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You Did It!

A Legacy that Grows

Thanks to your support, thirteen-year-old Grant Heintz has been able to share his knowledge and enjoyment of dendrology with the thousands of visitors to the Eisenhower Presidential Center. Grant is the son and grandson of biology educators and farmers, who have fostered his love of trees and plants. He has been studying dendrology since he was about eight years old and began competing in local and state 4-H horticulture contests three years ago.

Grant wanted to find a way to engage citizens with the world of dendrology that surrounds them and is so vital to Earth's health. He met with representatives of the Eisenhower Library and Foundation to propose the idea of placing interactive identification markers on many of the trees that visitors walk past every day at the Eisenhower Presidential Center.

After significant research to identify the trees, Grant then collaborated with the grounds crew

and a sign fabricator to develop an identification marker that was informative and interactive for the visitor, while also being both tree- and mower-friendly. Not an easy task. The markers Grant produced include the common and scientific name of the tree, a range map of where the tree is commonly found, and a QR code for those who want to learn more via their smartphones or tablets.

Dendrology

is the science and study of wooded plants, specifically, their taxonomic classifications.



Grant said he learned a lot completing this project. "I learned patience, persistence, and how to communicate with several adults. I hope the tree signs stay around for a long time." His next step is to work with the Ike Education team to create a lesson for visiting school groups that utilizes the markers.

This budding dendrologist would like to study seed genetics or other careers with trees or plants in general. Grant said, "I have always had a passion for plants, so I picture myself studying them in some way. My

favorite is the Red Oak because they are majestic, old trees."

Visit the Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum's Facebook page to view more photos

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Meredith's Memo

We appreciate all of our Friends of the Eisenhower Foundation. Your generous contributions make possible the many programs, events, and exhibits at the Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum.

To say thank you for all you do to support the efforts of the Eisenhower Foundation, we will be hosting several Friends Receptions before or after special events throughout the year.

The first Friends Reception of 2016 was held on March 22nd, before the Kansas Town Hall, *We the People: Civic Education in Kansas*. Our Friends, along with Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt and members of the distinguished panel, enjoyed refreshments and discussion prior to the interesting and timely program on how to involve more citizens in the voting process.

Friends Receptions provide an opportunity for our donors to get behind-the-scenes access at special events. We hope that you will join us for one of our upcoming programs.

Meredith Sleichter
Executive Director



Spotlight Event

Eisenhower Egg Roll

The Eisenhower Easter Egg Roll is modeled after one of the oldest Presidential events, the White House Easter Egg Roll, which began in 1878. After a 12-year hiatus due to World War II, President Eisenhower brought the tradition back in 1953 and Mamie ensured it was desegregated so all children could join the fun. Ike's grandchildren also participated in the event, as seen in this photo of David and Anne.

On March 26th, the Eisenhower Presidential Center and Foundation held its 4th annual Eisenhower Easter Egg Roll on the campus in Abilene, Kansas. Hundreds of children enjoyed the egg hunt, face painting, photos with the Easter bunny, a scavenger hunt, and more. Thank you to Pinnacle Bank for being a sponsor!

"The Egg Roll is a great partnership between several fine organizations," said Karl Weissenbach, Library Director. "We are pleased to host this community event each year and hope everyone enjoys exploring the variety of free activities and exhibits."

Celebrating Our Heroes

Austin Bertram Fernald, Sr.

Austin Bertram "Bert" Fernald, Sr. was sworn into the U.S. Army on January 22, 1943. Following 40 mm anti-aircraft gun training in Virginia, Bert joined the 400th AAA AW Battalion, which was attached to the 45th division. They were sent to take part in the invasion of Sicily. Bert's family shared his story on the Eisenhower World War II Honor Roll:

"When we made an assault landing at Scoglitti, Sicily, there was a sandbar about 100 yards out. We pulled our gun onto the sandbar and left it there, and waded ashore, with the rifles overhead. Later, on a Duck, I pulled my gun from the sandbar to the beach, and we began firing our gun. My Second Lt. was killed, landing in front of a machine gun nest on the beach. One of my gun crew members was killed by a strafing German plane on the beach. After the Sicilian campaign, we loaded onto an LST, made an assault landing at Paestum, Italy. We then traveled up Italy, to Mt. Casino. I was combat wounded on October 23, 1943, outside of Mt. Casino, Italy.

"I have gone back to Europe twice, and placed flowers on my buddies graves that were in the 400th, that are still buried there. Most of my buddies were returned to the States for internment. Placing flowers on their graves was something I always wanted to do, to let them know they have not been forgotten."

We salute and celebrate Austin Bertram "Bert" Fernald, Sr.'s heroic service to our country!



Friends Events

You're Invited!

We hope you will join us in the Eisenhower Presidential Library Courtyard for these upcoming Friends Receptions:

"The World Wars"
Saturday, May 21, 2016 | 6:00 p.m.

Meet and greet with Kansas State University faculty and student musicians, including Grammy award-winning artist and Professor of Music, Bryan Pinkall.

Symphony at Sunset
Saturday, June 4, 2016 | 5:30 p.m.

Meet and greet with members of the Salina Symphony and the 1st Infantry Division Band from Fort Riley, Kansas.

To RSVP for these Friends Receptions or for more information, please contact the Eisenhower Foundation at 785-263-6771 or info@eisenhowerfoundation.net.



Thank you so much for being a Friend of the Eisenhower Foundation! As a token of our appreciation, the Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Gift Shop is offering FREE SHIPPING on your first purchase made at the new "I Like Ike Store" — the new online version of our Eisenhower Presidential Gift Shop. Simply point your browser to:

www.ILikeIkeStore.com

For free shipping, use coupon code **IKE16FREESHIP**
For the 20% Friends discount, use coupon code **IKEFOUNDATION**

Upcoming Events

April 1: Kansas Geographic Bee
April 9: Eisenhower Marathon
April 16: Boy Scout Citizenship in the Nation Merit Badge workshop

May 7: Mother's Day Tea
May 21: "The World Wars" music concert with KSU Faculty/Students*
May 30: Memorial Day Ceremony

June 4: Symphony at Sunset Annual D-Day Commemorative Concert*
June 6: "Photographer, Paratrooper, POW: A Wyoming Cowboy in Hitler's Germany", Brown Bag Luncheon
June 14: Army Wreath-Laying Ceremony

August 13: Vintage Baseball Game

**Friends Reception Event*

For more information about these events, call 785-263-6751 or visit eisenhower.Archives.Gov

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Did You Know?

Gooseberries and Beetles Helped Win the War

The Nazi's formidable defense of the western European coast was at its strongest surrounding existing ports, such as Cherbourg and Le Havre, but a port was required to provide the massive quantities of supplies needed per day by Allied soldiers. Therefore, the Allies had to consider another way. Supreme Allied Commander Dwight D. Eisenhower later wrote, *"To solve this apparently unsolvable problem we undertook a project so unique as to be classed by many scoffers as completely fantastic. It was a plan to construct artificial harbors on the coast of Normandy... The first time I heard this idea tentatively advanced was by Admiral Mountbatten, in the spring of 1942. At a conference attended by a number of service chiefs he remarked, 'If ports are not available, we may have to construct them in pieces and tow them in.' Hoots and jeers greeted his suggestion but two years later it was to become reality."*



Immediately following the D-Day invasion on June 6, 1944, two artificial harbors, code-named "Mulberries," were towed across the English Channel in pieces and assembled to facilitate the unloading of supplies off Allied ships and onto the coast of Normandy. Each Mulberry consisted of about six miles of flexible roadway units, code-named "Whales," that floated on pontoons called "Beetles." These roadways terminated at great pier heads, called "Spuds," whose legs could go up or down from the seafloor depending on the tide. A harbor wall was created to protect the Mulberries from the sea by sinking lines of massive caissons called "Phoenixes" and scuttled block ships called "Corncocks." This created sheltered breakwaters called "Gooseberries."

Mulberry A (American) was assembled off Omaha Beach, while Mulberry B (British) was off Gold Beach. On June 19th, a fierce storm devastated much of Mulberry A, but structural elements were quickly moved to extend Mulberry B, which was affectionately nicknamed "Port Winston." Despite the loss of Mulberry A, the artificial harbors were a tremendous success.

The Mulberries provided the means for the movement of two and a half million men, a half million vehicles, and four million tons of supplies from ship to shore. A true feat of engineering, the Mulberry Harbors provided a key to the Allied victory in Europe. We hope you will come view a scale model and learn more about the Mulberries at the Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum!

Our Partners

Providing a Better Future

Today's students are active, hands-on learners and Ike Education field trips provide students the opportunity to experience history through hands-on exploration of primary sources such as artifacts, photographs, and documents. The National Education Association reports that educational field trips contribute to better grades, higher graduation rates, and greater incomes, yet tighter school budgets in recent years have constrained teachers from offering field trips.

The generous support of the Dane G. Hansen Foundation has covered field trip expenses for schools in Northwestern Kansas to attend the Eisenhower Presidential Library, Museum, and Boyhood Home. Since 2013, this funding has provided 2,788 students and teachers the opportunity to gain a better understanding of World War II and Eisenhower-Era topics, build cultural understanding and tolerance, and expose them to worlds outside their own.

THANK YOU to the **Dane G. Hansen Foundation** and all of our donors. Your support advances the legacy of Dwight D. Eisenhower.

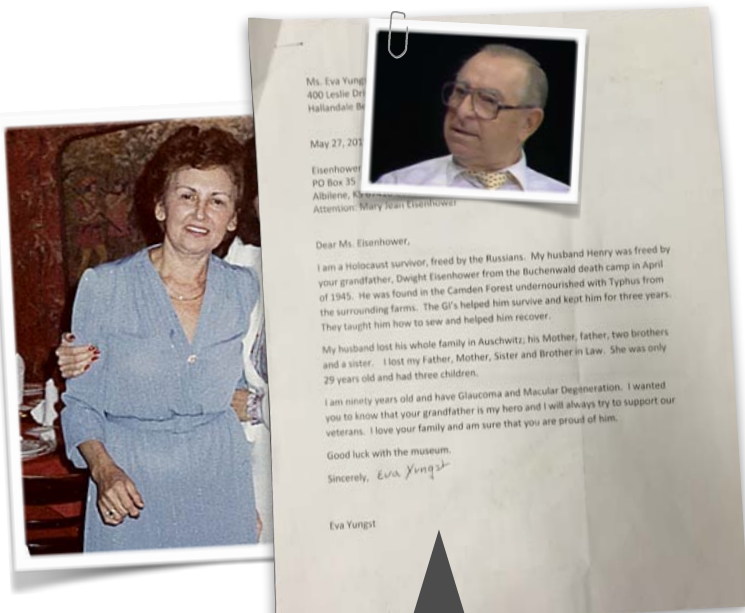


In the Mailbox

Survivor

We continue to be humbled by the gifts we receive from across the United States. Many times, the donation includes a brief note from the donor sharing their memories of Ike as their General or President. It is obvious that Americans still like Ike.

Recently, 90-year-old Eva Yungst sent a letter to Mary Jean Eisenhower, Ike's granddaughter. This is just one example of the many letters and stories we receive, and they confirm the purpose behind our mission. The mission of the Eisenhower Foundation is to honor and champion the relevance today of the life and leadership of Dwight D. Eisenhower through compelling programs and events that celebrate his legacy. His vision of peace, prosperity and justice in the world offers this generation a timely and relevant example for character leadership.



Dear Ms. Eisenhower,

I am a Holocaust survivor, freed by the Russians. My husband, Henry, was freed by your grandfather, Dwight Eisenhower, from the Buchenwald death camp in April of 1945. He was found in the Camden Forrest undernourished with Typhus. The GIs helped him survive and kept him for three years. They taught him how to sew and helped him recover.

My husband lost his whole family in Auschwitz—his mother, father, two brothers and a sister. I lost my father, mother sister and brother-in-law.

I am 90 years old, and I wanted you to know that your grandfather is my hero and I will always try to support our veterans. I love your family and am sure that you are proud of him.

Sincerely,

Eva Yungst

Special Deliveries

Our days and walls are continuously brightened by all the thank you letters our Ike Educators receive from school children who have visited the Eisenhower Presidential Library & Museum and participated in field trip enhancement programs.

"Ike's home was so, so, sooo cool. I liked the piano and I found everything on the Ike Spy!! From, Thomas"

"Thank you for teaching us about President Eisenhower. My favorite place was the museum with the scavenger hunt. BEST MUSEUM EVER! Your Friend, Elijah"

These free programs are made possible by donors like you. Visit EisenhowerFoundation.net to learn more about Ike Education and how to help pass on the legacy of Dwight D. Eisenhower.

