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Symphony at Sunset Returns after Two-Year Hiatus

Each year, the Eisenhower Foundation joins people around the world in commemorating D-Day, the event that turned the tide for the Allied Forces in World War II.

As part of this commemoration, Symphony at Sunset returned to the grounds of the Eisenhower Presidential Library for the first time in two years!

This outdoor concert welcomed several musical guests, including the Salina Symphony, Everyday Lights and brass musicians from the Fort Riley 1st Infantry Division Band. Attendees were also invited to tour the Eisenhower Museum, participate in educational activities offered by IKEducation, and view the current temporary exhibit, *Drawn to Combat: Bill Mauldin & the Art of War*.

New this year was a "Thank a World War II Veteran Reception" in which the public was invited to visit with the veterans and hear about their personal experiences.

Also in conjunction with this 78th anniversary of D-Day, two loyal Kansas donors extended a matching gift opportunity. If we could raise \$10,000 by the end of June, the donors pledged to match every donation, dollar-for-dollar!



Kansas World War II veterans (left to right): Harry Ledeker, Arkansas City; Eugene Kramer, Osawatomie; Donald Bland, McPherson; and Donald Webber, Newton.

We are thrilled to announce that, **thanks to you — our generous supporters — we met this goal!** These gifts will help us continue to collect stories for *Ike's Soldiers: A Virtual World War II Honor Roll*.

Thank you for joining us in our mission to preserve the legacy of Dwight D. Eisenhower and the soldiers he led, true American heroes.



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We Did It!



Meredith's Memo

Dear Friends,

It is with great pride that I present the Eisenhower Foundation's 2021 Annual Report. This report is a celebration of the commitment we all have to ensuring the legacy of Dwight D. Eisenhower is passed down to future generations, and I continue to be humbled by the support shown by donors like you. It can be found on our website at www.EisenhowerFoundation.net.

The Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum is once again offering in-person public programs after holding them exclusively online since the start of the pandemic. If you haven't visited the all-new Eisenhower Presidential Museum, I highly recommend a trip!

We are also excited to announce that on-site field trips will once again be offered for schools! IKEducation will also continue offering virtual programs nationwide via IKE Online.

As always, it's because of loyal supporters like you that we are able to continue to offer programs for people of all ages! Thank you for believing in our mission to share Ike's legacy through compelling programs and events.

Sincerely,



Meredith Sleichter
Executive Director

Special Recognition

Ft. Riley Soldiers Recognized for Outstanding Leadership

During the Symphony at Sunset event in June, the Eisenhower Foundation presented awards to two soldiers serving the 1st Infantry Division at Fort Riley.

Sergeant Swaraj "Sam" Manandhar was the recipient of the *General Eisenhower Leadership Award*, which recognizes a soldier who has performed above and beyond in their military duties.

SGT Manandhar volunteered with USO Kansas even though he knew he was deploying in less than two months. Within that short time frame, he made a significant impact, giving USO Kansas 232 hours of his spare time. Manandhar would do any task that needed to be done. You could find him at the front desk welcoming soldiers and dependents into the USO, serving lunches, and making crafts that would be given to families. His service was thoughtful and soft-spoken. He took the time to learn guests' names, hometowns, along with their favorite drink, snacks, and how they take their coffee. He is a model example of someone who supported the USO's mission to strengthen America's service members by keeping them connected to family, home and country.



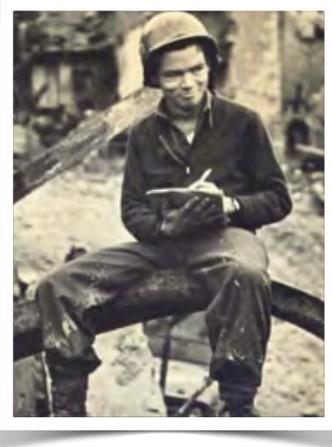
Presenting the awards were Library Director Dawn Hammatt and Eisenhower Foundation board members Mary Jean Eisenhower and Kyle Campbell.

First Sergeant Hannah Nunley was the recipient of the *President Eisenhower Leadership Award*, which honors a soldier who has done outstanding work in the local community as a volunteer or in another capacity.

ISG Nunley is a highly-motivated and engaged volunteer within the 97th Military Police Battalion. As volunteer coordinator for the Battalion, she managed large-scale volunteer projects as opportunities for fellow soldiers to give back to the Fort Riley and Junction City community. Her efforts resulted in the recruitment of over 40 active-duty soldiers participating in 14 volunteer projects last year. Nunley not only coordinates the volunteer events, she also volunteers at each one. Her community contribution continues in her work with the Rapid Response Team dedicated to relocating families who are victims of domestic violence. At a moment's notice, she is able to coordinate a team of volunteers to help move a family to safety. She is a shining example of what volunteers are capable of doing and sets the standard for community service.



Ike's Soldiers



Bill Mauldin

William “Bill” Mauldin joined the army in 1940 and went through the invasions of Sicily and Italy with the 45th Division before going full time with Stars and Stripes as a journalist.

One of the first, and sometime the only, things people think about when they hear the name Bill Mauldin is World War II. His characters Willie and Joe, created for the 45th Division News in 1940, extended to the Mediterranean edition of the Stars and Stripes in November 1943. Mauldin officially transferred to the Mediterranean edition of Stars and Stripes early in 1944

and his editor arranged for syndication by United Feature Service as Up Front at the same time. He won his first Pulitzer for cartooning in 1945.

Mauldin did not spend all of his time cartooning and working for the 45th Division News during the war. He made sure he spent time with K Company, his fellow infantrymen. In fact, around Christmas 1943, while sketching at the front, a small fragment from a German mortar hit his shoulders, as he noted in *The Brass Ring*, “My only damage was a ringing in my ears and a fragment in my shoulder. It burned like a fury but was very small. The wound hardly bled.”

Mauldin received a Purple Heart for his injury, and when he protested that he had “been cut worse sneaking through barbed-wire fences in New Mexico,” the aid told him to take the medal, which might get him discharged earlier at the end of the war. Mauldin is buried in Arlington National Cemetery.



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Spotlight Exhibit

Temporary Exhibit Open Through November

Drawn to Combat: Bill Mauldin & the Art of War is currently on display at the Eisenhower Presidential Museum through November 27, 2022. The exhibit is a retrospective of the provocative work by two-time Pulitzer Prize winning cartoonist Bill Mauldin about our nation’s time of war, civil rights, and social justice. This traveling exhibit features nearly 150 framed original drawings and published cartoons, as well as personal material from Mauldin’s exceptional career.

Mauldin is perhaps best known for his work covering military topics, beginning with his characters Willie and Joe during WWII. From his earliest years learning to draw, to his time in service during WWII, Bill Mauldin gained an insider’s view of how soldiers thought and acted, the men leading them, and all aspects of life in uniform. Cartoons from the Eisenhower Presidential Library’s own holdings will supplement this extraordinary exhibit. Gifted to the library after Eisenhower’s death, Mauldin’s published tribute to General Eisenhower will be featured in the supplement. The Eisenhower Museum is currently open Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m., and Sunday 11 a.m.-3 p.m. This exhibit is supported by the Eisenhower Foundation and the Friends of the Foundation.

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IKEducation

On-Site Field Trips Resume

IKEducation was thrilled to welcome the first school group back on campus since the pandemic closed the Eisenhower Presidential Museum in early 2020.

In June, Augusta Elementary toured the Museum with IKEducators and participated in the program *Attic Artifacts: World War II Kids*. Students analyze artifacts while also learning about some of the aspects of life for kids, just like them, on the American Homefront during WWII.

There is currently a waiting list of Kansas teachers who have requested on-site field trips. IKEducation is working to get those classes scheduled, and looks forward to having students on campus again!



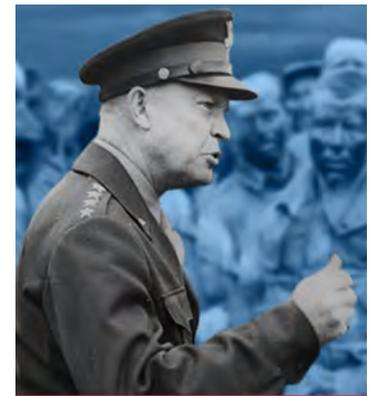
After a tour of the museum, IKEducation Specialist Helen Rose guided students through a program in which students examined and made observations about primary sources such as 1943 steelies, ration books, and 1942 Navy Scouts paper dolls.

IKEducation Professional Development

It is critical for teachers to have ongoing opportunities to learn from each other. IKEducators regularly participate in professional development opportunities at other inspirational museums.

A trip to The Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation in Dearborn, Michigan, provided a plethora of creative examples of combining history with engaging hands-on learning activities. At the Flint Hills Discovery Center in Manhattan, Kansas, IKEducators were inspired by fresh ways to inspire students and inspire a love for history museums.

IKEducators are excited for a new school year and the opportunity to provide unforgettable learning experiences!



2022-2023
EDUCATOR'S GUIDE 

Share With a Teacher!

Do you know a teacher looking for engaging learning opportunities?

If so, have them check out our **2022-2023 Educator's Guide** at IKEducation.com.

For a printed copy, contact our office at 785-263-6771.

Support Our Cause

IKEducation 2022-2023 School Year

IKEducation is excited to announce that on-site field trips will once again be offered for school groups this school year! As part of this, the Eisenhower Foundation actively seeks funding to help cover expenses associated with K-12 IKEducation learning experiences. As long as funds are available, we will provide as much funding as possible to pay for schools' expenses in coming to the Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum for a traditional field trip.

IKEducators can also take programs right into Kansas classrooms via IKE Express. For schools able to host one of our highly-trained educators, we will send everything on the road for an unforgettable learning experience.

For schools located outside of Kansas, IKEducation can deliver virtual, interactive programs through IKE Online. To supplement these programs, materials are sent to teachers ahead of time to enhance the live experience.



As with every school year, IKEducation is provided to school groups 100% free of charge, thanks to the generous donations from our supporters. Over the last nine years, IKEducation has served over 70,000 students and teachers thanks to your generosity. 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.

Thank you for believing in our mission to share Ike's legacy through compelling programs. Together, we are ensuring future generations still "Like Ike."



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.

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Featured Artifact

Class Standing Report

In August of 1925, Major Dwight D. Eisenhower reported to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, for instruction at the Command and General Staff Schools, known today as the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College.

After nine months of rigorous instruction, Eisenhower graduated at the top of his class. Eisenhower considered his time at Fort Leavenworth his “watershed” moment in his career for preparing him for the larger issues of war he would soon encounter at the Army War College.

THE GENERAL SERVICE SCHOOLS
Fort Leavenworth, Kansas

18 June, 1926.

SUBJECT: Class Standing.

To: Major Dwight D. Eisenhower, Inf.,

The Commandant directs that you be informed that your final standing in the Command and General Staff Class, 1925-1926, of 245 members, is number 1; the percentage attained by you is 93.079 per cent.

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For your information, your standing by months given below:

October	14
November	9
December	4
January	4
February	3
March	4
April	3
May	3

J. G. PILLOW,
Lieutenant Colonel, Cavalry (D.O.L.),
Secretary.

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Did You Know?

Museum Expands Hours, Researchers Return to Campus

The Eisenhower Presidential Museum has expanded its hours of operation. They are now open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m., and Sunday from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

The Eisenhower Presidential Library research room reopened in April for travel grant recipients by appointment only. The Eisenhower Foundation’s travel grant program assists scholars’ research of primary sources in the Eisenhower Presidential Library in such fields as history, government, economics, communications, and internal affairs.



Research Grant recipient Edward Longe (center) is pursuing his PhD from Marquette University.

Upcoming Events

August 2022

- 9 Evenings at Ease featuring Dr. Will Hitchcock
- 25 Lunch & Learn: *Fate, Fortune, and Providence in the Life of a Leader*

September 2022

- 13 Ike’s Book Club: *Stagecoach* by Ernest Haycox
- 22 Lunch & Learn featuring Dr. Chester Pach

October 2022

- 11 Evenings at Ease: Topic TBD
- 15 Legacy Gala
- 27 Lunch & Learn: Topic TBD

November 2022

- 8 Ike’s Book Club: *How Ike Led* by Susan Eisenhower

Public programs are now being offered both in person and online. For more information, visit the Library’s website at:

www.EisenhowerLibrary.gov/public-programs

In The Mail

Dear Eisenhower Foundation,

I am three months shy of my 96th birthday, but believe I am still “with it.” During the past six years I have written fourteen stories (very short stories!) which were published in “Campus News and Views” — the quarterly newsletter of the Vinson Hall Retirement Community. —R. W. Easley, USMA 1950

I LIKE IKE! By Roy Easley

It was June 1950 at West Point. General Eisenhower, Class of 1915, was there to attend his thirty-fifth reunion. At the time, Eisenhower was President of Columbia University in New York City. My parents, my girlfriend, Elizabeth Boone, my sister, Sara, and her husband had all traveled from Louisville, Kentucky, to attend the graduation activities. My Class of 1950 was elated that “Ike” would be the reviewing officer at our graduation parade.

When the parade ended, Ike greeted the crowd (a crowd which thought it was looking at the next U.S. President), shook many hands, and then with his driver leading the way, headed for his army sedan parked at a distance. My ever alert sister Sara knew was time for action. She wanted a one-on-one conversation with Ike. Grabbing my girlfriend by the hand, and with her camera-toting husband in tow, they took off in hot pursuit.

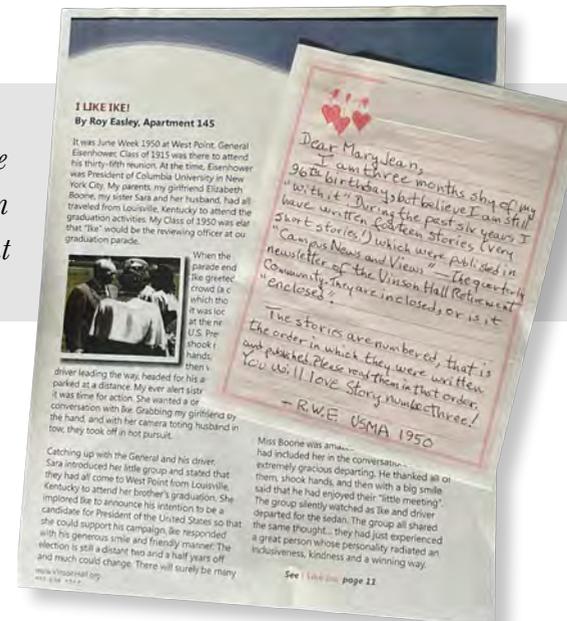
Catching up with the General and his driver, Sara introduced her little group and stated that they had all come to West Point from Louisville to attend her brother's graduation. She implored Ike to announce his intention to be a candidate for President of the United States so that she could support his campaign. Ike responded with his generous smile and friendly manner. The election is still a distant two and a half years off and much could change. There will surely be many unknown national and international events shaping the future. It is just too soon to develop and political platform.

“The group all shared the same thought... they had just experienced a great person whose personality radiated an inclusiveness, kindness and a winning way.”

Adroitly shifting gears Ike told Sara that he was flattered by her support and then turned to my girlfriend. Miss Boone, he queried her, are you descended from the Kentucky frontiersman Daniel Boone? Seeking composure, she replied that Cadet Easley's own Aunt Nell had researched this very question at the D.A.R. headquarters and determined that while not a direct descendant of Daniel, she was a direct descendant of his brother, Squire Boone. Ike then moved on to football. Have you ever attended an Army-Navy football game? Ike was offering up a “softball” and she hit it out of the park! Now fully composed, and with a beautiful smile, she cheerfully responded that she had indeed, the previous Fall, attended the game in Philadelphia which Army had won 38-0!

Miss Boone was amazed and honored that Ike had included her in the conversation. He was extremely gracious departing. He thanked all of them, shook hands, and then with a big smile said that he had enjoyed their “little meeting.” The group silently watched as Ike and driver departed for the sedan. The group all shared the same thought... they had just experienced a great person whose personality radiated an inclusiveness, kindness and a winning way.

As Ike met with that little group none of them could know that twenty days hence the North Korean Army would launch a massive surprise attack into South Korea, and less than a month later Ike would be back in Europe, again as the Supreme Commander Allied Forces Europe.





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