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## You Did It!

### \$75,000 Raised in Honor of 75th Anniversary

This year marks 75 years since World War II came to an end in 1945. Americans were eager to reunite and begin building toward a new future. At that time, a group of Kansans had an actual building in mind for the future; one that would serve as a memorial to General Eisenhower and all World War II veterans.

When Ike returned home in June 1945 the Eisenhower Foundation was established. We are honored and humbled by your loyal, grassroots support for 75 years. This has allowed us to maintain and expand our mission to ensure the stories and values from the Greatest Generation are passed on to future generations.



*In honor of our 75th anniversary and because of your support, we launched a brand new website. Explore the new site at [www.EisenhowerFoundation.net](http://www.EisenhowerFoundation.net).*

Even during the COVID-19 pandemic, our mission continues, and we issued a challenge. If our donors could raise \$37,500 by the end of June, we would create an internal challenge to match it dollar-for-dollar – totaling \$75,000 – in honor of the Eisenhower Foundation's 75th anniversary. Thanks to your overwhelming response, donations from 32 states totaled \$62,000 and our Board of Directors, Trustees, and Staff matched this with \$40,000, for a total of \$102,000!

These gifts are being used to make changes to our website which will position us to serve donors and educate future generations well into the next 75 years. The new website will be a digital bridge between Eisenhower's legacy and the 21st century.

While you will notice the color scheme remains the same, the biggest visual difference is in the IKEducation area of our website. This section provides the initial infrastructure for the Virtual IKEducation Classroom. Designed as a web-based K-12 learning community that challenges and engages students and helps teachers design their own curriculum using our extensive resources, it will continue to be "built out" as our IKEducation team works to meet the needs of teachers and students.

Just like any building project, there will be some things that need to be "tweaked" along the way. And since we don't know what those tweaks are yet, you can expect us to seek your input as we continue to grow and improve this site. Thank you for your patience and valuable input as we work to make the website a place for "all things Ike."



*The IKEducation Virtual Classroom will be greatly expanded with primary resources for teachers and students over the next several months.*

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## Meredith's Memo

In the midst of these uncertain times, I was humbled by the response to our campaign to raise \$75,000 in honor of our 75th anniversary. I know there are many worthy organizations, particularly now, who are vying for donations, so I truly appreciate you sharing your philanthropic gifts with the Eisenhower Foundation. Your generosity is paving the path toward helping us preserve and promote Ike's legacy into the next 75 years.

As I write this, the Eisenhower Presidential Library & Museum is still closed to the public due to the pandemic. While this length of time isn't what any of us expected or wanted, please know my staff and I have truly appreciated your patience, understanding and support during this time. Your continued donations and words of encouragement via email, notes and phone calls have kept us focused on our mission. As we move into the fall and the start of another academic year, your candid feedback has been valuable as we explore and experiment with ways to virtually interact with donors, teachers and students while providing an engaging and enjoyable experience. Thank you for your continued trust in our work.

Sincerely,



Meredith Sleichter  
Executive Director

## Special Recognition

### Eisenhower Memorial Dedication

On September 17th, the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial will be dedicated in Washington, D.C. Established in 1999, the Eisenhower Memorial Commission was charged with the mission to complete a National Memorial to honor Dwight D. Eisenhower and inspire future generations with his devotion to public service, leadership, integrity, and life-long work ethic.

The memorial features a stainless steel tapestry depicting the Normandy beaches. Two heroic-sized bronze sculptures flank the tapestry, depicting Eisenhower as both

34th President of the United States and Supreme Allied Commander of Europe. A life-size sculpture of Ike as a young man from Abilene sits on a pedestal at the plaza entrance. Susan Eisenhower, granddaughter of Ike and Mamie, said, "We are so pleased to have our grandfather honored in such a meaningful way. It is a powerful memorial which encourages guests to reflect upon not just what a great American did, but why and what we can learn from him today."



*Image courtesy of the Eisenhower Memorial Commission; Memorial design by Gehry Partners, LLP; Sculpture by Sergey Eylanbekov; Tapestry by Tomas Osinski.*

## Ike's Soldiers

### Jack Leon Miller

September 2, 1945 — V-J Day (Victory in Japan) — Tokyo Bay was peppered with over 250 Allied ships to witness the surrender of Japan. The vessels were gathered, cautiously prepared in case Japan had one last surprise attack planned. One young sailor present was from Kansas.

Jack Miller was born in Golf, Kansas, growing up fast after losing his father at age seven. He went to work at 11 to help support the family. Jack enlisted in the Navy at 17, knowing the regular salary would help his family. After basic training in Farragut, Idaho, Jack was stationed in San Pedro, California, where he learned to read radar, monitoring ships off the West Coast.

The USS *Botetourt* (APA-136) was Jack's assigned ship, an attack transport appointed to pick up and deliver supplies and troops in the Pacific. At each island stop, a border patrol was needed. Jack signed up every time, wanting the \$25 pay to send home, instead of joining his shipmates for time off.

Many troops throughout the Pacific travelled aboard the *Botetourt* as part of their journey home. Every space on the ship was used to accommodate servicemen. The sailors even removed their bunks to make room for a few more men.

Although he received three medals during his service, Jack said watching General McArthur and the Japanese leaders sign the Instrument of Surrender on the deck of the USS *Missouri* was his most treasured moment. He felt lucky to have binoculars on that historic day to see firsthand the war was truly over.



*Jack Leon Miller, March 19, 1926, to July 13, 2019.*

## Presidential Library News

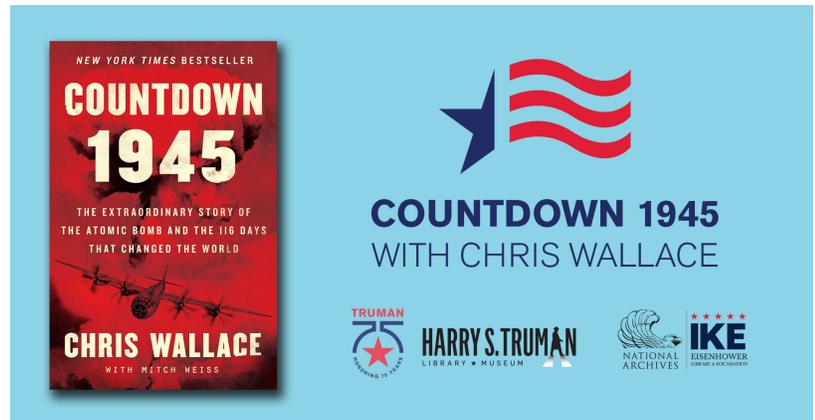
### Outreach in a Virtual World, a Note from Library Director Dawn Hammatt

The pandemic's upheaval affected all of us, and the Eisenhower Presidential Library was no different. The National Archives and Records Administration (our parent agency) closed all sites to the public on March 14 and we began telework. We quickly realized this was an opportunity to reach new audiences in a new environment.

To continue our life-long learning programs, we moved our public programs to an online platform. We have hosted approximately a dozen online public programs with nearly 2,000 participants! We are now capable of not only reaching people from other states — but around the globe!

Online guests attended from more than 20 states and from as far away as Puerto Rico, Canada, Hungary, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. While we miss seeing our guests in person, having this educational outlet has been a meaningful way to share our mission.

Additionally, we developed and enhanced partnerships with similar organizations. The *Countdown 1945* program featuring Chris Wallace, held in conjunction with the Eisenhower Foundation and Truman Presidential Library and Institute, attracted over 700 participants. This program also reached viewers from several countries.



We partnered with the National World War II Museum in New Orleans to commemorate the anniversary of D-Day for three online programs. We reached nearly 500 people through these programs and were able to highlight some of our most precious artifacts in two programs: our Mulberry Harbor model and the “in case of failure” letter.

Our social media platforms were used to further our reach, as well. Between May 15 and June 27, Museum Registrar Troy Elkins created 126 #DDAY76 posts on our social media channels discussing the planning and execution of D-Day in a “real time” setting. This campaign was remarkably successful. Over the 44-day period, the posts reached 1.2 million people on Twitter, over 400,000 people on Facebook, and engaged more than 26,000 people on Facebook.

We must also mark the anniversary of the passing and ratification of the 19th Amendment, which allowed for woman suffrage. The Eisenhower Presidential Library launched an online exhibit “Women Unite for Ike!” which explores women’s vital role in Eisenhower’s election and his support of women throughout his administration. You can view this exhibit from our website ([www.eisenhowerlibrary.gov/exhibits/online-exhibits](http://www.eisenhowerlibrary.gov/exhibits/online-exhibits)).

We have all learned so very much during this time. The dedication shown by both the Library’s and the Foundation’s staff is overwhelming. Each and every one has my sincere gratitude. I am grateful that despite the upheaval of the pandemic we continue to grow in our ability to bring — and indeed, expand — world-class programming to our visitors. With the support of the Friends of the Eisenhower Foundation and dedicated sponsors, we have been able to continue our mission — even during these trying times. I whole-heartedly believe Ike would be proud of the way we continue to honor his legacy.



*The Mulberry Harbor model in the Eisenhower Presidential Museum is shown lighted below the D-Day: Leading to Victory media presentation. Eisenhower Presidential Library photo.*

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## IKEducation

### Victory Gardens: #sproutstudies

This spring, education was thrown into a tailspin. Kids went home for Spring Break and didn't return to their traditional classrooms. Teachers did what they do best, adjust and modify their lessons. IKEducation had to do the same. We adjusted and modified how we could help teachers and students at such an unusual time in our history.

Pinnacle Bank in Abilene, Kansas, recently made a donation to help support local students engage and explore the history of Eisenhower and his times. With a portion of this funding, IKEducation provided resources for local students to plant their own Victory Gardens and developed grade appropriate lessons for them to learn and engage with the process of gardening.

Ten lessons were provided and broken down for Grades K-2, 3-5, middle and high school students. Two lessons were sent out each week to help build student knowledge and curiosity. Topics ranged from the history of Victory Gardens to why we use manure in our gardens.

Students from Pre-K to High School participated. Their Victory Gardens were a much-needed learning tool to allow them to be outside and away from screen time. Kids learn best by doing! Throughout the spring and summer, students posted pictures of their Victory Gardens on social media using #sproutstudies.



More than 50 Victory Garden Family Kits were distributed in Dickinson County in April.



Kids experiencing hands-on learning while planting seeds in the mounded rows they created.



Over 250 local students participated in our Victory Garden Program in 2020.



Watch our Virtual Lesson on Victory Gardens.

*My kids are LOVING these lessons! They are wonderfully put together!*  
- Amber Kuntz, Mom

## Thinking Thursdays

### Back to School: Virtual [is] Reality

The world of education is changing and finding its way in this unprecedented pandemic, so IKEducation is also adapting to serve the new needs of teachers and students. Because schools cannot currently send students on physical field trips, we are offering three options: 1) to send our IKEducators to them via Ike Express, 2) to conduct programs virtually with classes at times that work best for them, and 3) to invite them to log in to "Thinking Thursdays" starting on September 17th, with our signature Constitution Day programs.

Teachers and parents can check out the program options, book custom programs, or register to attend a Thinking Thursday at <https://tinyurl.com/yymk759g>. Thinking Thursday programs will also be recorded and added to our YouTube channel in case teachers are not able to fit the live event into their busy schedules. The platforms used will be Zoom and Facebook Live. We hope to see you online!



Check out program options and register to attend a Thinking Thursday.

Thinking Thursdays  
with  
IKEDUCATION

Live, online education programs  
for K-12 students every Thursday at 1:00 pm CT.

## Support Our Cause

### Ike Express

During the 2020-21 academic year, Ike Express will bring the legacy of Dwight D. Eisenhower on the road to schools across Kansas, as social distancing guidelines allow. Since schools will be unable to take field trips due to COVID-19, this outreach program will take select IKEducation programs, including artifacts and documents from our extensive teaching collection, into a teacher's very own classroom.



Facilitated by our professional IKEducators, these programs will be offered free of charge to participating schools. Programs, which range from *I is for Ike* story time for Kindergarten through 2nd grade to *Primarily Omaha Beach* for 9th through 12th grades, provide primary source examination and meet educational standards.

IKEducation understands this school year will be unlike any other and is committed to being a resource for the teachers and schools who have come to depend on these programs to meet their educational needs. Thanks to the Eisenhower Foundation's generous Friends, the important work of sharing Ike's legacy with future generations will continue.

To make a contribution to help Ike Express visit schools this year, simply check "IKEducation" on the donation form below. We appreciate your support during these uncertain times.



## Upcoming Events

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all public events at the Eisenhower Presidential Library in Abilene, Kansas, will be virtual until further notice. Check our websites for future programs.

### IKEducation:

[www.EisenhowerFoundation.net](http://www.EisenhowerFoundation.net)

Our IKEducators will present online programs on Thursdays at 1:00 pm Central. Find fall program information and the registration link at <https://tinyurl.com/yymk759g>

### September 2020

- 17 *Constitution Day*, Grades 4-5 (Special times)
- 24 *Little Ike Artifacts*, Grades K-5

### October 2020

- 1 *I Like Ike: An Election Icon*, Grades 5-8
- 8 *Red Scare: Spies Among Us?*, Grades 7-12
- 15 *Use it Up! Sacrifices on the WWII Home Front*, Grades 6-8
- 22 *Story Time: Sophia Valdez, Future Prez*, Grades K-2
- 29 *Attic Artifacts: WWII Kids*, Grades 4-8

### Eisenhower Presidential Library:

[www.EisenhowerLibrary.gov](http://www.EisenhowerLibrary.gov)

### September 2020

- 8 Ike Book TALK: *Warriors Don't Cry*
- 15 *19 & '52: Ike, Women, and Equality*, a virtual panel discussion
- 24 Lunch & Learn: author James Worthen, *George Humphrey, Charles Wilson and Eisenhower's War on Spending*

## We Appreciate Your Support

Thank you for your support! To make a donation, 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](http://www.EisenhowerFoundation.net).

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*Educational Resources developed include an Interactive Timeline, Pivotal Moments, and Lesson Plans.*

## Our Partners

### Eisenhower Memorial Online Resources

The Eisenhower Foundation has partnered with the Eisenhower Memorial Commission (EMC) to transition the rich online resources that were created during the development of the physical Eisenhower Memorial in Washington, D.C.

While the National Park Service will assume management of the Eisenhower Memorial when it opens to the public in mid-September, the Eisenhower Foundation will acquire the digital resources, or E-Memorial, developed by the EMC and feature them on our website. The E-Memorial includes an interactive timeline, pivotal moments, lesson plans, and an audio tour of the Washington, D.C.-based memorial.

Senator Pat Roberts, Kansas, and Chairman of the Eisenhower Memorial Commission said, "I am delighted that the Eisenhower Foundation, in conjunction with the National Park Service and U.S. National Archives, is committed to making the Eisenhower Memorial's digital resources available to the public. It is truly fitting that the Foundation – an inveterate Kansas organization deeply committed to sharing Eisenhower's legacy – will be stewarding these assets long beyond the dedication of the Memorial. The Eisenhower Memorial Commission is grateful to the Foundation for ensuring that students, educators, and visitors will be able to learn more about Eisenhower and why this influential Kansan and American leader deserves this Memorial."

According to the National Park Service, the largest demographic group of visitors to Presidential memorials are K-12 students, therefore the Eisenhower Memorial Commission targeted educational messaging appropriate for these age groups through the E-Memorial. Likewise, IKEducation serves K-12 students, so assuming the E-Memorial's educational resources and mission is a perfect fit. As the Eisenhower Foundation moves into Phase Two of its new website development, these resources will become available to visitors via the IKEducation pages. Check them out!

## Ike's Mail Call

### 75 Years Since World War II: Donors Remember

It has been 75 years since the end of World War II, beginning with V-E Day, Victory in Europe, when Germany surrendered on May 8, 1945. A few months later, Japan signed the formal Instrument of Surrender on the deck of the USS *Missouri* on September 2, 1945, observed in the U.S. as V-J Day, Victory in Japan. We share here just a few comments from our donors who remember sacrifices made on the home front to contribute to the success of the war effort in Europe and the Pacific.

*I was only nine years old when the war ended. During the war years, we were allowed one day off from school each week to gather every piece of scrap metal and anything else that could be used for support of the war effort. A truck would arrive once or twice a month to pick it all up for use wherever needed. - West Virginia*

*I was a teenager during World War II. I remember rationing, blackout curtains, school teacher shortages — our local mortician had to step in and teach in our high school. - Ohio*

*I was 12 years old when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor and WWII began the next day. Every night, we sat by the radio and listened to the latest news reports. Movie theaters showed pictures of the planes, ships, tanks, soldiers, sailors, etc., in battles. General Eisenhower was a great man and a hero of mine. - Iowa*

*As a little girl, I recall using the ration stamp book. My shoe stamps were used to buy shoes for an uncle who was in the Pacific. Their shoes would "rot." - Nebraska*

*We collected everything! String, tin foil, scrap iron, cooking grease, paper. We planted Victory Gardens and had "meatless meals." - Texas*

*We grew up with dads, moms, uncles, aunts, neighbors and friends who were either off to strange lands or working in defense factories to help our country win the war. Some of them did not come home. We must never ever forget the sacrifices these brave men and women made so that all of us can live in the greatest land in the world. - Kansas*

## Did You Know?

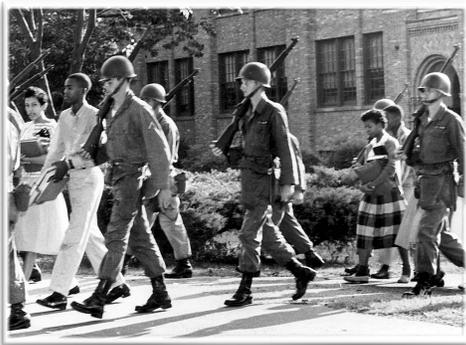
### Ike Championed the Modern Civil Rights Era

In May, our nation marked the 66th anniversary of the historic 1954 *Brown v. Board of Education* U.S. Supreme Court decision that declared segregated schools unconstitutional. This did not end segregation immediately. Three years later, in September 1957, as a result of that ruling, nine African-American students, since known as the Little Rock Nine, enrolled at Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas. The ensuing struggle between segregationists and integrationists, the State of Arkansas and the federal government, President Dwight D. Eisenhower and Arkansas Governor Orval Faubus, has become known in modern American history as the “Little Rock Crisis.”

The crisis gained world-wide attention. Governor Faubus ordered Arkansas National Guard troops to defy federal law and stop the African-American students from attending Central High School, the first major resistance test to integration. When mob riots ensued, President Eisenhower ordered the 101st Airborne Division into Little Rock to ensure the safety of the Little Rock Nine and that the rulings of the Supreme Court were upheld. President Eisenhower faced a difficult choice. Sending U.S. troops to enforce a Supreme Court ruling was an extreme step, but the alternative was to allow the state of Arkansas to ignore the law.

The President addressed the nation on September 24, 1957, vowing to uphold Federal Law as was his duty, saying, “Mob rule cannot be allowed to override the decisions of our courts.”

While the Little Rock Nine continued to face some harassment, the Airborne troops were removed after two months. The federalized Arkansas National Guard, under Eisenhower’s orders, would continue to guard the school and escort the Little Rock Nine for the remainder of the school year.



*The Little Rock Nine were escorted to and from school, first by the 101st Airborne and later by federalized Arkansas National Guard troops. Britannica photo.*

Perhaps some of you readers were at the Eisenhower Presidential Library in June 1990, during the Eisenhower Centennial, when a panel discussion brought together again many of the participants of the Little Rock crisis: four of the Little Rock Nine students, Ike’s Attorney General Herbert Brownell, Jr.; and the antagonist in 1957, Gov. Orval Faubus. While Faubus touted how far society had come in 30 years, the students recalled tomatoes launched at them from the angry mob outside Central High School; the welcome sight of the 101st Airborne troops who would protect them while they exercised their right to attend that school; being escorted by soldiers armed with bayonets; and a graduation ceremony attended by the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr.

President Eisenhower led his administration to play an instrumental role in the modern civil rights movement. Within his first two years, Ike successfully desegregated the District of Columbia and ended segregation in military combat units. In 1955, Frederick Morrow became the first African-American to hold an executive position at the White House. The Civil Rights Act of 1957 was the first piece of civil rights legislation passed by Congress since the Reconstruction period following the Civil War. The act would lay the ground work for future Civil Rights Acts. Its own legacy lives on through the Civil Rights Commission and the Civil Rights Division of the Justice Department, both of which still exist today.

The Eisenhower Foundation has been working toward preserving and promoting dialogue on this important topic for many years. Thanks to your support, the IKEducation program *Desegregating Little Rock* teaches today’s students about this turbulent time in America’s history. Anyone may access the lesson on our website, [www.EisenhowerFoundation.net](http://www.EisenhowerFoundation.net). Select IKEducation / Teachers on the top menu. Click on the row of books beneath Lesson Plans. Scroll down to High School and select *Desegregating Little Rock*.



*An angry mob at Central High School greets Elizabeth Eckford, age 15. September 4, 1957. UPI photo.*



*President Eisenhower signs the Civil Rights Act of 1957 on September 9. Eisenhower Presidential Library photo.*



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