

# IKE INSIGHT

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## You Did It!

### Ike's Soldiers: D-Day Matching Gift Secured

This past June, in honor of the 77th anniversary of D-Day, board member John Elmore and his wife, Rosy, issued a challenge to the Eisenhower Foundation. If we raised \$10,000 by the end of the month, they would match it dollar-for-dollar. Once again, thanks to the generosity of you, our Eisenhower Foundation donors, we met this challenge.

Gifts were received from donors all over the country and we raised over \$20,000 for this matching gift opportunity – totaling \$30,000! These funds are being used for the Foundation's Ike's Soldiers initiative as we continue to expand this virtual honor roll of World War II heroes.

We invite all World War II veterans to share their experiences at

**IkesSoldiers.com**, and join nearly 1,000 other soldiers, sailors, and airmen who are honored on this site. Additionally, we are working with like-minded organizations that have interviewed World War II veterans to put these videos online. This is a growing tribute to those who secured our freedoms we now cherish.

Through an extensive social media marketing and promotion plan, we hope to double our current number of soldier profiles by connecting with the younger loved ones of World War II veterans.

If you know of a World War II veteran who you think should be included in this tribute, we invite you to take a moment and submit their information through our online form.

We are grateful for your commitment to the Eisenhower Foundation and to the legacy of Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Together, we are passing on the history and knowledge from The Greatest Generation.



*General Dwight D. Eisenhower speaks to members of the 101st Airborne Division on June 5, 1944 at 8:30 p.m. — just hours before the D-Day invasion.*



*The Ike's Soldiers landing page can be found at: [IkesSoldiers.com](http://IkesSoldiers.com)*

## Meredith's Memo

Dear Friends,

It is with great pride that we recently released the Eisenhower Foundation's 2020 Annual Report. While last year was anything but normal, our organization made significant progress – thanks to supporters like you. The Annual Report is a celebration of the commitment we all have to ensuring the legacy of Dwight D. Eisenhower is passed down to future generations. It can be found on our website.

As the Eisenhower Foundation wraps up its 75-year anniversary, the Board of Directors has established a strategic plan to lead our organization into the next 75 years. Throughout the next year, you can expect us to share the details with you. Augmenting our Board of Directors was identified as a top priority in helping the Eisenhower Foundation initiate and implement the strategic plan. Building a board that is composed of individuals with a variety of skills, perspectives, backgrounds, and resources promotes creativity and innovation and yields different voices that will play important roles in accomplishing our mission. Accordingly, the Eisenhower Foundation recently elected three new board members who met these criteria, and they are featured in this edition. I am pleased to work with them as we continue to accomplish great things.

Sincerely,

Meredith Sleichter  
Executive Director

## Special Recognition

### Foundation Recognizes Distinguished Sailors

Every year at the Legacy Gala, the Eisenhower Foundation presents prestigious leadership awards to two sailors who serve on the *USS Dwight D. Eisenhower*. While we are disheartened that we are not able to hold the Gala in person this year, we are pleased to still be able to recognize these soldiers.



#### 2021 President Eisenhower Leadership Award

*Presented to a sailor who demonstrates leadership aboard the ship and in the civilian community.*

**Chief Petty Officer David Cunningham** led his team of Culinary Specialists and Food Service Attendants through each stage of the Optimized Fleet Response Plan, from the maintenance phase, through basic and advanced phases, and conquering a record-breaking 206 consecutive days at sea deployment. Through tremendous foresight and planning, he spearheaded the Supply department's \$45,000,000 budget for the preservation of over 650 Supply spaces and the planned repair and replacement of over 168 pieces of major equipment during the Shipyard period.

Outside the command, he selflessly acts as a community pillar as a member of the Board of Directors for the Menchville House non-profit organization located in Newport News, Virginia. His efforts have assisted more than 20 homeless families return to self-sufficiency by providing access to a temporary home and supportive services.

#### 2021 General Eisenhower Leadership Award

*Presented to a sailor whose outstanding performance to duties reflect great credit upon themselves, on the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower and the U.S. Navy.*

**Lieutenant Commander Daniel Hinkley** has exhibited exceptional leadership across the Supply department, and more importantly, throughout the command. His impacts have been profound, enabling the IKE team to safely operate in a COVID environment between two critical deployments. He chaired weekly meetings, bringing together senior leaders from Engineering and Supply departments to focus on repair and replacement of food service equipment. His efforts dramatically improved the equipment status and sanitation for all food service spaces onboard IKE.

This monumental task was accomplished while simultaneously finding creative ways to maximize time off from work for the sailors to recharge and prepare for their second deployment. His efforts significantly improved morale for not only the supply department, but the entire command. Outside of the supply department, LCDR Hinkley is a dedicated, approachable mentor sought out by sailors throughout the command for guidance in both personal and professional matters.

## IKEducation

### Back to School



We are delighted to present the 2021-2022 Educator’s Guide. In it you will find programs and resources offered through IKEducation, a collaborative K-12 education initiative between the Eisenhower Foundation and the Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum. The guide can be viewed online at [www.EisenhowerFoundation.net/Educators-Guide](http://www.EisenhowerFoundation.net/Educators-Guide).

Many aspects of the upcoming 2021 - 2022 school year remain unknown and in flux due to the changing COVID-19 pandemic, but IKEducation is ready to roll with whatever situation comes our way. The Eisenhower Presidential Library, Museum, and Boyhood Home are governed by the National Archives and Records Administration and the federal government. This means on-site field trips are subject to their post-COVID reopening plans and restrictions. At the time of this publication (August, 2021), all the buildings on campus are closed. As schools and the National Archives make changes to safely serve students, IKEducation will similarly modify its offerings to accommodate the situation. Teachers can check the Eisenhower Library’s website for an up-to-date status of their reopening ([www.EisenhowerLibrary.com](http://www.EisenhowerLibrary.com)). If you would like to be contacted when on-site field trips are allowed, please visit our website [www.EisenhowerFoundation.net](http://www.EisenhowerFoundation.net) and choose **IKEducation**, **Plan Your K-12 Experience**, and **Wait List**.

However, during this time of closure, IKEducation hopes to take our programs into classrooms virtually through IKE Online or physically through IKE Express.

### IKE Online and IKE Express



IKEducation offers live, interactive, virtual programs for classrooms. In many cases, materials will be sent ahead of time for teachers and students to use during the program. During the last school year, IKE Online was able to reach over 10,000 students in classrooms across the U.S.



While schools cannot come to the Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum, we will pack up our programs and take them to Kansas classrooms via IKE Express! (Of course, COVID safety precautions will be fully followed.)

**Check out IKE Online and IKE Express program options at:  
[www.EisenhowerFoundation.net](http://www.EisenhowerFoundation.net)**



## Did You Know?

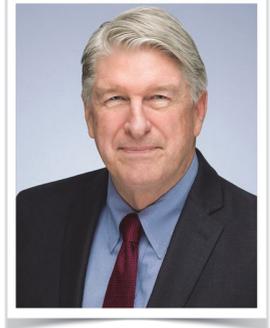
### Foundation Elects New Board Members

The Eisenhower Foundation's Board of Directors elected three new members in 2021. Paxton K. Baker, Clark S. Judge and Thomas Sanchez, all of Washington, D.C., were each elected to serve a three-year term.



**Paxton K. Baker** is a businessman, entrepreneur and philanthropist, who has served in the entertainment, music, sports and production industries for over 30 years. He is a minority owner of the Washington Nationals Baseball club and currently serves as chairman of the Washington Nationals Founding Partners Group. He is a partner in the ownership group of the Washington Kastles World Team Tennis League and is a governing Board Member of the Global Sports Summit. In 2018, Baker launched the Washington, D.C., office of Liquid Soul, the agency behind the marketing and promotion of such blockbuster films as *Black Panther* and *Wrinkle in Time*. Baker has served as the Executive Vice President and General Manager of Centric and as President of BET Event Productions. He is a member of the board of directors for the United States Senate Preservation Trust, Thelonious Monk Institute of Jazz, Washington Performing Arts, DC Public Education Fund and the Asia Jazz Festival Organization. He has also served as Vice Chairman and Chairman of The Congressional Award Foundation National Board of Directors.

**Clark S. Judge** is the founder and managing director of the White House Writers Group, Inc. and an opinion journalist. He serves on the boards of The Anglosphere Society and the Pacific Research Institute, of which he is chairman. Before founding the the White House Writers Group, Inc., Mr. Judge served as Speechwriter and Special Assistant to both President Ronald Reagan and Vice President George Bush. A Harvard MBA, Mr. Judge had administration assignments involving assessing the management of the government, urban policy and international economic policy before joining the White House staff. As an opinion journalist, he has written extensively on U.S politics, the international financial crisis, health care reform, the current state of the U.S. and global economies, and global security issues. Among the publications in which his work has appeared are the *Wall Street Journal*, *Financial Times*, *New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Policy Review*, *National Review*, *Claremont Review of Books* and *Hungarian Review*. He lives in Washington, D.C, with his wife, Margo. They have a grown son.



**Thomas Sanchez** is CEO and co-founder of Social Driver, a digital agency that uses groundbreaking strategies for social media, websites, digital marketing, and advocacy. The firm's client experience includes leading corporate and nonprofit brands such as Honda, Target, Cigna, and the American Hospital Association.



Under Thomas's leadership, the agency's collaborative culture and cutting-edge strategies have received wide acclaim, including the National LGBT Chamber of Commerce's Supplier of the Year award, Minority Business 100 awards, and a Best and Brightest Company award. Thomas has completed two Harvard Business School Executive Education programs, and another at the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth. Thomas's passion for social impact led him to launch The Driver Foundation, a philanthropic fund focused on youth and diversity. He serves on the Board of The Trevor Project, the national nonprofit providing suicide prevention services to LGBTQ youth. The Mayor of the District of Columbia appointed him as Chair of The Innovation Technology and Inclusion Council where he advises the Mayor and the public on ways in which to grow the District's innovation and tech-economy. He also previously served on the Foundation Board of his alma mater Northwest Missouri State University.

## Support Our Cause

### IKE Online and IKE Express

IKEducation is reaching students in two formats this school year: IKE Online and IKE Express.



As more classrooms seek virtual learning options amid the COVID pandemic, IKE Online is working to fulfill that need. IKE Online provides live, interactive virtual programs for all ages. To supplement these virtual programs, materials are sent to teachers ahead of time to enhance the live experience.

IKE Express brings our IKEducators and programs right into the classroom. For schools able to host one of our highly trained educators, we will send everything on the road for an unforgettable learning experience.

As with every school year, IKEducation is provided to school groups 100% free of charge, thanks to the generous donations from our supporters. If you would like to ensure IKEducation can continue our important work of sharing Ike's legacy with future generations, please check "IKEducation" on the donation form below.



## Upcoming Events

Due to COVID-19, all public events at the Eisenhower Presidential Library in Abilene, Kansas, will be virtual until further notice. See the public programs calendar on the Library website for complete program information.

[www.EisenhowerLibrary.gov/public-programs](http://www.EisenhowerLibrary.gov/public-programs)

### August 2021

**26** Lunch & Learn Series: Carol Robertson Lopez, Board of Directors Chairwoman, Sister Cities International

### September 2021

**14** Ike's Book Club: *Divided Highways: Building the Interstate System, Transforming American Life* by Tom Lewis

**23** Lunch & Learn Series

### October 2021

**12** Evenings at Ease

**28** Lunch & Learn Series

### November 2021

**9** Ike's Book Club: *The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien

## We Appreciate Your Support

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## Ike's Soldiers

### Corporal Joseph E. Splichal



*Joseph E. Splichal, Munden, Kansas, served April 1942-October 1945.*

Joseph Splichal entered into the service of his country on April 13, 1942. He was inducted into the Army Air Corp at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and was sent to Williams Field near Phoenix, Arizona. They had very little basic training as they needed truck drivers immediately in the African Campaign. He was sent to New Jersey in November and left on a Liberty ship on January 14, 1943. He volunteered for KP (“Kitchen Police”) duty aboard the ship to get more food. Joseph refueled airplanes — first with five gallon cans. They then got gas in barrels and later got gas trucks, which Joseph drove from then on. From Africa to Italy they were moved on cattle car trains. They crossed the Mediterranean Sea to Italy. In Rome, he and 19 other GIs had an audience with Pope Pius XII. He helped evacuate civilians when Mount Vesuvius erupted in Sicily. He was stationed near Rome. Joseph was in the service three years, five months and 21 days and never had a furlough to come home. He arrived back in the United States on July 11, 1945. When he came back to Kansas, he had a month's furlough and then was to go to the South Pacific. Fortunately the war ended in the South Pacific so he didn't have to go. Instead, he was discharged at Lincoln, Nebraska, on October 3, 1945. His rank at the time was Corporal. Decorations and Citations he received were: American Theatre, EAME with 7 Bronze stars, Good Conduct Medal, 4 Overseas bars. His overseas duty

was spent in the following campaigns: Tunisian, Roma-Arno, Sicilian, Naples-Foggia, N Appennines, Southern France, and Rhineland. After his discharge, he returned to Kansas and farmed in Republic County the rest of his life. He married Rosalie Sterba. They had five children; Nancy Splichal Scarffe, Dorothy Splichal Nelson, Paul Splichal, Carolyn Splichal Waln, and Cynthia Splichal Poppe.

## Our Partners

### State of Kansas Tax Credits

The Eisenhower Foundation has partnered with the State of Kansas to offer tax credits to Kansans in exchange for a donation to our organization. Eligible donations must be received between January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2025, and tax credits are equal to 50% of the total contribution. More information can be found on our website, [www.EisenhowerFoundation.net](http://www.EisenhowerFoundation.net) or [www.KSRevenue.org](http://www.KSRevenue.org). Additionally, we encourage you to visit with your tax professional to receive maximum benefit.



## Spotlight Event

### #GivingTuesday 2021: A Global Generosity Movement



President Eisenhower said, “My faith in them [America’s youth] is my unbounded faith in America itself.” #GivingTuesday — November 30, 2021 — is a celebration of America’s greatest traditions: generosity, entrepreneurialism, community. Everyone has something to give. You can give time or expertise, monetary donations large or small, simple acts of kindness, food or clothing.

The Eisenhower Foundation invites you to join the global movement by making a donation to IKEducation. By supporting our flagship K-12 education program, you will help us connect Ike’s legacy to future generations for years to come. Each #GivingTuesday, we set a goal of raising \$10,000. To help us reach this goal, please visit our website [www.EisenhowerFoundation.net/Giving-Tuesday](http://www.EisenhowerFoundation.net/Giving-Tuesday).

## Featured Artifact

### Preservation Project: A Note from the Library's Director, Dawn Hammatt

While there has been plenty of activity at the Eisenhower Presidential Library over the last several months, I would like to tell you about an important project scheduled for the near future.



*The Eisenhower Boyhood Home and grounds seen from the northwest.*

The boyhood home of Dwight D. Eisenhower sits on its original location near the center of the Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum campus. The house was built in 1887 by a teacher named Ephraim Ellis, who never lived there and lost the property due to unpaid taxes. Ike's grandfather Jacob purchased the property in 1889 at a tax auction. Jacob then deeded the land to Ike's uncle, Abraham Eisenhower. Abraham and his family lived there for 10 years before selling the house to Ike's parents, David and Ida. Ike and his family moved into this home in 1898, when he was eight years old.

Ike lived in this house until he left to attend the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1911. His mother Ida lived in this home until her death in 1946. Shortly after, the Eisenhower boys donated the home to the Eisenhower Foundation and tours have been conducted since 1947.

Aging structures require maintenance and repairs on a regular basis. This one is no exception at 130 years old. We are pleased to announce that the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) has dedicated funds to fully repair the exterior of the structure. This project is in the scheduling phase and will commence in late August or early September. It is expected to last approximately 10 weeks.

The project includes repairs to the porch, wood trim, chimney masonry, roofing, gutters, and flashing. Additionally, we will repaint the structure, replace the HVAC equipment, and upgrade the fire-suppression system. Site improvements will include new storm drainage and a new walkway.

These repairs are necessary for the preservation of this historic home and our ability to continue sharing its history. We are excited to complete these repairs and once again open the home for guests.



*Paint peels from the wooden siding of the Eisenhower Boyhood Home.*



*Eisenhower family reunion on the front porch of the home following Ike's graduation from the Command and General Staff College at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, June 1926.*

This preservation work will guarantee visitors well into the future have the opportunity to enjoy learning about the incredible family who lived within the walls of the Eisenhower home. It is with great honor that the National Archives team here in Abilene cares for this home and the entire 22-acre campus that is the Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum.

It is a distinct privilege for us to take part in sharing the Eisenhower legacy with future generations to come. Thank you for your role in supporting the Eisenhower Foundation which makes all of this possible.

**While the home is being repaired,  
take a virtual tour at:  
[www.eisenhowerlibrary.gov/visit/virtual-visit](http://www.eisenhowerlibrary.gov/visit/virtual-visit)**



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