000!

This opportunity was made possible by Mac Steele, a native Kansan who grew up about 20 minutes from Ike's hometown, Abilene, KS. Like all of our supporters, Mr. Steele believes the lessons from Ike's legacy of leadership, both in terms of his military and presidential accomplishments, must be passed down to future generations of Americans.

As Dwight D. Eisenhower said 66 years ago during his first inaugural address, "For history does not long entrust the care of freedom to the weak or the timid." The Eisenhower Foundation, through the spirit of our supporters, is ensuring that the Eisenhower Era is remembered and also looked to for inspiration and guidance in today's world.

These funds are crucial as we march toward the finish line of the *Dwight D. Eisenhower: A Legacy of Leadership* campaign to renovate the Eisenhower Presidential Museum exhibits. For the first time in over 45 years, Ike's presidential museum will be completely updated with a consistent look and storyline.

Now in the third and final stage, the Implementation Phase, the Eisenhower Presidential Museum renovation project continues to move forward with an anticipated completion date in June 2019. As construction crews from JE Dunn build and paint new walls, the archival and curatorial staff of the Eisenhower Presidential Library continue to pore over the text, images, and artifacts that will be included in the new design.

*Waging Peace*, the exhibit featured in the renderings pictured, will tell the story of President Eisenhower's eight years of peace and prosperity in the White House. It will examine how, after a lifetime of being a soldier, President Eisenhower fostered a sense of peace through strategic alliances and programs that encouraged common understanding among people and nations.

For more information about this historic exhibit renovation project, visit our website at [www.EisenhowerFoundation.net](http://www.EisenhowerFoundation.net).



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## Meredith's Memo

As we begin a new year, I am so grateful that you, our loyal donors, continue to signal your trust in our work through your gifts. I am pleased to report that we are on target to publicly unveil the Eisenhower Museum's new exhibits on June 1, 2019, which will also kick off our weeklong commemoration of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day.

While the renovation project is well underway, we continue to count on your gifts to help us ensure the renovation progress stays on target and to launch commemorative programs, beginning with the opening celebration, that promote Ike's relevancy on a national and international scale.

You'll read about a few of these initiatives in this issue. In the meantime, I hope you will continue to make an annual contribution through your *Friends of the Eisenhower Foundation* membership. Also, I invite you to make plans to travel to the Eisenhower Presidential Library, Museum and Boyhood Home in Abilene, KS, this June to help us reveal the all-new exhibits that YOU made possible.

Best Regards,

Meredith Sleichter  
Executive Director

## Special Recognition

### Eisenhower Legacy Awards Honor Four Benefactors

The Eisenhower Legacy Awards honor those who champion the life, leadership and legacy of Dwight D. Eisenhower. The four lead benefactors of the *Dwight D. Eisenhower: A Legacy of Leadership* capital campaign were announced as the 2018 recipients during the Foundation's annual Eisenhower Legacy Gala.

With each organization having their own unique ties to the Eisenhower Era, the Dane G. Hansen Foundation, Hall Family Foundation, William T. Kemper Foundation, and Sunderland Foundation are leading the charge to preserve Ike's story — a crucial period in American and world history. It is because of these contributions that the Eisenhower Presidential Museum will continue to be a world-class destination for thousands of tourists, students and scholars who visit our campus every year.

Looking toward the future, we are thankful to have the support of these four generous institutions whose gifts will continue to give our visitors a better understanding of Ike and Mamie for years to come.



The Eisenhower Legacy Awards are sculpted and cast by Dr. Richard Bergen in Salina, Kansas.

## Celebrating Our Heroes

### A Rewarding Partnership

For ten years, the Eisenhower Foundation has partnered with the U.S. Navy aircraft carrier USS *DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER* to present prestigious leadership awards to two of her sailors. In October, "IKE" Captain Kyle Higgins, led a delegation from the ship to Abilene, KS. The group visited community groups and schools, toured the Eisenhower Presidential Library campus, and attended the Eisenhower Legacy Gala where the awards were presented.



Lt. Blake Harpel (center) received the General Eisenhower Leadership Award for exemplary service aboard the ship. As the stock control officer, Lt. Harpel procured all supplies and services needed during the ship's recent critical maintenance period. The ship's Supply Department was recognized as the best of all aircraft carriers in the Atlantic Fleet.

The President Eisenhower Leadership Award for outstanding community service was presented to PSC James R. Long, Jr. (left). With a heart for service, Chief Long helps the disabled and elderly relocate into new living spaces. Each year he invests hundreds of hours leading youth in Boy Scouts and in his church, teaching essential life skills and the importance of serving others.



Board members Kevin Rooney (upper left) and Kyle Campbell (lower right) joined Capt. Higgins in presenting the sailor's awards.

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## Our Partners

### Kauffman Partnership Brings Ike to Kansas City

Recently, the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, based in Kansas City, MO, awarded a grant to the Eisenhower Foundation and Library that will bring Ike’s legacy into the Kansas City area during the first half of 2019. This funding will be used to create a special temporary exhibit, *Eisenhower’s Middle Road*, that will be on display at the Central Kansas City Public Library (14 West 10th Street, Kansas City, MO) from January 23 through May 24, 2019.

Produced by the archival and curatorial staff of the Eisenhower Presidential Library, *Eisenhower’s Middle Road*, will explore the many ways President Eisenhower, whose leadership style reflected his Midwestern upbringing, led America from the middle to accomplish what those on the extremes thought impossible.

In addition, a special public program, featuring a different scholar or author, will be presented every month at Central Library from January through May, with a meet and greet reception preceding each event. For those in or traveling to the Kansas City area, we hope you will put these scheduled dates in your calendar.

Date	Reception	Program	Speaker	Program
Jan. 23	6:00 p.m.	6:30 p.m.	William I. Hitchcock	<i>The Age of Eisenhower: America and the World in the 1950s</i>
Feb. 27	6:00 p.m.	6:30 p.m.	John McManus	Echoes of Grant: The Second World War Leadership of Dwight D. Eisenhower
Mar. 27	6:00 p.m.	6:30 p.m.	Tom Tudor	Arlington and the Tomb of the Unknowns
Apr. 24	6:00 p.m.	6:30 p.m.	Louis Galambos	<i>Eisenhower: Becoming the Leader of the Free World</i>
May 22	6:00 p.m.	6:30 p.m.	Dawn Hammatt & William Snyder	The Road to Abilene: 75th Anniversary of D-Day & Opening Celebration of Eisenhower Presidential Museum exhibits

Library Director Dawn Hammatt remarked, “This is an exciting opportunity to share the important lessons from Eisenhower’s legacy with a new audience in the Kansas City metro area. We are grateful that the Kauffman Foundation has made this exhibit and programming a reality.”

## Did You Know?

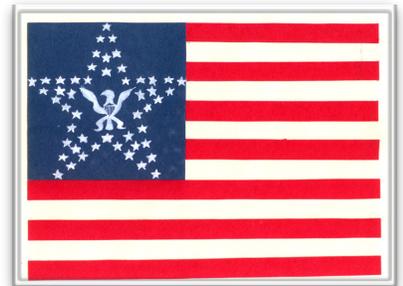
### Fifty Years Ago, New States Meant New U.S. Flags

Did you know President Eisenhower is the only president to sit under three different American flags? In 1953, when Dwight D. Eisenhower took office, the nation consisted of 48 states. From the first year of the Eisenhower administration, the public anticipated Alaska and Hawaii would become new states, requiring a new U.S. flag.

President Eisenhower declared a joint committee with six members: three representatives from the armed forces and one each from the Interior Department, State Department and Commission on Fine Arts, to select a flag design.

Designs varied widely, from simple pencil sketches to professionally constructed flags. It was a popular project for elementary school children who created their ideas with construction paper, crayons, paint and tiny stick on stars. The earliest submission of a 50-star flag design came in 1953, with the bulk of over 3,000 submissions coming in after the admission of Alaska. To the right are two designs proposed by citizens.

The committee formally submitted their designs for the 49-star flag on December 30, 1958, with seven rows of seven, which allowed room for the addition of a 50<sup>th</sup> star. On January 3, 1959, the day Alaska became the 49<sup>th</sup> state, President Eisenhower issued Executive Order 10798 establishing the 49-star design. On July 4, 1959, this flag was raised over Fort McHenry National Historic Site. Later that year, on August 21, with the addition of Hawaii as the 50<sup>th</sup> state, Executive Order 10834 established the design of the 50-star flag. The flag we salute today was first flown July 4, 1960, again over Fort McHenry. Incidentally, both flag ceremonies were presided over by Secretary of the Interior Fred A. Seaton who, like Ike, grew up in Kansas.



The flag was required to have white stars on a blue field, but there were no rules for placement of the stars.



In this design, the original 13 colonies were represented by the 13 stars in the center circle.

## IKEducation

### Little Ike is a Huge Hit

This fall’s temperamental Kansas weather gave hundreds of students (and their teachers) an extra dose of what life was like for a young Dwight D. Eisenhower — affectionately called “Little Ike” during his boyhood. From sweltering heat to snow and everything in between, students experienced attending school and doing chores without the modern conveniences of heating and cooling — just like Ike.

Visiting students stepped back in time through a unique pairing of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Boyhood Home and the Dickinson County Heritage Center in Abilene, KS. The home is the largest primary source at the Eisenhower Presidential Library, and the adjacent 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.



Above, students are saying the Pledge of Allegiance in their “School Day” experience. Did you know it was President Eisenhower who added the phrase “under God” to the Pledge in 1954?

*Little Ike* provides teachers three program theme choices: *Play Like Ike*, *A Day for Everything*, or *Pasture to Plate*. Within each program, students tour Ike’s boyhood home and participate in activities that utilize primary sources, address educational standards and present life typical to that of Little Ike.

In *Play Like Ike*, students view the domino set and checker board from Ike’s boyhood home and then try their hands at those games and others typical to the time period, like marbles and hoop-rolling. If you are wondering what “new” games the students liked best? It was Chinese Checkers and Jacob’s Ladder (no batteries required)!

*A Day for Everything* presented students with typical daily chores like mending and washing. It was an interesting surprise to IKEducators that students LOVED learning how to sew on a button.

In *Pasture to Plate*, students were able to get a taste of the time and work required to grow and prepare food in the Eisenhower household. Ike’s mother, Ida Eisenhower, made nine loaves of bread three times a week to feed her five hungry sons and husband — and that was just the bread!



The students above are making Ida Eisenhower’s biscuits from scratch. Because she had only sons, all of them had to complete domestic chores such as cooking and cleaning, as well as the typical “boy” chores. Ironically, Mamie was raised a debutante with hired help. So, when they were first married and pinching pennies, Ike’s domestic skills came in very handy!

**“DICKINSON COUNTY IS SOMETHING DEEP WITHIN ME. IF I EVER LOSE IT, I SHALL BE SOMEONE COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM WHAT I AM OR WANT TO BE.”**

~DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER



The C.W. Parker Amusement Company operated just a couple of blocks from the Eisenhower’s home as Ike grew up. How exciting that must have been for Little Ike! Parker built all types of amusement devices, but was best known for his beautiful hand-carved carousel horses. By 1905, he had four full-sized carnivals on tour throughout the country. *Play Like Ike* provides students with the thrill of a carousel ride on a 1901 Parker carousel (left).



### EDUCATORS

Book your field trip today at [www.EisenhowerFoundation.net](http://www.EisenhowerFoundation.net) or by calling 785-263-6771

## Support Our Cause

### A Five Star Commemoration

On June 6, 1944, Dwight D. Eisenhower, Supreme Allied Commander during World War II, led the Allied Forces in the D-Day invasion of Normandy, France. Code-named *Operation OVERLORD*, this was the greatest invasion in human history that, less than a year later, led to the liberation of Europe from Adolf Hitler's Nazi tyranny.

The Eisenhower Foundation, in partnership with the Eisenhower Presidential Library, Museum and Boyhood Home in Abilene, Kansas, will mark the 75th anniversary of this historic event by hosting a week of events commemorating D-Day.

Launched by the *Symphony at Sunset: D-Day Commemoration Concert* on June 1, 2019, this week will honor Dwight D. Eisenhower and the soldiers who bravely served the U.S. during World War II. It will coincide with the highly anticipated opening of the all-new exhibits in the Eisenhower Presidential Museum. Stay tuned for more information!

If you would like to help make these events fitting for a five star general, please use the form below or visit our website to make a donation.

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## Upcoming Events

### January 2019

- 6 *Wonder*, Arts Council (ACDC) Film Festival
- 9, 16, 23, 30 White Glove Wednesdays
- 13 *The Glass Castle*, ACDC Film Festival
- 15 Ike Book TALK: *Once Upon a Town* by Bob Greene
- 20 *Won't You Be My Neighbor?*, ACDC Film Festival
- 24 Lunch & Learn: *The Age of Eisenhower* with William I. Hitchcock
- 27 *The Post*, ACDC Film Festival

### February

- 3 *The Greatest Showman*, ACDC Film Festival
- 6, 13, 20, 27 White Glove Wednesdays
- 10 *Roman Israel, Esq.*, ACDC Film Festival
- 12 Evenings at Ease: *Ike's Mystery Man* by Peter Shinkle
- 28 Lunch & Learn: *Echos of Grant* with John McManus

### March

- 6, 13, 20, 27 White Glove Wednesdays
- 7, 14, 21 Royer Film Festival: films TBA
- 8 Women's Suffrage exhibit
- 10 Ike Book TALK (film): *Eye of the Needle*
- 12 Ike Book TALK: *Eye of the Needle* by Ken Follett
- 28 Lunch & Learn: *Arlington and the Tomb of the Unknown* with Tom Tudor

### April

- 3, 10, 17, 24 White Glove Wednesdays
- 9 *The Book Thief*, ACDC Holocaust film
- 14 *Big Sonia* documentary and Holocaust program
- 20 Annual Eisenhower Easter Egg Roll
- 25 Lunch & Learn: *Eisenhower: Becoming the Leader of the Free World* with Louis Galambos

*Programs listed are in Abilene, KS. Please see our website calendar for more information.*

## We Appreciate Your Support

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## Spotlight Event

### 2018 Eisenhower Legacy Gala

Every October, the Eisenhower Foundation pays special tribute to Dwight D. Eisenhower by celebrating his October 14th birthday with the annual Eisenhower Legacy Gala. We honored Ike's legacy last fall by commemorating the 60th anniversary of NASA, which President Eisenhower established in July 1958. The President wrote in the preface of a brief report explaining the future of space exploration, *Introduction to Outer Space*:

***This statement of the Science Advisory Committee makes clear the opportunities which a developing space technology can provide to extend man's knowledge of the earth, the solar system, and the universe. These opportunities reinforce my conviction that we and other nations have a great responsibility to promote the peaceful use of space and to utilize the new knowledge obtainable from space science and technology for the benefit of all mankind.***

True to his character, it was important to President Eisenhower that the space program be "for the benefit of all mankind." The United States would take a peaceful approach to advance science and technology, one that encouraged international cooperation.

Our special guest was NASA astronaut and Kansas native, Dr. Steven Hawley. With degrees in physics and astronomy and a PhD in astronomy and astrophysics, Hawley became an astronaut in 1978 as part of the first class of astronauts chosen specifically to fly the Space Shuttle. He participated in five space flights and almost 800 hours in space. After a 30-year career, Hawley retired from NASA and returned to Kansas as a professor of physics and astronomy at the University of Kansas where he now holds the title of professor emeritus.

We also paid homage to the first Kansan in space, a rhesus monkey acquired by NASA from the Ralph Mitchell Zoo in Independence, Kansas. Now on display in her specially designed cradle at the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum (left), Able inspired a character in *Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian*.



NASA astronaut Dr. Steven Hawley, a native Kansan, shared some of his experiences in the space program. Photo credit: Emily Barnes Photography

## Featured Artifact

### Newspaper and Pennant from World War I



John Cope (left), born in 1893, led an interesting life by any standards. Before settling down in Ida Grove, IA, Cope had volunteered to serve along the Mexican border in 1916 with the Iowa National Guard. When Pancho Villa's forces were scattered, Cope returned home only to volunteer again a few months later for service in the U.S. Army. Entry into World War I took Cope to Bordeaux, France, where he served with the 109<sup>th</sup> Ammunition Train attached to the 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division.

The day after Armistice Day (November 11, 1918), Cope bought a copy of the local newspaper *La Petite Gironde* which printed an American version for U.S. troops. He carried this paper home with him and held onto it for 50 years before building a frame for it from an abandoned house in Ida Grove. Cope proudly let friends know about his piece of history and soon his story ended up in Iowa newspapers. He took these articles and glued them to the back of the frame.

In 1970 he donated the framed *La Petite Gironde* to the Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum, along with a souvenir he picked up while serving along the Mexican border, a wool pennant commemorating his service in that short conflict. John Cope died in 1976 after spending the majority of his life working at a lumber yard in Ida Grove. His grand- and great-grandchildren are active in preserving his memory and continue to contact the Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum to discuss Cope's life and the pieces of history he donated.



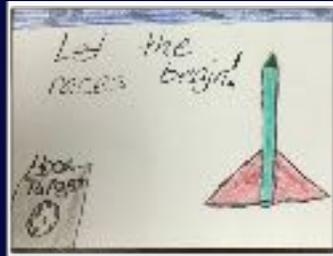
*La Petite Gironde* (top) and wool pennant (bottom)

## Ike's Mail Call

### Students Thankful for Space Race and Rockets

During this first year of IKEducation's *Space Race* program, we have received several thank you notes from students who enjoyed building straw rockets with the goal of launching them far enough to reach the "moon." One 6th grade student said, "...figuring out how to make a rocket made out of a straw to go 35 ft. was amazing!" Check out more student notes and their creative drawings below.

*Dear Eisenhower Center,  
Thank you for letting me come. I really enjoyed making straw rockets. My team almost made it to the Moon!*



*Thank you so much for having the 6th grade over! I learn more and more about Ike every time I go. We all loved doing the activities, but the straw rockets was my favorite. If we got to go one more time this year, I don't think anyone would be complaining.*



*Thank you. It was really fun, but my absolute favorite part was learning about the Space Race and rockets.*



*Thank you for having us at the Eisenhower Center. I enjoyed the straw rockets because it was a challenge to get the right air pressure and the right rocket design.*



## Special Delivery

### Red Cross Map of Paris, 1945

Our museum collection is still growing, thanks to donations from people around the country. We recently received a set of Red Cross artifacts from the daughter of Frances E. Green. Francis Green (left) was a staff assistant at Red Cross Clubs in Paris in 1945. Tucked in a small envelope with this collection was an American Red Cross Map of Paris (right). The map lists tourist sites around the city and has the locations of 19 Red Cross Clubs and facilities. Interestingly, two were reserved for female members of the armed forces.

There were also two that were limited to African American troops. Segregation in the military was the standard until 1948.

One of the most unusual features of the map is only seen when it is completely unfolded. The reverse is part of a German army military map of Spain (top right) that was printed early in World War II. The European economy was shattered by the war and there were shortages of nearly everything, including paper stock for printing. The Red Cross was allocated a supply of German maps seized from a Paris storehouse and used them to print their own tourist maps for distribution to soldiers and refugees. Truly an unusual case of beating swords into plowshares.





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