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#### DEAR FRIENDS,

Last April marked the 75th anniversary of Harry Truman's accession to the presidency of the United States. The Truman Library Institute recognized this moment as a unique opportunity to not only honor and uphold President Truman's legacy but also – and more importantly – to explore the complex global challenges he faced, as well as the lessons that can be gleaned from his principled leadership, his unwavering commitment to democratic ideals, and his world-defining decisions.

To help share this story, the Truman Library Institute launched the Stay TRU Capital Campaign in 2019. The original campaign goal of \$25 million would secure funding for a new presidential museum exhibition, as well as education and public programming.

Fast-forward two years and \$41 million to an absolutely monumental achievement – the once-in-a-generation transformation of one of our nation's most significant historical institutions. On July 2, 2021, the all-new Truman Library opened to critical acclaim and earned the attention of news outlets nationwide, sharing our story – *Truman's story* – with more than 1.3 billion (yes, BILLION!) readers and viewers.

The tremendous response was as thrilling as any ticker-tape parade.

This success was made possible by tens of thousands of Americans – from every state in the Union – who understand that President Truman's legacy is vitally important to the future of our democracy, now more than ever.

When I joined Team Truman as the Institute's executive director more than 15 years ago, I knew enough about Harry Truman to understand the importance of upholding and elevating the life and leadership of America's 33rd president. What I didn't know – and what continues to humble me every day – is the incredible support we enjoy from a stellar group of informed, engaged and impassioned friends of President Truman's legacy and library.

As we celebrate the phenomenal transformation of the Truman Library, we also are turning our attention to creating worldwide access to the remarkable experiences, educational resources and exhibits that the Stay TRU Campaign has made possible.

In other words, we will continue to give our best to the president who gave his best to this nation and to the world.

Thank you for your generous support of our mission, our campaign, and the legacy of our president, Harry S. Truman.

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# TRU LETTERS \*

"I was one of those directly affected by President Truman's bold leadership... when he integrated the Armed Forces."

- Marvin A., Cedar Park, TX

#### **FOUR-STAR FRIEND**

My sincere thanks to you and your fine team for a wonderfully uplifting "Wild About Harry" gala. What it lacked in physically present numbers was more than compensated – the enthusiasm, the education/tour of the Library and the shared reflections are the stuff of memories that will not dim with time.

It was clear how much time and thought went into the event, mirroring the same effort put forth in the renovation project. I pass my respects to you and your team.

Best wishes to all at the Truman Library.

Sincerely,

#### Jim Mattis

Editor's Note: General Jim Mattis, US Marine Corps (Ret.) was the recipient of the 2020 Harry S. Truman Legacy of Leadership Award.

#### FIRST FAMILY GRATITUDE

I joined the board of the Truman Library nearly 30 years ago, right after my mother said, "It's your turn." At the time, I regarded it as an obligation — a happy one, but an obligation nonetheless. It very quickly became a joy. And that has never been more true than it is today. It's one thing to luck out in your choice of ancestors, but to then work with people who care so much and do even more ... that's really something. And no one would, and maybe does, appreciate it more than Grandpa. I've been joking about him

spinning in his grave the last four years or so, but he really hasn't had to do that, not with the board and the staffs of the Library and Institute watching over him.

Thank you, all.

#### **Clifton Truman Daniel**

Eldest Grandson of President Truman and Honorary Chair of the Truman Library Institute

#### IN HIS MEMORY

Thank you for the honor of having my name listed as a Legacy Sponsor. I was one of those directly affected by President Truman's bold leadership during the Korean War, when he integrated the Armed Forces. In addition, I request that you also list the name of a particular deceased soldier....

A few days before our unit was integrated, we were defending the airfield in Pohang, when Amos Battle — a skilled, loyal and brave soldier — was struck by an exploding enemy artillery shell. He was killed instantly, only a few feet away from me. I am contributing in his memory.

#### Marvin A.

Cedar Park, TX

#### **TRU STORY**

On June 14, 1948, standing before a huge crowd at a luncheon hosted by the Greater Los Angeles Press Club at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, President Truman gave a rousing speech.

Later that afternoon, in a Highland Park neighborhood near Pasadena, my sister and I (newly transplanted from Kansas City) were returning home with a load of groceries when we heard the tell-tale sounds of a train heading our way from downtown L.A. We stopped to watch the train roar by. Who should be standing at the end of the last car but Bess and Harry Truman!

My sister and I couldn't believe our eyes. It's not every day you see the President of the United States and his family in your own backyard — even for just a minute or two. We dropped those groceries, waved furiously and were rewarded in turn by smiles and waves right back. An incomparable moment I shall treasure always.

#### Carolyn S.

Pasadena, CA

Editor's Note: The personal reflections from Texas and California were enclosed with donations to the Stay TRU Capital Campaign, which made the transformation of the Truman Library and Museum possible.

#### We want to hear from you!

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# NEWS BRIEFS \*



#### A WILD, Record-Breaking Birthday Bash

Thank you to all who joined us for the 22nd Annual **Wild About Harry**. Led by Event Chairs **Melanie and Jim Rine**, with Honorary Chairs **Bob Speaks** and **Brad Speaks**, the signature fundraising event delivered a historic victory: \$630,415 in support of Truman's library and legacy – a new record! Whether joining virtually from home or from private VIP suites at the Kansas City venue, the Truman community enjoyed a night to remember with **Chris Wallace**, **David Von Drehle**, **Samantha J. Power** and **Clifton Truman Daniel**. Wild About Harry has raised nearly \$8 million in support of nationally acclaimed education and outreach programs that foster civic learning and engagement. Learn more at TrumanLibraryInstitute.org/WILD.

#### Power Receives 2021 Truman Legacy Award

The 2021 Harry S. Truman Legacy of Leadership Award was presented to USAID Administrator Samantha J. Power during the 22nd Annual Wild About Harry celebration on May 6, 2021. Called "a powerful crusader for U.S foreign policy as well as human rights and democracy" by *Forbes* when it named her one of the "World's 100 Most Powerful Women," Power is recognized as a leading voice internationally for principled American engagement in the world.

"President Truman offers a vision for what principled leadership can look like."

> Samantha J. Power Read more on page 35.



### Truman Statue Campaign

Harry Truman is headed back to

Washington! For nearly two decades, Missouri leaders have sought to secure a place for Truman in the National Statuary Hall Collection. Today, thanks to friends of the Truman Library Institute, the dream is nearly a reality. Funding is being secured, and sculptor Tom Corbin has made the finishing touches to the eight-foot sculpture. There is still time to be part of this once-in-a-lifetime legacy project, with donor benefits starting at \$1000. Learn more at TrumanLibraryInstitute.org/STATUE.

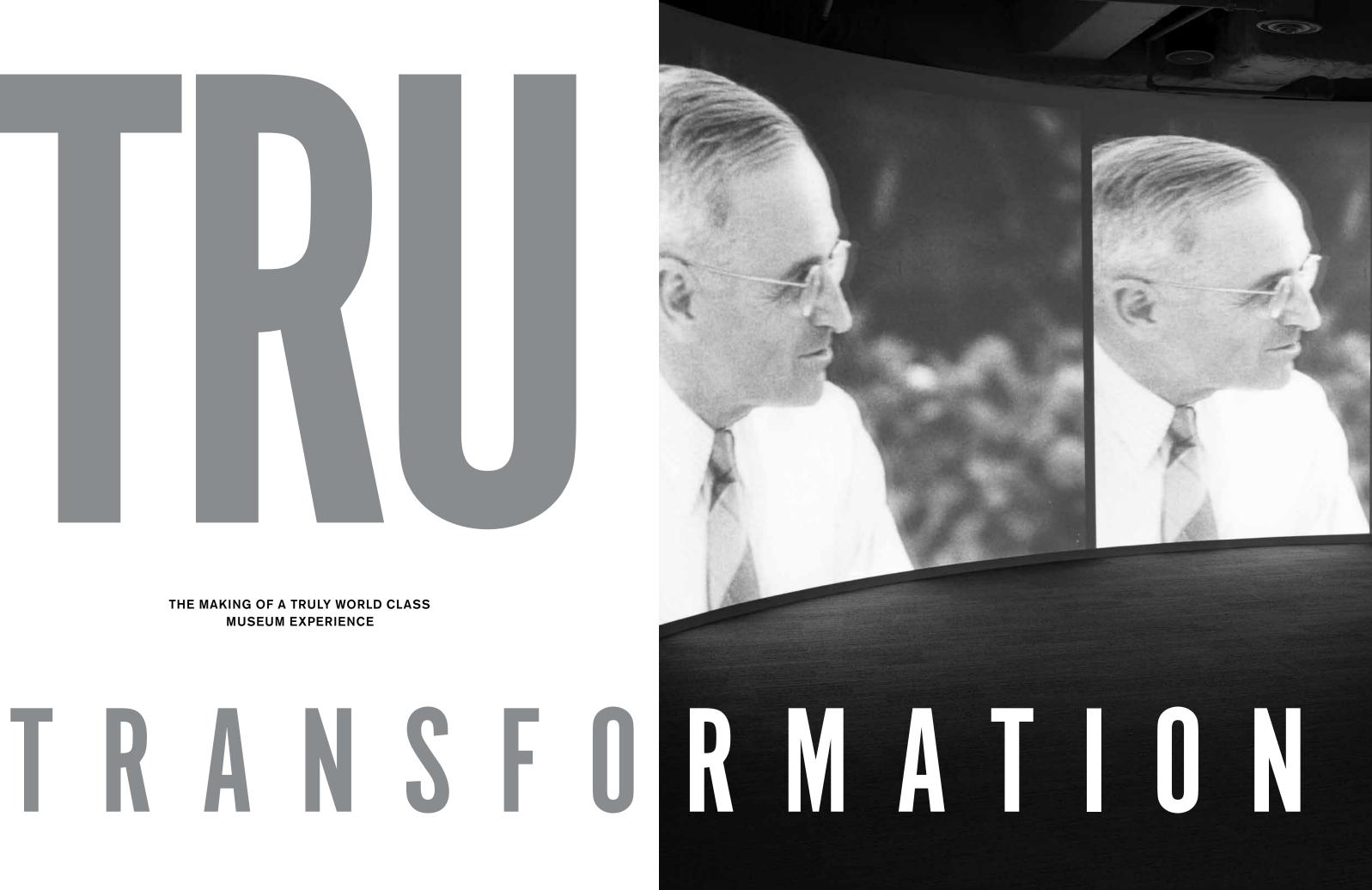




#### **Institute Welcomes New Directors**

Elected to the Board on September 9, 2021 were **Donald L. Scott** and **Madeleine McDonough.** They join a powerful and influential group of leaders and champions, whose passionate advocacy underscores the enduring importance of President Truman's legacy. Scott retired from U.S. Army active duty in 1991 as a highly decorated brigadier general. In addition to being an author, Scott's numerous civic roles include Founding Director of the National AmeriCorps and Deputy Librarian of Congress. McDonough leads the Kansas City-based law firm Shook, Hardy & Bacon. Hailed as "a true visionary" and "brilliant, innovative with enormous integrity," she has been named a Top 50 Litigation Trailblazer & Pioneer by *The National Law Journal*.

THE MAKING OF A TRULY WORLD CLASS **MUSEUM EXPERIENCE** 



# STAY TRU TO LEGACY

Why Truman? Why Now?

The list of Harry S.
Truman's difficult and
world-shaping decisions is
extremely long. Assuming
the presidency in the final
months of World War II,
he inherited a worldwide
catastrophe.

The economies of Europe and Asia were in ruins. The empires that had shaped global order for centuries were crumbling. Tens of millions of people were homeless and stateless, stunned by grief, starving and bereft. At home, the abrupt reversion to a peacetime economy threatened a renewed depression.

Truman shouldered the burden of leadership in a rudderless world. With courage, integrity, and humility, he vindicated the American conviction that an open society can produce leaders equal to any challenge.

With swift, bipartisan action, Truman averted the worst famine in human history. Subsequent decisions created the post-war order — the United Nations, NATO and the Truman Doctrine, the international monetary system, the seeds of the World Court and European Union. Abroad and at home, Truman's framework enabled the greatest expansion of freedom and prosperity in human history. In Stalin and Mao, he stood up to two of the most ruthless tyrants ever known. He risked his presidency to deliver crucial blows to Jim Crow, and supervised a sweeping modernization of the federal bureaucracy.

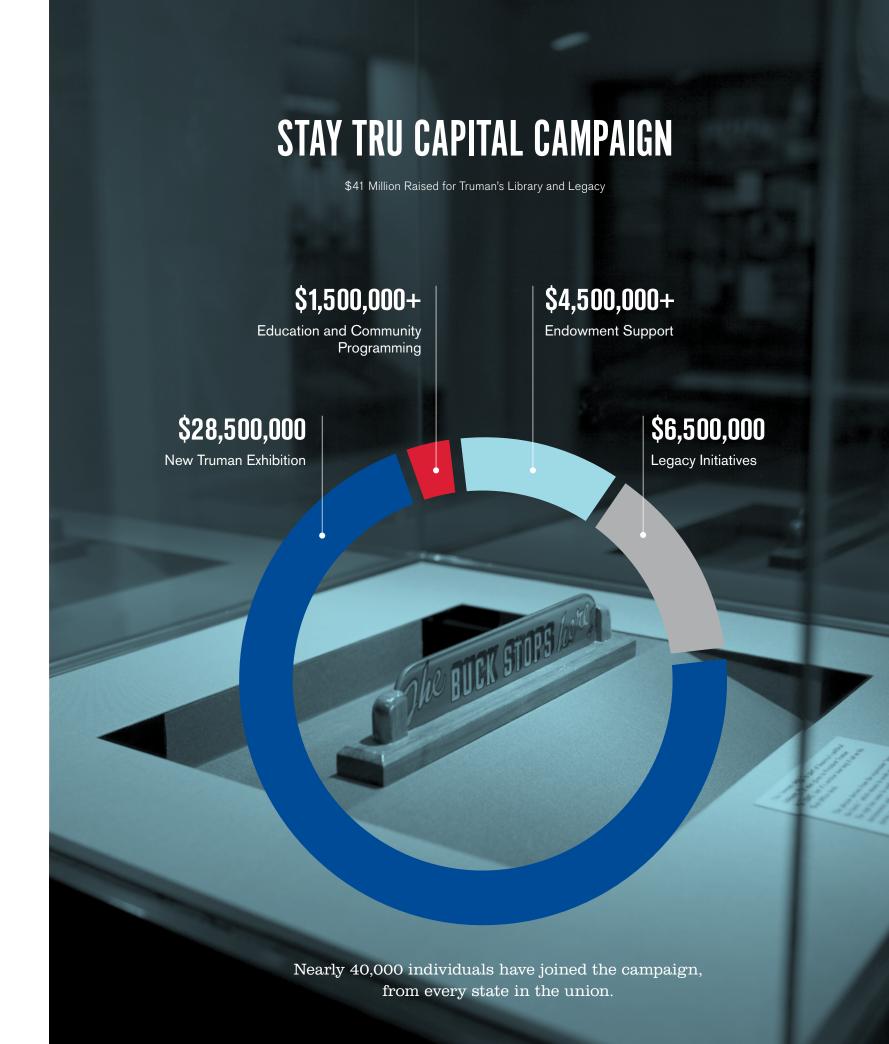
Today, with chaos on the rise and the middle class endangered by rapid change, Truman's vision and legacy are as important as ever. But Americans who were 15 years old when he abruptly took office are now past 85. Firsthand memory is fading, even as Truman settles firmly on historians' lists of America's greatest presidents — along with Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln, and the Roosevelts.

It falls to the Truman Library and Truman Library Institute to expand appreciation of this Midwestern farm boy who never went to college, his remarkable rise and enduring character. Through the biography and achievements of Harry Truman, future generations will come to understand both the possibilities and the responsibilities of American citizenship.

As Lyndon Johnson said of Harry Truman: "In praising him, we reaffirm the greatness of America."

#### **David Von Drehle**

Columnist | The Washington Post Board Member | Truman Library Institute



## 2019

#### **AUGUST 2019**

The Truman Library closes to the public to prepare for renovations. Artifacts are placed in storage and exhibits are decommissioned.

#### **SEPTEMBER 2019**

Missouri Governor
Mike Parson, Archivist
of the U.S. David
Ferriero, Missouri State
Senator John Rizzo,
the president's
grandson Clifton
Truman Daniel, and
Independence Mayor
Eileen Weir are among
those who officially
break ground on the
construction project.

#### **OCTOBER 2019**

Exterior demolition for the new museum entrance is complete. Inside, the new exhibit walls are laid out.

2020

#### **JANUARY 2020**

The walls for the new museum entrance are built while the gallery walls of the new permanent Truman exhibition start to take shape.

#### **MAY 2020**

The museum lobby is completely enclosed with a glass facade featuring the presidential seal. Inside, the galleries get final coats of paint and carpet.

# A TIME OF CHANGE

Two Years of Design, Collaboration and Construction

















#### **AUGUST 2020**

Some of the exhibit's signature pieces start to come to life as the library's artifacts are moved into place.

#### **NOVEMBER 2020**

New multimedia experiences offer ways to go deeper, like the interactive exhibit on the Berlin Airlift. Visitors activate animations on a touchscreen to explore how Truman's airlift helped feed and power a city by air.

2021

#### JANUARY 2021

Exhibit panels and interactive flip books arrive in the galleries so visitors can step back in time to experience some of Truman's big decisions – recognition of Israel and desegregation of the military – as they unfolded.

#### **MARCH 2021**

Large artifacts
are moved into the
galleries after receiving
conservation work
during the renovation.

#### **MAY 2021**

Theatrical lighting designers finalize their work in the galleries, enhancing the immersive experience.

#### **JUNE 2021**

Crews put final touches on the exhibition as campaign donor preview tours begin. The media gets a sneak peek of the new museum in advance of the reopening announcement.

# "When I look at what I know is in the presidential library system, I think you can proudly say, 'Truman will be the

Patrick Gallagher Founder, Gallagher & Associates

new benchmark for

presidential libraries'."

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"This renovation is worthy of the 33rd President. It speaks to the significance. This is a story of a man and a time that literally changed the map of the world. The world needs to know that story, and now we're ready to tell it."

Kurt Graham Director, Harry S. Truman Library and Museum

David Von Drehle Washington Post Columnist "The significance of my grandfather's presidential legacy is more evident than ever. Renovating his library and museum is a fitting way to honor the leading architect of our modern democratic institutions."

Clifton Truman Daniel Eldest Grandson of President Truman

# "When you walk in, you immediately know you're in a world-class museum. I think it does raise the bar; it sets a new standard." Bruce Lightbody

Museum Designer,

Gallagher & Associates

























President Truman was a farmer, war veteran, failed haberdasher, and county judge before he went to Washington as a U.S. Senator. Learn more about his past and how it prepared him to be president.

#### THE FIRST FOUR MONTHS

Some of the most momentous decisions ever put before an American president defined Truman's first four months in office.

#### THE POST-WAR WORLD

The end of World War II ushered in a new set of problems for the president, with much of Asia and Europe in ruins, the spread of Communism, and a destabilized American economy.

#### RECOGNITION OF ISRAEL

Over the objections of close advisors and defying popular opinion, President Truman followed his own instincts when he recognized the new State of Israel in what he described as one of the "proudest

#### 5 FAIR DEAL

Among his landmark decisions, desegregating the Armed Forces and the federal government workforce by executive order were among many examples of President Truman's pursuit of a "Fair Deal" for all Americans.

#### THE PRESIDENT'S

New international threats and domestic challenges dominated President Truman's remaining years in office.

#### TRUMAN'S INDEPENDENCE

SECOND TERM

Instead of running for a third term, President Truman returned to his hometown with his family, where he wrote his memoirs and worked to build this presidential library.

#### THOMAS HART BENTON MURAL

The vibrant Independence and the Opening of the West mural by Thomas Hart Benton portrays the interactions



Learn about the Trumans' life during the 18 years they made Washington, D.C., their home away from home and details about the president's extensive White House renovation.

#### 10 THE OVAL OFFICE

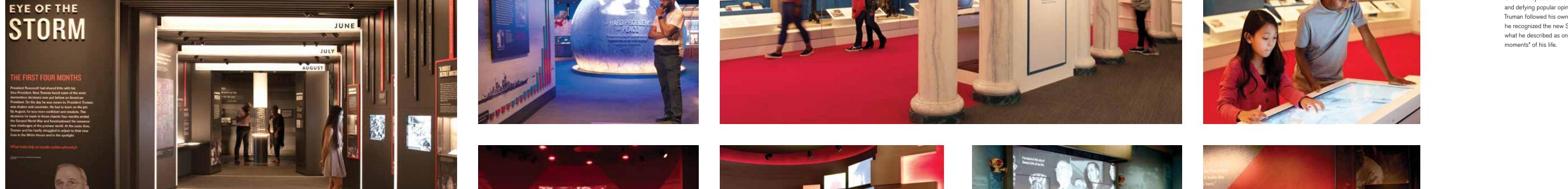
Experience the office of the most powerful leader in the world, exactly as it was in 1950 during the Truman administration.

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#### PRESIDENT TRUMAN'S LASTING LEGACY

Despite leaving office with a historically low approval rating, President Truman is now considered one of America's greatest presidents for the courageous decisions he made that continue to shape our world today.









#### **THEATER HIGHLIGHTS**

#### **An Unlikely President**

An immersive introductory film features historic WWII footage and asks the question, "Can Truman swing the job?"

#### **Captain Harry**

Meet the WWI soldier who would become president in this dramatic 6-minute sight-andsound theater.

#### **First Four Months**

View historic footage of world events during the first four months of Truman's presidency.

#### **Lives Lost, Lives Saved**

Hear first-person perspectives on the use of atomic weapons.

#### **The Hard Problems of Peace**

50 minutes of projected footage bring to life the "fractured globe" Truman inherited after the WWII victories.

#### A New Kind of War

George Stephanopoulos narrates a 7-minute immersive film introducing the Cold War.

#### **The Berlin Blockade Candy** Bomber

Washington Post columnist David Von Drehle narrates this inspiring story of the Berlin Airlift.

#### **Question of a Jewish Homeland**

PBS News Hour's Judy Woodruff shares the story of the founding of Israel in this essential 8-minute multimedia experience.

#### **Truman and Civil Rights**

U.S. Rep. Emanuel Cleaver II shares the story of Isaac Woodard and Truman's watershed decision to desegregate the Armed Forces.

#### **Whistle-Stop Tour**

The grandson of Harry and Bess Truman tells the story of how Dewey did NOT defeat Truman.

#### **Supreme Test**

Deepen your understanding of the Korean conflict with this 7-minute film narrated by Juju Chang.

# A CINEMATIC MUSEUM

The all-new museum is rich with immersive theaters, fast-history films and featured footage. Altogether, the galleries feature more than 140 minutes of riveting reels that offer critical insights on historical moments that continue to shape our world today.



# OPENING DAY

July 2021 marked an extraordinary moment in the history of the Harry S. Truman Presidential Library and Museum. Following a two-year, \$29-million museum renovation, the doors opened to visitors who stepped through the doors to experience the astounding transformation of the Truman presidential exhibition.

The accolades echoed our own amazement:

"Magnificent!"

"Marvelous!"

"Awesome!"

"This isn't a museum; it's an experience!"













News coverage reached a potential global audience of 1.3 billion. From the *Smithsonian Magazine* to the *Washington Post* – and more than 500 other news outlets – the critical reviews were unanimous:

"There is nothing like it!"

"The new standard for presidential libraries."

"World class."

The Washington Post















# TRUMAN TRIVIA

Can you outwit Harold Ivan Smith, author of *Almost Everything Worth Knowing About Harry S Truman*? Step through the new museum galleries to answer these 10 questions drawn from Harry Truman's life, from the plow to the presidency.

I.

### "PLOW TO POLITICS" GALLERY

Every morning at 5:00 a.m., HST started his day doing what?

- A. Helping his mother prepare breakfast
- B. Milking cows
- C. Practicing piano for two hours
- D. Reading *The*Independence Examiner

2.

## "PLOW TO POLITICS" GALLERY

During World War I, how many of HST's men in Battery D died in France?

- A. None
- B. Two wounded; one died but from other causes
- C. Five
- D. Eight

3.

#### "FIRST FOUR MONTHS" GALLERY

How many reporters showed up for Truman's first press conference on April 17, 1945?

- A. 24 reporters
- uses B. 39 reporters
  - C. 112 reporters
  - D. 348 reporters



4.

#### "POSTWAR WORLD" GALLERY

HST proposed offering funds to nations to restructure their postwar economies. What was this program called?

- A. The Good Neighbor Policy
- B. The Truman Aid
- C. The Marshall Plan
  - D. The Fair Deal

**5**.

#### "RECOGNIZING ISRAEL" GALLERY

In honor of HST's strong support for the independent State of Israel, what honor was bestowed upon him?

- A. Named an "honorary
- B. Named an honorary citizen of Israel
- C. Library in largest temple in Miami was renamed for Truman
- D. Created a large scholarship fund to honor Truman

6.

#### "WHAT'S FAIR?" GALLERY

Advised that 1948 was "not the year" to push civil rights, how did HST respond?

- A. "There has never been a better time than 1948!"
- B. "It is not about 'pushing civil rights,' it is about giving Americans their constitutional rights."
- C. "I am going to try to remedy it and if that ends up in my failure to be reelected, that failure will be in a good cause."
- D. "The president is supposed to do the right thing, not the convenient thing."

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## "SECOND TERM" GALLERY

What state did not permit
Harry Truman's name on the
ballot for president in 1948?

- A. Mississippi
- B. South Carolina
- C. Louisiana
- D. Alabama

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## "SECOND TERM" GALLERY

The White House physician was sworn to secrecy to hide what medical condition of HST from the American public?

- A. Atrial fibrillation
  - B. Cardiac asthma
    - C. Congestive heart disease

D. Sinus tachycardia

9.

# "TRUMAN'S WASHINGTON" GALLERY

What was unique about HST's 1949 inauguration?

- A. It was the first inaugural to be televised.
- B. He had an "enormous appropriation" to spend for the festivities because the Republicans expected to win in 1948.
- C. The vice president took the oath of office in a hospital bed.
- D. Washington, DC, experienced a recordhigh temperature.

10.

#### "LEGACY" GALLERY

What president invoked HST's name 17 times in a commencement address at West Point?

- A. Jimmy Carter
- B. Lyndon B. Johnson
- C. George W. Bush
- D. Bill Clinton

Answers on back cover





# STAY TRU CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



The transformation of the Harry S. Truman Library and Museum was made possible by tens of thousands of Americans from across this great nation. Because of their generosity, the rising generation of American citizens will be inspired by Truman's life and leadership like never before, in the all-new museum at the Harry S. Truman Library and Museum. Thank you for Staying TRU.

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A Commander in Chief's Tribute to America's Warriors

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A vibrant collection of oil paintings and stories by President George W. Bush honoring the sacrifice and courage of America's military veterans – and highlighting the work of The Bush Institute's Military Service Initiative

Growing out of President Bush's own outreach and the ongoing work of the George W. Bush Institute's Military Service Initiative, *Portraits of Courage* brings together 66 full-color portraits and a four-panel mural painted by President Bush of members of the United States military who have served our nation with honor since 9/11— and whom he has come to know personally.

The Military Service Initiative helps post-9/11 veterans and their families make a successful transition to civilian life and addresses issues of veteran wellness, including post-traumatic stress and traumatic brain injury.

Portraits of Courage will open in Spring 2022 at the Harry S. Truman Library and Museum in Independence, Missouri. This special exhibition is included with general museum admission. Members always enjoy free admission.

Governor, president and now artist – George W. Bush picks up a paint brush to raise awareness and support for veterans.

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#### NUREMBERG: THE THIRD REICH ON TRIAL

This fall marked the 75th anniversary of the conclusion of one of the most significant events in legal history - the International Military Tribunal at Nuremberg, where leading members of the Nazi Party had to answer for conspiracy, war crimes and crimes against humanity. 75 years on, Truman Library Director Kurt Graham leads an expert panel to explore the enduring questions: Was justice served? and What is the legacy of the Nuremberg Trials?

#### **OUR SUPREME TASK: CHURCHILL. TRUMAN AND** THE OPENING SHOT IN THE COLD WAR

75 years ago, Winston Churchill traveled to Fulton, Missouri with Harry Truman to deliver his "Iron Curtain" speech, now considered one of the opening volleys in the Cold War. Watch the anniversary event with special guests **David Von** Drehle, R. Crosby Kemper III and Candice Millard. Best-selling authors and Churchill experts, they go beyond the historic transcript to deliver rich portraits of Winston Churchill, Harry Truman and a friendship that changed the world.

Watch these and other programs on our YouTube channel.



"As I accept this award tonight, this is the lesson I hope we can all take forward: We can never stop making the case that our foreign investments matter to every American."

- Samantha J. Power Honoree, 2021 Harry S. Truman Legacy of Leadership Award



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I am incredibly honored to be this year's recipient of the Truman Legacy of Leadership Award, given to American greats like my dear friend and co-conspirator, Madeleine Albright, and the incomparable John Lewis. As someone who had the privilege of serving as U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, I'm also very humbled.

Many are familiar with the famous images of Harry Truman in San Francisco leading the American delegation to the signing of the U.N. charter. But people often forget what he did after the big event.

He made a powerful case for why the United States needed to actually ratify the charter. He galvanized the public and the Senate to believe in this new institution. And he led the U.S. to become one of the very first nations to actually join the U.N. and make it a reality.

President Truman recognized how the security of Americans is connected to the security of people who live elsewhere. He understood that confronting shared threats required global cooperation.

And when he later traveled to New York City to lay the cornerstone of what would become the U.N. building on First Avenue, he said something worth remembering: "We must make our devotion to the ideals of the charter as strong as the steel in this building."

Those ideals - preventing and ending conflict, catalyzing social and economic progress, advancing human rights - are as important today as they were in

Democracies are once again facing a number of crises, as well as great uncertainty among our citizens about whether leaders can find a way to work together to respond.

From the U.N. to NATO to the Marshall Plan to advocating for refugee resettlement and addressing our own democratic shortcomings, President Truman offers a vision for what principled leadership can look like.



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# DIGITAL **DIGEST**\*

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TRUMAN AND "THE CROWN" - In honor of Prince Philip, we are sharing this historic photo from the Truman Library's wonderful collection. Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, converse with President Truman, First Lady Bess Truman and their daughter Margaret Truman during a portrait shoot on October 31, 1951. At age 25, Elizabeth was not yet queen. This was the royal couple's first meeting with an American president.



Happy First Annual #Juneteenth! #StayTRU to Freedom



It's National Tell A Joke Day! Have a laugh with a friend, and remember these wise words from Harry: "Any man who has had the job I've had and didn't have a sense of humor wouldn't still be here."



- Harry S. Truman



A WORD FROM HARRY: "Nothing is more important in our national life than the welfare of our children."



Happy first day of Spring!



of advice: "Keep him on the defensive!"

TRU ADVICE - #OTD 61 years ago Senator Kennedy faced Vice President Richard Nixon in the first-ever televised presidential debate. Two days later, Truman sent a telegram to JFK with a single piece

- Harry S. Truman





President Truman's support of women's rights is a lesser-known area of his progressive leadership. He voiced support for the concept of the Equal Rights Amendment. He looked to the day when Americans would elect a woman president. He signed into law the Women's Armed Services Integration Act, enabling women to serve as permanent, regular members of not only the Army but also the Navy, Marine Corps, and the recently formed Air Force. This not only paved the way for thousands of women's military careers, it guaranteed equal pay - something civilian women are still fighting for.

Between 1945 and 1952, Truman named 18 women to positions requiring Senate confirmation. Of these, nine were jobs women had never held before. By some estimates, Truman installed more than 250 women in high-level positions during his presidency.

So notable was Truman's commitment to women's leadership, Adlai Stevenson, the 1952 Democratic nominee for president, promised to follow in Truman's footsteps in his "growing reliance upon qualified women for high public posts."



"Not all groups enjoy the full privileges of citizenship and participation in the government under which they live. We cannot be satisfied until all our people... have equal protection under the law."

- Harry S. Truman





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#### **JANUARY 5**

President Harry Truman indicates that the U.S. will not recognize future communist governments, saying, "I'm sick of babying the Soviets."

#### **JANUARY 22**

Truman creates the post of Director of Central Intelligence and establishes the Central Intelligence Group, predecessor to the CIA.

#### February 12, 1946

#### **FEBRUARY 12**

Isaac Woodard, a

decorated Black WWII veteran, is brutally beaten and blinded hours after being honorably discharged from the U.S. Army. Subsequent murders, lynchings and attacks will lead Truman to form a Committee on Civil Rights by executive order. One writer described Truman's response as "the first time since Reconstruction that the federal government had evinced any real concern over the

discriminatory

treatment of

#### **FEBRUARY 27**

Truman asks former President Herbert Hoover to assist in persuading Americans to assist in global famine relief.

#### MARCH 5

Truman accompanies Winston Churchill to Fulton, Missouri, where he delivers his "Iron Curtain" speech.

#### MARCH 26

By executive order, Truman defines for which diseases a quarantine can be implemented and federally enforced.

BELOW: March 5, 1946



#### JUNE 1

Following the U.S. railway strike that threatened to cripple the nation, the U.S. Senate, by a 61-20 vote, grants Truman emergency powers to end strikes. The bill had passed the House the previous

ABOVE:

**JUNE 4** 

June 4, 1946

October 4, 1946

#### **AUGUST 1**

President Truman signs the Atomic Energy Act of 1946.

#### **NOVEMBER 6**

The day after the Republican takeover of both houses of Congress, U.S. Senator J. William Fulbright of Arkansas proposes that his fellow Democrat, President Harry S. Truman, resign to make way for a Republican.

#### **NOVEMBER 21**

Truman becomes the second U.S. President to ride underwater in a submarine. He is taken 440 feet below the surface in a captured German submarine U-2513 and given a secret demonstration of the "Schnorchel," a Nazi adaptation of the submarine snorkel.

#### **DECEMBER 5**

Truman issues **Executive Order** 9808, creating the 16-member Presidential Committee on Civil Rights. The findings ultimately inspire Truman's desegregation of the military by Executive Order 9981.

#### **DECEMBER 31**

With Presidential Proclamation 2714, Truman officially ends American hostilities in World War II.

#### President Truman

signs the National Mental Health Act, creating for the first time in U.S. history a significant amount of funding for psychiatric education and research.

Truman signs the National School Lunch Act into law, permanently establishing federal financial support for free or low-cost meals for schoolchildren.

#### **JULY 19**

**JULY 3** 

endorses the to the U.S. Constitution; it the required 2/3 majority.

President Truman proposed Equal Rights Amendment fails to pass the U.S. Senate with

#### announces he has cabled British Prime

say he endorses the immediate immigration of over 100,000 Jewish refugees into Palestine. **OCTOBER 23** 

**OCTOBER 4** 

On the eve of Yom

Kippur, Truman

Minister Attlee to

Truman opens the UN General Assembly's first session in New York.





November 21, 1946

# A WORD FROM HARRY \*

"I want our Bill of Rights implemented in fact. We have been trying to do this for 150 years. We're making progress, but we're not making progress fast enough."

- President Truman, instructing his Committee on Civil Rights, pictured below



Seventy-five years ago – in response to the violence and lynchings that awaited Black veterans returning from World War II – President Truman issued Executive Order 9808, creating a 16-member Presidential Committee on Civil Rights. This landmark action was the first significant federal response to racial violence since Reconstruction and would ultimately lead Truman to desegregate the U.S. Armed Forces and the federal workforce. Following the creation of the Committee, President Truman issued the following statement.

Freedom From Fear is more fully realized in our country than in any other on the face of the earth. Yet all parts of our population are not equally free from fear. And from time to time, and in some places, this freedom has been gravely threatened. It was so after the last war, when organized groups fanned hatred and intolerance, until, at times, mob action struck fear into the hearts of men and women because of their racial origin or religious beliefs.

Today, Freedom From Fear, and the democratic institutions which sustain it, are again under attack. In some places, from time to time, the local enforcement of law and order has broken down, and individuals – sometimes ex-servicemen, even women – have been killed, maimed, or intimidated.

The preservation of civil liberties is a duty of every Government – state, Federal and local. Wherever the law enforcement measures and the authority of Federal, state, and local governments are inadequate to discharge this primary function of government, these measures and this authority should be strengthened and improved.

The Constitutional guarantees of individual liberties and of equal protection under the laws clearly place on the Federal Government the duty to act when state or local authorities abridge or fail to protect these Constitutional rights.

Yet in its discharge of the obligations placed on it by the Constitution, the Federal Government is hampered by inadequate civil rights statutes. The protection of our democratic institutions and the enjoyment by the people of their rights under the Constitution require that these weak and inadequate statutes should be expanded and improved. We must provide the Department of Justice with the tools to do the job.

I have, therefore, issued today an Executive Order creating the President's Committee on Civil Rights and I am asking this Committee to prepare for me a written report. The substance of this report will be recommendations with respect to the adoption or establishment by legislation or otherwise of more adequate and effective means and procedures for the protection of the civil rights of the people of the United States.

Harry Hreesen

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