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You Did It!

Museum Project Enters Final Phase on May 14, 2018

Thanks to the generosity of our loyal supporters — and lead gifts made by the Hall Family Foundation, the William T. Kemper Foundation, and the Sunderland Foundation — the Eisenhower Presidential Museum exhibit renovation project will move into the final phase, implementation, on May 14. During this key stage, new graphic panels, display cases, theater experiences, and digital interactives will be installed.

Developed by award-winning design firm The PRD Group (Planning Research Design), with guidance from the Museum Steering Committee, the new exhibitry will tell the story of Dwight and Mamie Eisenhower in a way that is compelling to contemporary visitors. The new Eisenhower Presidential Museum will be a “teaching” museum, where K-12 students participating in IKEducation will utilize spacious galleries as classrooms for exploration.

Timing is critical on this project and beginning the Implementation Phase by May 2018 should ensure the Eisenhower Presidential Museum is ready to reopen by the 75th Anniversary of D-Day — June 6, 2019. We look forward to bringing you the most up-to-date details on this historic project as we approach our goal of completing the *Dwight D. Eisenhower: A Legacy of Leadership* Capital Campaign in time for the global commemoration of D-Day.

One of the updated exhibits, *Becoming Ike and Mamie*, depicted in the renderings below, will include the very personal story of Ike and Mamie's courtship and wedding. It will tell about the birth of their two sons, one of whom, Doud Dwight “Icky,” died of scarlet fever at the age of three and is buried alongside his parents in the Place of Meditation located on the Eisenhower Presidential Campus.

“Club Eisenhower” will be highlighted through anecdotes of evening dinners and games of bridge from Ike and Mamie's early life as a military couple. In addition, this gallery will feature Eisenhower's relationship with his mentors, including Patton, Pershing, MacArthur, and Marshall. A major artifact included in this exhibit is the Doud family electric car Ike frequently drove. For more details about this project, visit www.EisenhowerFoundation.net.



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As I write this, we are about to embark upon the next step in the Eisenhower Presidential Museum's exhibit renovation. Our Museum curatorial staff is in the process of storing artifacts in preparation for the complete removal of our decades-old exhibits.

Over the next 12 months, the Museum building will be unavailable during the construction and installation of the brand new exhibits you all made possible! During this time, exhibits will be displayed in the Library building.

Your gifts have been a huge boon to this historic project. I cannot thank you enough, and I am pleased to share with you a sneak peek of the new exhibits which can be found on our website.

To date, we have raised 84% of our goal, but there is still much work to be done. To guarantee we unveil the new exhibits in June 2019, coinciding with the 75th anniversary of D-Day, we need to raise the remaining \$1.5 million dollars by December.

Thank you for your trust in our work and please know that your continued gifts will help us finish strong.



Meredith Sleichter
Executive Director

Special Recognition

Kansas Governor Signs Eisenhower Statue Bill

Kansas Governor Jeff Colyer, M.D., traveled to the Eisenhower Presidential Library in Abilene, Kansas, on February 21 to sign Senate Bill 262 authorizing placement of a statue of Dwight D. Eisenhower on the Kansas Capitol grounds.

"The idea of servant leadership is encapsulated in Ike, and I take great pride in the fact that one of the greatest Americans of the past century was a quiet Kansan,"



Colyer stated. "He taught us that you have to listen before you serve and you have to serve selflessly before you can lead effectively, and that is a standard I have tried to live up to my entire life."

The statue will be funded through private donations. Plans are to unveil the 7-foot bronze statue in the days leading up to Eisenhower's October 14 birthday.

Celebrating Our Heroes

Stan Kijowski

Stanislaus (Stan) Kijowski was born March 26, 1924, in Kansas City, Kansas. In 1932, he moved to Poland with his mother and siblings to farm. After Germany invaded Poland in 1939, Nazi soldiers enslaved a son from each farm, and Stan was taken to Vienna, Austria. He escaped and walked for six weeks to get home, only to be seized before nightfall. He was sent to Poltava, near Siberia, but escaped again, traveling 1,000 miles home, was captured again and sent to Auschwitz.



Severely beaten, Stan was still able to escape Auschwitz. He joined the Polish Underground and worked with the Allies. Stan's athleticism earned him the code name "Tarzan," as well as riskier missions, like derailing train cars carrying supplies to the front line and freeing pilots imprisoned in war camps.

Near the end of the war, Russia solicited help from the Polish people to navigate through the dense, Great Forest in Poland. The Underground knew the area well and Stan was instrumental in leading Russian troops through the forest, which became a turning point in defeating the Nazis in Poland.

At war's end, Poland was not freed. The Russian-occupied country was unsafe for former underground agents, and Stan escaped once again, on foot. He walked through Poland into Germany, found passage through occupied Berlin, traveled through North Africa, sailed to New York, and eventually reunited with family in Kansas City.

Following a lifelong dream of being a sailor, Stan joined the Merchant Marines. After two years, he returned to Kansas City, finished his education in Engineering and married his sweetheart, Theresa Ziolo. The couple moved to Abilene, Kansas, to raise their family. His early years of struggle gave Stan an enthusiasm for life, which he maintained until his passing on April 23, 2014, at the age of 90.

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Our Partners

Hall, Kemper, and Sunderland Lead the Way in Securing Ike's Legacy

The Eisenhower Presidential Museum exhibit renovation project is historic and would not be possible without support from the Hall Family Foundation (Kansas City, MO), the William T. Kemper Foundation (Kansas City, MO), and the Sunderland Foundation (Overland Park, KS). These three leading institutions each have their own historic ties to the Eisenhower Era and have made gifts in honor of these lasting connections.



Mr. J.C. Hall, founder of Hallmark Cards, was a longtime friend of Ike's. As an early member of the Eisenhower Foundation's Board of Trustees, he worked with then Kansas Governor Edward Arn and Senator Harry Darby to build the original Eisenhower Museum as a tribute to General Eisenhower and all veterans from World War II.

The Kemper and Eisenhower families share a unique connection. The oldest Eisenhower brother, Arthur, worked at a Kemper-owned bank for over 50 years. Also, James M. Kemper, Sr. (William T. Kemper, Sr.'s son) helped incorporate the Eisenhower Foundation, and had two sons who served in World War II.

The Sunderland Foundation was established by Lester T. Sunderland, then President of Ash Grove Cement. This company, headquartered in Kansas, is the epitome of the American Spirit and has literally cemented our nation's history, seen today in Ike's Interstate Highway System.

Did You Know?

A Fork in the Road of History

Did you know that Ike had to choose between Mamie and the Air Force? In late 1915, 25 year-old Lieutenant Dwight D. Eisenhower and 19 year-old Mamie Geneva Doud were falling in love. They did not care that Mamie was a debutante, raised among the social elite of Denver and San Antonio, while Ike was a soldier, raised among rural Kansans who worked hard for every penny. In fact, it seemed to be the traits that each brought from their varied backgrounds — Mamie's refined femininity and Ike's rugged masculinity — that so captivated them.

Mamie's father had reservations about her long-term happiness if living on a soldier's meager salary. According to Susan Eisenhower's book, *Mrs. Ike*, "No matter how much Mamie said she didn't care about her soldier fiancé's income, [Mr. Doud] was full aware of the problems she faced. She took for granted the comfortable life she led, but in the army she would have severe financial constraints and would never have a permanent home. 'But Papa could see we were wild about each other,' Mamie later said, '[and] all I wanted was that man.'" Her father finally gave his consent, but warned Mamie that she would not receive any financial help from him. She would have to live within her husband's means.

All seemed to be settled and wedding plans were being made at the Doud home until one evening, when Ike announced that he had applied for and been accepted into the Army's aviation section. He was excited that his ambition to be a pilot could be realized and that he would earn a 50% increase in pay. To Ike's surprise, Mr. Doud had a different reaction. He felt that flying was a dangerous endeavor and not suitable for someone asking to marry his daughter. Mr. Doud declared that he would rescind his consent if Ike became an aviator.

Susan Eisenhower wrote that Ike left the Doud house that evening with a big decision to make. "After looking at the matter, seriously, but not firmly,' Ike later recalled, 'I phoned the Douds and made a date to see the family once more. When I arrived I announced that I was ready to give up aviation. It turned out that my decision was an immense relief to the family because Mamie had been raising quite a fuss.'"

Americans can certainly appreciate Mr. Doud's worry for his daughter's welfare, Mamie's choice to support Ike no matter what his background or financial situation, and finally of Ike's choice of love over aviation. It is hard to imagine what might be different in the world today if Mamie and Ike's love for each other had not prevailed.



Ike and Mamie's wedding photo, July 1, 1916.

IKEducation

Dogs for Defense

IKEducation's spring field trips are in full swing and one of our most popular programs is "Dogs for Defense: Hero Hounds." In this program, students learn about the impressive military dog program that was started by volunteers during World War II. At the onset of the war, the United States did not have an official military war dog program. Dog enthusiasts strongly believed that dogs could aid the military as more than mascots and began trying to persuade the government. This group became Dogs for Defense, Inc.

Patriotic Americans on the home front wanted to help our soldiers in any way they could. The whole country shifted gears to support our troops and win World War II. The volunteers who created Dogs for Defense were determined to show the military that dogs were useful in war and sent their own trained dogs to guard weapon companies. The dogs soon proved valuable not only as excellent guards, but also as morale boosters to those they helped.



A window sticker to be placed on a donor's car or house window.

In 1942, the U.S. Army received 200 trained sentry dogs from Dogs for Defense. This was the first time in U.S. history war dogs were officially recognized. Their usefulness was quickly realized and by December, the Army, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard requested 125,000 dogs! Dogs for Defense turned to Americans to help fulfill this request. America's volunteer spirit showed itself and approximately 40,000 pet dogs were signed up to join the military. The dogs being volunteered, however, were untrained pets, not working dogs.

On March 13, 1942, the U.S. Under Secretary of War established the War Dog Program called "K-9 Corps" to train and utilize the dogs obtained by Dogs for Defense. In August 1942, the Quartermaster Corps established training centers and Technical Manual 10-396 to outline the procedures to be followed. The manual also listed thirty-two breeds thought to be suitable as war dogs, but, by the end of 1944, seven breeds stood out and were preferred: German Shepherds, Belgian sheep dogs, Doberman Pinschers, collies, Siberian Huskies, Malamutes and Eskimo dogs. Members of the K-9 Corps were trained for eight to 12 weeks. After basic obedience training, they were sent through specialized programs to prepare them for work as sentry dogs, scout dogs, messenger dogs, sledge, pack, casualty, or mine-detection dogs.



A young boy, Clyde Porter, gives his dog "Junior" to Dogs for Defense.

History for the Future

Chips the Hero Hound



The Hero Hound who received possibly the most attention in World War II was Chips, a German Shepherd-Husky cross who served with the Army's 3rd Infantry Division (left). Trained as a sentry dog, Chips raced into an Italian machine-gun nest, attacking an enemy soldier by the throat and pulling the gun from its mount. The wounded Chips was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, Silver Star and the Purple Heart – all of which were later revoked due to an Army policy preventing official commendation of animals. However, seven decades later, Chips was posthumously awarded the Dickin Medal, Britain's highest honor for animal bravery, on January 15, 2018.

The honor was accepted by 76-year-old John Wren, whose family donated Chips to the Dogs for Defense war effort in 1942. Chips survived the war and was reunited with his owners in Pleasantville, New York. The Dickin Medal was awarded on the 75th anniversary of the Casablanca Conference, at which British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and U.S. President

Franklin D. Roosevelt plotted wartime strategy. Chips actually served as a sentry at the conference and met both leaders. Chips also met General Eisenhower, but when Ike reached down to pet the acclaimed dog, Chips nipped his hand! Chips planned to protect his handler, no matter how many stars were on the other guy's shoulders. Elementary students learn about the topics on this page through the IKEducation programs, "Hero Hounds" and "K-9 Corps." To learn more, visit www.EisenhowerFoundation.net.

Support our Cause

Ways to Give

The important work done by the Eisenhower Foundation would not be possible without you, our generous donors. There are several ways to make a gift to the Foundation, including:

Friends of the Eisenhower Foundation

Established in 1990 for the Eisenhower Centennial, our Friends program provides support for public programs and outreach at the Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum. Annual memberships start at \$30 and offer free admission to all Presidential Libraries.

Eisenhower Legacy Society

The Eisenhower Legacy Society includes individuals who have contributed to the *Dwight D. Eisenhower: A Legacy of Leadership* Campaign and are committed to renovating the Eisenhower Presidential Museum and expanding IKEducation.

Club Eisenhower

Membership in Club Eisenhower is reserved for donors who have included the Foundation in their estate plans. Members receive a special gift and correspondence throughout the year.

I LIKE IKE Distinctive License Plate (Kansas only)

Kansans can "Drive the Legacy" by purchasing an official State of Kansas distinctive license plate at any DMV. The \$50 donation comes directly to the Eisenhower Foundation and goes towards events and programs at the Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum.

Stars & Stripes Sponsor

Companies and organizations that are Stars & Stripes Sponsors help bring Ike's story to the next generation by supporting programs and events at the Eisenhower Presidential Library. Sponsors are listed on our website and are included on promotional materials.

Upcoming Events

May

- 6 WW II film series: *From Here to Eternity*
- 12 Mother's Day Tea, with "First Ladies Man," Andrew Och. RSVP by May 7. \$15/person
- 14 Museum exhibit renovation begins
- 14 Ike Book TALK: *Letters of a Woman Homesteader*
- 19 Veterans Memoir Writing Workshop
- 20 WW II film series: *Tora! Tora! Tora!*
- 24 Lunch & Learn: *Ultimate Insiders: White House Photographers...* with author Kenneth T. Walsh

June

- 2 Symphony at Sunset: D-Day commemoration
- 6 D-Day Anniversary
- 6 WW II film series: *The Big Red One*
- 10 WW II film series: *The Thin Red Line*
- 12 *Silver Wings, Flying Dreams*, WASP documentary
- 14 Flag Day: Army wreath laying ceremony
- 24 WW II film series: *Sahara*
- 28 Lunch & Learn: *Chemical Lands: A History of Pesticides, Aerial Spraying...* author David Vail

July

- 8 Ike Book TALK: *Abilene Town* (film)
- 9 Ike Book TALK: *Trail Town* by Ernest Haycox
- 15 WW II film series: *The Best Years of our Lives*
- 26 Lunch & Learn: Cosmosphere SpaceWorks
- 28 Annual Bridge Tournament
- 29 WW II film series: *D-Day Plus 20 Years*, CBS documentary,

August

- 4 Vintage Base Ball game
- 14 *KC Monarchs in Your Hometown* with Phil Dixon
- 23 Lunch & Learn: *Ike and Baseball* with Mark Eberle

Please see our website calendar for more information.

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Spotlight Event



Meeting a Real Rosie: Connie Palacioz

Over six million women took to the workforce when the men went off to fight during World War II. Some of the positions that needed filling were typists, farm workers, taxi and bus drivers, and factory and shipyard workers. A large number of the jobs were on assembly lines in factories that produced munitions and war supplies. Propaganda was distributed to recruit women to “Do the job he left behind.” Thus, Rosie the Riveter was born.

One such Rosie was Connie Palacioz (left). Now 93, she shared her story in a March program at the Eisenhower Presidential Library. Following high school graduation, Palacioz took a job with Boeing in Wichita, Kansas. She spent about two weeks in training as a

riveter, earning \$0.50/hour, before she was ready for the B-29 assembly line, where she would make \$0.75/hour. All Palacioz needed was a bucker; the person working inside the plane. The bucker held in place a metal bar that acted as an anvil as the rivets were inserted. The back of the rivet mushroomed out against the bar, keeping the rivet secure. She found her bucker in Jerri Warden, with whom no one would work because she was black. Palacioz, being Hispanic, had no qualms about working with Warden, who turned out to be a very good bucker, and the team produced four B-29 nose sections per day.

Palacioz could not have known that she would be reunited nearly 60 years later with a bomber she helped build in 1944. A B-29, nicknamed “Doc,” returned to Wichita for restoration after sitting 42 years in the California desert.

“When I saw the plane in 2000, it was in pieces!” Palacioz exclaimed. However, the nose section, which she and Warden built, was complete except for broken glass. In fact, only seven of their rivets were missing.

Palacioz joined Doc’s restoration effort, volunteering three days each week for 16 years. “I cried when I saw it fly,” she said, “thinking of some of the people who worked on the restoration but passed away before the flight.”

When the crew gave Palacioz a ride in Doc, she made her way to the front to sit in the nose section. “When I looked out through the nose, I saw Jerri’s rivets and noticed how even her lines were and wished she could have been with me.”



Three IKEducators, Mary, Donna, and Anna, were thrilled to meet Palacioz. “Rosie the Riveter” is one of the IKEducation programs they teach to schools visiting the Eisenhower Presidential Museum.

Featured Artifact



Rosie the Riveter Coveralls On Display In Museum

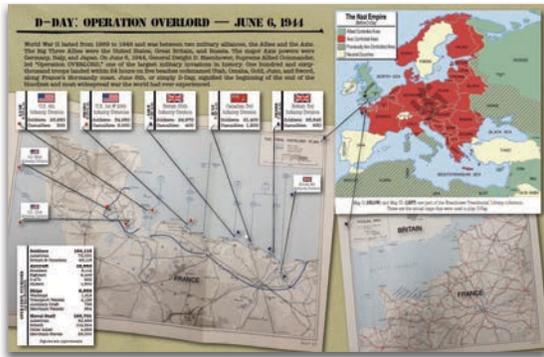
Among the World War II era military and volunteer services uniforms on display at the Eisenhower Presidential Museum are the faded blue coveralls (left) worn by a genuine Rosie the Riveter. Anna Gugler, one of our IKEducators, donated the coveralls, which her mother wore while working at Boeing during World War II. These coveralls are a symbol of women’s vital contributions to the Allied victory.

“My mother, Alma Mabel Cleveland, and her twin sister, Anna Elizabeth Cleveland, (pictured at right) graduated from Attica High School, Attica, Kansas, in the Spring of 1941. They both went to work at Boeing Aircraft in Wichita, Kansas, helping build bombers. They looked exactly alike and would sometimes exchange jobs. My mother was a riveter and my aunt would buck the rivets,” Gugler said, adding that her mother didn’t talk about her wartime work. “It was just her job, contributing to the war effort and earning a living, like so many other women at that time.”

Gugler found a way to connect to her mother’s past. “My cousin, Anna’s daughter, and I belong to the American Rosie the Riveter Association as Rosebuds, children of Rosies.”



The coveralls belonged to Alma Cleveland, left, a riveter at Boeing. Twin sister, Anna, right, was a bucker.



In the Mailbox

D-Day Maps With Notes to Students

We like to connect generations whenever possible, so we developed some mailings that encourage donors to write messages to students who visit the Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum and participate in an IKEducation program. One of our favorite mailings includes a D-Day map (left) showing the different military division assignments along the Normandy coast. We are pleased to share with you some comments from those who remember D-Day and World War II.

To those who responded, thank you for providing a bridge between history and the present. And to our donors, thank you for your support, which makes IKEducation programs and field trips possible.

My mother played bridge with Ike during WW II in England. Some of her fondest memories were from her times as an Army nurse in WW II. — Virginia

I was 9 when WW II ended, but I remember how quiet I had to be when my Grandpa listened to the news via his radio. He had 5 grandsons in the armed services. — Kansas

I was in the D-Day invasion on a Destroyer as a gunnery officer. I had just turned 23 years old. We were at Omaha Beach and at our battle stations for 56 hours. I am now almost 96 years old, but my memory of that experience is very keen. — Illinois

My father served in the Pacific during WW II with MacArthur. After that, he served President Ike from 1952 - 1960 as under secretary of the Army during Korea. I went to school with Ike's grandchildren. I saw Mamie about every week to pick up David. — S. Carolina

I flew my first mission on June 7, 1944. On my 13th mission, we had to bail out. We were captured and taken as P.O.W.s in Germany until liberated in late April 1945 by Gen. Patton. — California

I helped fight in France and across Germany. German concentration camps were killing thousands of Jews by starvation, poison gas, and machine guns. I helped shut down one of these killing camps. — Texas

Special Delivery



World War II Scrapbooks

World War II ended nearly 75 years ago, yet was brought to life by the recent arrival of artifacts from the family of Robert (Bob) Neptune of Bartlesville, Oklahoma (left). An Army Reservist, Neptune graduated college in 1936 and was elected County Attorney. As the threat of war loomed, Neptune was called to active duty. After training men from West Point on artillery, he was put on special duty, leading Neptune to serve in World War II with the 376th Parachute Artillery Battalion, 82nd Airborne Division. He participated in every major battle in the European Theater. Coincidentally, Operation Neptune was the nickname for the 82nd Airborne's D-Day mission.

Bob Neptune kept maps, photographs, booklets and other items from 1943-1945, (right), including a letter he wrote to his sister, not his folks, as he knew it would add to their worry. In this letter, he wrote, "Ack-Ack was going off all around and tracer bullets were tearing thru the airplane. This was it boy! I wasn't afraid tho. For some reason I felt secure. I joked with a Lt. beside me and hooked up my static line. Just then a gob of shells came up through the seat I had just left and tore out thru the top of the big transport."

Eisenhower Presidential Library Deputy Director Tim Rives said, "The Neptune records add to our outstanding collection of individual accounts from World War II. Their value as a primary source on the experience of an American soldier will grow in importance for years to come. We are honored to have received this collection from the Neptune family. Our staff will soon prepare the materials and make them available for researchers from around the world."





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