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April 18-22, 2016

Dispatches From  
The Eisenhower Memorial Commission

## EMC Staff Welcome Honor Flight Veterans to D.C.



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Members of the Commission's staff greet Honor Flight veterans: Albert Cramer (top), Collin Figley (bottom left) & Josh Poorman (bottom right)

On Tuesday, members of EMC staff had the honor of meeting roughly seventy World War II, Korean and Vietnam War veterans of the [Tri-State Honor Flight](#) from the greater Cincinnati area. Every year, thousands of veterans have the opportunity to visit the national memorials dedicated to their service and sacrifice through the [Honor Flight Network](#). EMC has been privileged the last five years to have the opportunity to greet and give thanks to incoming veterans and their families as they arrive at the Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport and the World War II Memorial.



Senator Bob Dole, Finance Chair for the EMC Advisory Committee, greets veterans from the Kansas Honor Flight



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On April 22, 1953, President Eisenhower signed Executive Order 10448, authorizing the establishment of the National Defense Service Medal. The medal is awarded to members of the United States armed forces for honorable active military service, between June 27, 1950 and July 27, 1954 (dates inclusive) for service during the Korean War, between January 1, 1961 and August 14, 1974 (dates inclusive) for service during the Vietnam War, between August 2, 1990 and November 30, 1995 for service during the Persian Gulf War, and currently from Sept. 11, 2001 to a date to be determined for service during the Global War on Terrorism. It remains the oldest "service" medal still issued to active military members today.



*National Defense Service Medal*

On April 22, 1961, Eisenhower met with President John F. Kennedy at Camp David to discuss the failings of the Bay of Pigs invasion. In his 50th visit to the presidential retreat, the former president on this occasion took on the role of counselor-in-chief, lending his military expertise and firsthand knowledge of the challenges of the

Rep. Leonard Boswell (D-IA)

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presidency to help the young president manage the debacle and ensure it would not be repeated.



*"Serious Steps" (1962 Pulitzer Prize photograph by Paul Vathis) President John F. Kennedy and former president Dwight D. Eisenhower at Camp David, 1962, Associated Press*

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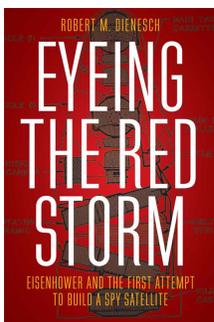
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## Recent Ike Publication



**Eyeing the Red Storm:**  
[Eisenhower and the First Attempt to Build a Spy Satellite](#)

by Robert M. Dienesch  
Released April 1, 2016  
University of Nebraska Press

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## Test Your Ike'spertise!

**Trivia Question:** Prior to President Eisenhower's renaming of Camp David in 1953 after his grandson, what was the name of this rural presidential retreat in Thurmont, Maryland?  
(See answer below)



*Dwight D. Eisenhower, John Eisenhower, and grandson David Eisenhower putt on the green of the main lodge while vacationing at Camp David in Thurmont, MD, 1954, courtesy of the Eisenhower Presidential Library*

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**Trivia Answer:** Shangri-La—so named in 1942 by President Roosevelt, who converted it to a presidential retreat from the WPA-built camp for federal government employees and their families, known as Hi-Catoclin.



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