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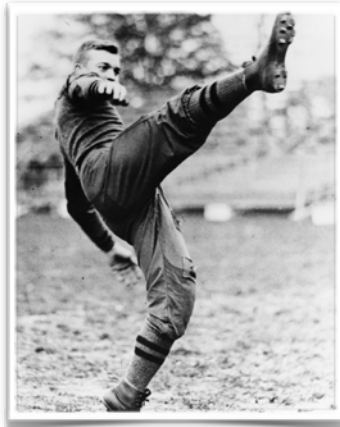


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## You Did It!

### Holm Family Five-Star Challenge: GOAL MET!

Recently, the Holm family of Abilene, Kansas, issued a challenge to their fellow Kansans and, as is so often the case when presented with a challenge, they responded wholeheartedly. The Eisenhower Foundation is pleased to announce that the Holm Family Five Star Challenge has been met, and even exceeded!

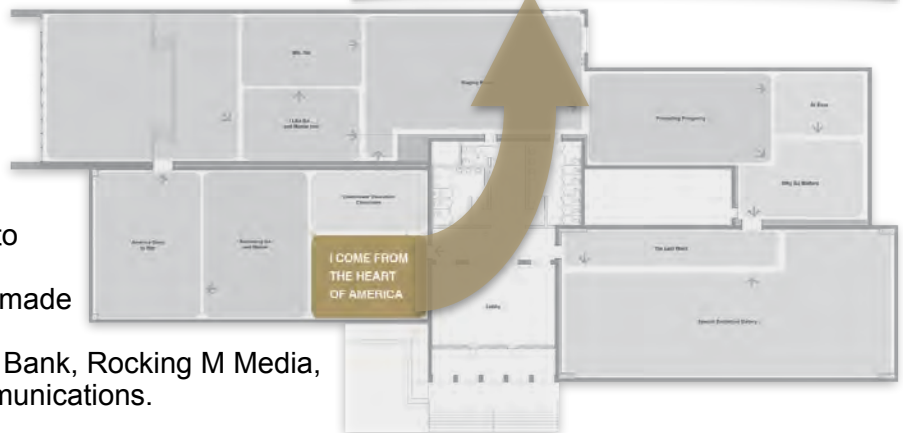


In just four months — from February to June 6th, the 73rd anniversary of D-Day — more than \$400,000 was contributed to the Eisenhower Foundation toward this challenge. The Holm family has generously added an additional \$100,000, bringing the total amount raised to over \$500,000.

These funds will be used for *The Heart of America* gallery within the soon-to-be renovated Eisenhower Presidential Museum exhibits. *The Heart of America* will serve as a testament to the generosity of Ike's home state. Furthermore, it will be a lasting tribute to one of America's true heroes that will inspire young people for generations to come.

Tim Holm has served on the Eisenhower Foundation Board of Directors for the past three years, while his wife, Brenda, is a leader in the Abilene community through her various philanthropic initiatives. Their hope for this Challenge was to make it possible for all who live and work in Kansas to show our own community spirit — and pride for Ike. It is gratifying to know that Kansans, just like our Friends all over this great country, still like Ike. The Holm family shares this same pride in the accomplishments of a humble Kansas boy who grew up to become one of the extraordinary leaders in American history.

On behalf of the Eisenhower Foundation, the Eisenhower Presidential Museum, and the Holm family, thank you to those who answered this challenge in support of the *Dwight D. Eisenhower: A Legacy of Leadership* campaign. We especially want to thank the area businesses that made lead gifts to this challenge: Astra Bank, Rocking M Media, and Eagle Communications.



## Meredith's Memo

The Eisenhower Presidential Campus has been full of excitement! In June, Symphony at Sunset drew thousands who enjoyed an al fresco performance by the Salina Symphony. In July, I attended a standing-room only program featuring Robert Wallace, a former CIA official, who spoke on "Spying: What Difference Did It Make?"

These world-class programs, events and exhibits are made possible because of you, our Friends of the Foundation.

We continue to be encouraged by the commitments we receive for our *Dwight D. Eisenhower: A Legacy of Leadership* campaign. The campaign is dedicated to renovating the exhibits in the Eisenhower Presidential Museum, as well as expanding the number of students we reach through IKEducation. To date, we have raised more than 70% of our overall goal.

Finally, I want to extend a warm welcome to the new Library Director, Dawn Hammatt. With her extensive background, Dawn is a great partner for leading the Eisenhower Presidential Campus into the future.

Meredith Sleichter  
Executive Director

## Celebrating Our Heroes

### USS Eisenhower Sailors Receive Special Recognition

Over a dozen years ago, the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower contacted the Eisenhower Presidential Library about an onboard museum being developed to honor the ship's namesake and educate the crew about Ike's important place in history. That was the beginning of a close relationship between the Eisenhower Library and Foundation and the nuclear aircraft carrier bearing the name of the 34th President and Five-Star General.

Since then, the Eisenhower Foundation has served as Abilene's liaison with the "Mighty Ike" as the ship is known. In November 2007, then Foundation Executive Director Mack Teasley led a delegation on the first of several Distinguished Visitor Embarks to the ship while it was operating off the coast of its homeport of Norfolk, Virginia. Thus was born the General Eisenhower and President Eisenhower Leadership Awards to recognize two outstanding young leaders aboard the ship. The Foundation bestows these awards at the annual Eisenhower Legacy Gala.



Executive Director, Meredith Sleichter, is pictured alongside MMC Wesley D. Hatley and former Executive Director, Mack Teasley, aboard the USS Eisenhower.

The General Eisenhower Leadership Award recognizes a sailor who has performed above and beyond in his military duties aboard the ship. The President Eisenhower Leadership Award honors a sailor who has done outstanding work in the local community as a volunteer or in another capacity. A selection committee aboard the ship reviews nominations received from all the ship's departments and makes the final decision on the awardees.

The highlight for the leadership award winners is their trip to Ike's hometown. While in Abilene they visit schools to speak to students, are interviewed by the local radio station and newspaper, address the Rotary Club, and receive a grand tour of the Eisenhower Library and Museum. They also participate in the official Presidential Wreath Laying Ceremony at Eisenhower's burial site on the Library grounds. Their visit culminates in receiving their award at the Eisenhower Legacy Gala. The awards are presented by a grandchild of President Eisenhower, the governor of Kansas or other dignitary.



The 2016 General Eisenhower Leadership Award recipient was Chief Petty Officer Wesley Hatley and the 2016 President Eisenhower Leadership Award recipient was Officer Brian Ellis.

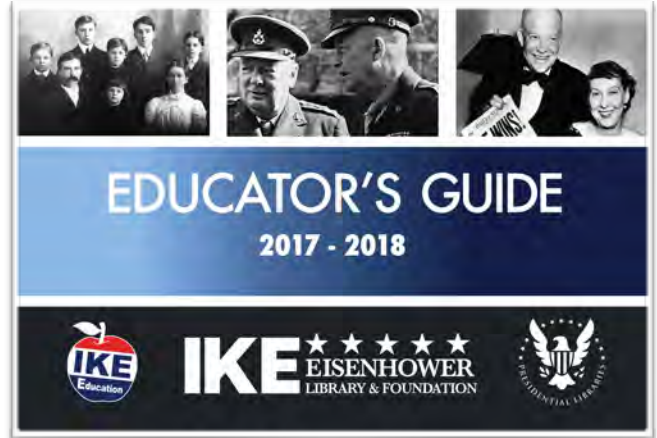
The partnership between the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower and the Eisenhower Foundation is strong and will continue long into the future. It is a privilege for the Foundation to help honor outstanding sailors aboard the USS IKE.

## IKEducation






### IKEducation Gears Up for 2017-2018 School Year

After another record-breaking year for attendance, IKEducation is getting ready to welcome students back to the Eisenhower Presidential Campus this fall. Great scientific initiatives were implemented by President Eisenhower, like the establishment of NASA and funding to support advanced scientific training in our schools. In honor of that legacy, IKEducation is excited to launch two new programs, *The Space Race* and *Race for the Double Helix*. These STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) lessons support teachers' efforts to increase science literacy.

Field trip enhancement programs, campus activities, and more can be found in the 2017-18 Educator's Guide. The guide is hot off the press and will soon be arriving in teacher and school mailboxes across Kansas! If you are a teacher or know a teacher who might be interested in IKEducation programs, either onsite or online, please visit our website at [www.EisenhowerFoundation.net](http://www.EisenhowerFoundation.net).



## IKEducation REPORT CARD FALL 2013 — SPRING 2017

	2013-14 Academic Year	2014-15 Academic Year	2015-16 Academic Year	2016-17 Academic Year	TOTAL
  <b>PARTICIPANTS SERVED</b> 	<b>2,659</b> 2,400 Students 259 Adults	<b>4,286</b> 3,841 Students 445 Adults	<b>6,047</b> 5,197 Students 850 Adults	<b>7,753</b> 6,642 Students 1,111 Adults	<b>20,745</b> 18,080 Students 2,665 Adults
<b>PROGRAMS FACILITATED</b> 	204	285	360	697	1,546
<b>IKEducation SCHOOL VISITS</b> 	46	60	118	173	397
<b>Dane G. Hansen TRANSPORTATION GRANTS</b> 	25	24	27	32	108

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## Spotlight Exhibit

### ***The Chisholm Trail: Driving the American West***

Continuing our celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Chisholm Trail, a new temporary exhibit, *The Chisholm Trail: Driving the American West*, will open in the Presidential Library Lobby on August 24th and remain through mid-October. This traveling exhibit, a collaboration between Kansas entities Symphony in the Flint Hills and Flint Hills Design, in partnership with Lost Trail Soda, invites visitors of all ages to explore the Chisholm Trail from its inception in the 1860s to today. The Chisholm Trail revitalized the cattle industry following the Civil War, gave rise to the iconic American cowboy, and helped shape our popular culture by altering how we thought of the American West and the individuals who lived there.



With a tip of the cowboy hat to the music of the Symphony in the Flint Hills, exhibit highlights include an interactive musical exploration of the scores of verses to the cowboy song, “The Old Chisholm Trail,” as well as video and audio clips of movies and songs that reference the Chisholm Trail. The display will allow guests to literally get a feel for the gear cowboys needed on the trail, like the saddle, rope and chaps shown at right. The “Brand Your Beeves” activity station encourages young visitors to create their own brands.



This exhibit is free to the public, thanks to loyal support from our Friends of the Eisenhower Foundation. To renew your membership or become a member, complete and return the form on page 4, or go to our website at [www.EisenhowerFoundation.net](http://www.EisenhowerFoundation.net) and see the Support tab for more information.

## Featured Artifact

### **Ike and Churchill, their Passion for Painting Bridged the Pond**

During the military strategizing and planning of World War II, a relationship of mutual respect was forged between General Dwight D. Eisenhower and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill that would continue throughout their lives. When Ike developed an interest in painting, his peacetime hobby strengthened the ties between the two men.

The painting at right, a scene from Morocco titled, “The Valley of the Ourika and the Atlas Mountains,” was admired by Ike during an exhibition of Churchill’s paintings. Eisenhower reported to Churchill that his exhibit was the “hit of the season” in the United States, and, as Churchill had offered Ike a painting of his choice, Ike expressed interest in this particular painting. At Ike’s invitation, Churchill visited the U.S. in August of 1959 and personally delivered this painting to Ike, who was so pleased that he wrote in his thank you note that it would be “one of my most treasured possessions.”

In the photo, standing next to the painting is Sir Winston Churchill’s great grandson, Jonathan Sandys (pronounced Sands), during his very first visit to the Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum. Sandys immediately recognized the painting and was pleased to see it on temporary display in our Director’s office.



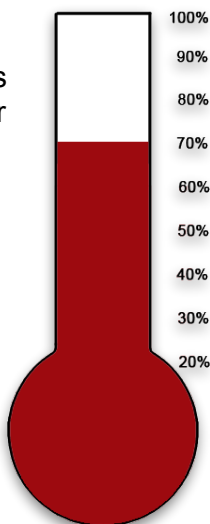
## Support our Cause

### “If This Table Could Talk...”

The D-Day table carried the weight of the world and the Eisenhower Presidential Museum is fortunate enough to have this very table in our collection. As plans develop for renovating the Museum’s exhibits — the first such update in over 45 years — our team has selected this artifact as the centerpiece for the new permanent D-Day exhibit (see rendering below).

This table, where the greatest military minds of the 20th Century planned Hitler’s downfall and the liberation of Europe, will tell the remarkable D-Day story from Ike’s perspective, at the command level. It will tell about the thousands of impossible decisions Ike was forced to make in order to assure full victory for the Allied Forces.

To build a case that is both large enough for the table and meets museum conservation standards, we need to raise \$112,500. Through the generous support of our Friends of the Foundation, to date, we have raised over 70% of our total goal — but we still need your help!



Will you join us in this historic undertaking, so we can preserve the values of Ike and the soldiers he led into battle? Please, take a moment to consider donating by filling out the form below or by visiting our website.

## Upcoming Events

### September

- 2-3: Chisholm Trail Movie Marathon
- 11: “Why We Fight” documentary

### October

- 10: WWII Music Concert, Bryan Pinkall
- 13: VFW Vigil
- 14: Ike’s 127th Birthday  
Presidential Wreath Laying Ceremony  
American Legion Pilgrimage  
Legacy Gala
- 22: Let’s Promote Hope: Operation Veterans Suicide Outreach

### November

- 11: Veterans Day Ceremony
- 16: Dick Cole’s War: Doolittle Raider, Hump Pilot, Air Commando, by Dennis Okerstrom - Miller Nichols Charitable Foundation Speaker Series\*

### December

- 3: Abilene Municipal Band Holiday Concert
- 22: Let’s Promote Hope: Operation Veterans Suicide Outreach

\*Friends Event (FREE)

For more details, visit our website at [www.EisenhowerFoundation.net](http://www.EisenhowerFoundation.net).

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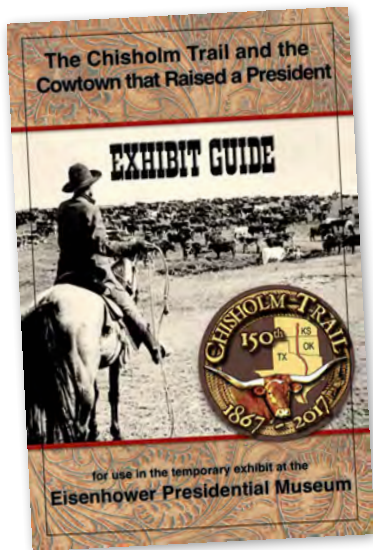
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## Did You Know?

### New Exhibit Guide Developed for Chisholm Trail Sesquicentennial

If you are a teacher — or you know a teacher — you will not want to miss this exciting news! IKEducation is offering a new exhibit guide for the 2017-18 academic year to complement our temporary exhibit, *Chisholm Trail 150th: The Cowtown that Raised a President*, located in the Eisenhower Presidential Museum.

Created by the IKEducation staff of experienced teachers, this guide offers different activities to enhance classroom objectives by directing students to the main ideas and vocabulary this exhibit offers. Students will have an engaging experience as they learn about prominent Kansans, as well as use the Skim and Scan reading strategy to gather information about cowboy life on the Chisholm Trail. Students will also discover the impact these wild west cowboys had on the “pop culture cowboy” of the Eisenhower Era.



Abilene was the end point of the Chisholm Trail. The very ground the Eisenhower Presidential Campus is located on was once a pen that held longhorn cattle driven north on the Chisholm Trail. Eisenhower himself grew up hearing the stories of the trail. That same hard work ethic was translated into the man he became.

The engaging experience and post-visit classroom activities offered in this guide will send students home with the history of the trail and the important people who had a role in establishing Abilene, Kansas. Be sure to visit *Chisholm Trail 150th: The Cowtown that Raised a President*, on display through May 2018.

## Our Partners

### Dane G. Hansen Field Trip Program

Since the launch of IKEducation, the Dane G. Hansen Foundation, based in Logan, Kansas, has funded over 100 field trips for schools from their 26-county service area in Northwest Kansas to visit the Eisenhower Presidential Library, Museum, and Boyhood Home. In fact, it was this initial grant, awarded to the Eisenhower Foundation in 2013, that helped to establish the IKEducation program for the benefit of all students — from Kansas and beyond.

Almost 4,800 students and teacher/adult chaperones have participated in the Dane G. Hansen Field Trip Program over the last four academic years. School groups participate in a field trip enhancement program, tour the museum, and enjoy a complimentary lunch.

As one teacher from Cawker City, Kansas, explained, “Because of the state funding issues, we have been very limited for the past few years in the ability to take our students on field trips. With the help of this grant, our students get to go to the Eisenhower Presidential Library and Boyhood Home. It is a treat to these children, who without this trip, may never know the enjoyment of viewing such an extraordinary museum. We study World War II before we come and it all comes to life when the students see the artifacts and history the Eisenhower Center has to offer.”



## In the Mailbox

### A Letter from Ike's Great-Niece

Dinah Bryan Rogers, granddaughter of Dwight's brother Roy Eisenhower, has fond memories of seeing "Uncle Ike" when he visited Colorado. The Eisenhower Foundation's recent letter about the D-Day table exhibit prompted her to recall some of those special times, which she shared in the letter below.



*The author's parents, Jack and Peggy Bryan, on their wedding day in 1943.*



*On a previous trip to Abilene, Kansas, Rogers enjoyed meeting local kids who played the roles of the Eisenhower family and tended a garden near the Boyhood Home.*

I was so glad to see your "D-Day Table" project letter come in the mail. What an incredible goal to preserve the importance of D-Day to our country and to the world. It is so meaningful to have a permanent D-Day exhibit in the Museum. Our family has loved our visits there.... It is incredible and beyond special to visit the house where my Grandfather Roy and Uncle Ike grew up – and see it just how it was when they lived there...furniture and personal items, including a quilt that my Great-Grandmother Ida made.... The Museum and the special exhibits we have seen are so informative and very well done.

I was lucky to know Uncle Ike.... Mom (Peggy Eisenhower) and Dad were invited to Mamie's parent's home various times during the summer.... When we were older, we met with Ike and Mamie in downtown Denver at the Brown Palace Hotel.... I will always remember his warm, twinkly blue eyes...he was a caring and sincere person....

I am so glad that the "D-Day Table" will be where so many people will see it. What a powerful reminder.... I agree, we need these important reminders of our history, and honoring our heroes and real leaders.

Thank you from all of us for doing so much for protecting our family's/country's values.

Dinah Bryan Rogers

## Special Delivery

### A High School Journalist Remembers Dwight D. Eisenhower

In 1947, Kit Miller of Washington, Kansas, was attending high school in Little Rock, Arkansas. Then known by her maiden name, Betty Noyes, she learned General Eisenhower was in town to speak to local veterans and stop by her school. Kit vied for an interview, but was denied. She pushed on, gaining permission for the interview from her father, Clair "Sarge" Noyes, who served under Ike in World War II and had even been considered Ike's 'right-hand man.'

On a recent visit to the Eisenhower Foundation, Kit shared about her experience. She recalled Ike as being easy to talk to, gentle, humble, and gracious, which calmed her shaking knees. A candid photo was snapped during the interview and, to Kit's surprise, was delivered to her door several weeks after the meeting. Always proud of her photo, it became more valuable when Ike became President. By corresponding with Ann Whitman, his secretary, Kit was able to have the photo autographed. It remains a prized possession and bolsters a fond memory. In the photo to the right, Kit stopped to pose with Ike one more time during her visit to the Eisenhower Presidential Library, Museum and Boyhood Home.





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