



Message from the Executive Director



As we enter the new decade, I am increasingly aware of the importance of bringing Ike's legacy to the public. Through the creation

of a national memorial honoring his service to democracy, we celebrate the best of America — personified in Eisenhower's leadership, integrity, and love for his fellow-man.

In World War II and as 34th President of the United States, he rose to meet each challenge while preserving the democratic principles he cherished.

We are now making rapid progress and will unveil the memorial's design concept this summer! We are also planning to kickoff a national and international fundraising effort in support of construction.

Eisenhower biographer Stephen Ambrose said that Ike left us with "a legacy of love, for people, and for democracy." With your help, we can bring that legacy to generations to come.

Thank you for your support!

Carl W. Reddel,
Brig. Gen., USAF (Ret.)

Memorial Design Begins!

Frank Gehry & Team to Create Alternative Concepts

The memorial design team, led by renowned architect Frank Gehry, is now working to create design concepts for the memorial's four-acre site in the heart of Washington, D.C., across from the National Air and Space Museum.

Mr. Gehry and his team were selected in 2009 as the result of a competitive selection process managed through the Design Excellence Program of the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA).

The design team completed the contract process with the Eisenhower Memorial Commission (EMC) and GSA on January 8, 2010. The primary members of the design team are Frank Gehry Partners, LLP; L'Observatoire International; AECOM; and ESI Design.

Gilbane Building Company is assisting GSA with contract management.

The concepts will be reviewed by the National Capital Planning Commission and the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts this spring.



Frank Gehry at a EMC reception in Washington, D.C. with Commission Chairman Rocco Siciliano.

Congress Approves \$19 Million to Fund Design Phase

As part of the annual Appropriations process, the Fiscal Year 2010 Interior Appropriations bill was passed by Congress on October 30, 2009. This bill, now Public Law 111-88, appropriated \$19 million in funding for the Commission. These funds cover the entire design phase throughout Fiscal Years 2010 and 2011.

Apart from design, the funding also supports Commission operations for both years, including further development of the programmatic dimensions of the E-Memorial and the initial costs of private fundraising. It was the approval of this funding which enabled the Commission to finalize both the design contract and the design and construction management contract in early January.

Thank you to all our congressional supporters.

Meet Our Commissioners



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Ike in the News!

President Obama Likes IKE...

...in his address to the Nation on the way forward in Afghanistan and Pakistan



(Photo courtesy of whitehouse.gov)

December 1, 2009: President Obama quotes Eisenhower in his address to the nation at West Point on America's next steps in Afghanistan and Pakistan:

"I must weigh all of the challenges that our nation faces. I don't have the luxury of committing to just one. Indeed, I'm mindful of the words of President Eisenhower, who — in discussing our national security — said, 'Each proposal must be weighed in the light of a broader consideration: the need to maintain balance in and among national programs.'"

For more information, visit: www.whitehouse.gov

Donate to the Memorial Online - This Spring!

The Commission is now planning for a multi-million dollar fundraising campaign scheduled to begin later this year. Prior to campaign kickoff, the Eisenhower Memorial website, www.eisenhowermemorial.org, will soon begin accepting donations. By spring 2010, website visitors will be able to make secure, tax-deductible donations to the memorial over the internet.

As part of a "new look" for the renovated memorial website, new features are being added, including a "Donate Today" button, an F.A.Q. page, and additional educational resources for teachers and students.



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Did You Know?

February 8, 2010 marks the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Building in Washington, DC. At the dedication President Eisenhower made heartfelt remarks to an audience of national leaders of the VFW and members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Eisenhower was himself a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion, and was a lifelong supporter of veterans organizations.

Eisenhower championed American veterans' selfless service and achievements throughout his presidency. He changed the name of Armistice Day, which honored only World War I veterans, to Veterans Day in honor of all veterans. Ike established an annual congressional hearing for veterans service organizations that laid the foundation for the study and protection of veterans benefits. He felt privileged to speak to many veterans groups, saying, "Every invitation to address a gathering of American veterans is for me a new opportunity to express my admiration and gratitude to men and women who have served their country in the Armed Forces."



(Photo courtesy of VFW)

This speech is available online at www.eisenhowermemorial.org in the Speeches section under February 8, 1960.

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