



**THANK YOU FOR HELPING US COLLECT THE
STORIES OF WORLD WAR II VETERANS.**



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Program Overview

Before President Eisenhower became President in 1953, he was a five-star general in the United States Army, and served as Supreme Commander of the Allied Expeditionary Forces in Europe. Despite his many medals and awards, he preferred the attention to be directed to the troops he led.

The mission of Ike's Soldiers is to honor Dwight D. Eisenhower's legacy through the compelling stories of the soldiers he led and share them with the world through IKEducation programs and digital and media platforms. General Eisenhower was a champion of the soldiers who served with him in World War II. We want to continue his legacy by gathering as many World War II Veterans' stories as possible to share with the younger generations through the website and the Eisenhower Foundation's IKEducation programs and social media.

This program provides students, teachers, historians and citizens of the world the opportunity to become part of history, by collecting and submitting stories from World War II veterans to the Eisenhower Foundation's new **Ike's Soldiers** database and website. By doing so, we honor the soldiers that led us to one of the biggest victories in world history, and provide future generations with the opportunity to hear veterans' first-hand accounts about their experiences.

For Phase I of the **Ike's Soldiers'** IKEducation program, Eisenhower Foundation will connect with college journalism students and other interested students across the USA to encourage them to collect and produce interviews with World War II veterans asking them to share their stories from their experiences in the various battles. Students will dig deep into war stories, as well as their experiences and/or impressions of General Eisenhower as their Supreme Allied Commander. From these interviews, which will be housed on Eisenhower Foundation's **Ike's Soldiers'** YouTube Channel and on **Ike's Soldiers'** website, students, historians, teachers and anyone in the world will have the opportunity to listen and learn from hundreds of veterans' interviews providing an unprecedented historical archive from the soldiers' points of view. Additionally, these interviews will be marketed through social media platforms, drawing attention to these soldiers' invaluable experiences and recollections through video interviews. Finally, in recognition of the 75th Anniversary of D-Day, these soldiers' stories will be pitched to national, regional and local media to give further reach to their unforgettable stories.

In the words of General Eisenhower, *"Humility must always be the portion of any man who receives acclaim earned in the blood of his followers and the sacrifices of his friends."*