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Harry Truman

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We are excited to share this issue of **TRU** with you. Your member magazine is full of exclusive stories and features – like our recent interviews with former Governor and U.S. Senator **Bob Kerrey** and former U.S. Representative **Ike Skelton**. In the feature “Inside the Vault,” curator **Clay Bauske** shares some of the treasures that make up the Truman Library’s collection. Plus, enjoy a sneak peek at the traveling museum exhibition opening Thanksgiving weekend – *The American President*.

Some of you recently received an invitation to renew your membership. If you haven’t already responded, I urge you to do so quickly in order to take advantage of the many member benefits being offered, including an **Early Bird** gift when you renew by Nov. 1, **Double Discount** days in the Museum Store, free admission to The Honorable Ike Skelton Veterans Day Ceremony featuring **Gen. (Ret.) George W. Casey**, and complimentary tickets to the 7th Annual Howard & Virginia Bennett Forum on the Presidency, with **Bob Kerrey, Donald Rumsfeld, William S. Cohen** and **David Von Drehle** (see page 16).

Of course, your membership isn’t just about the benefits. As our new friend Bud Metzger wrote in a recent letter (page 2), your support for President Truman’s legacy has created a classroom for democracy that is “exceptional,” “remarkable” and “unique” in the presidential library system.

Let me tell you just a few ways your membership makes a difference. During the past year, we funded and presented more programs than ever before and increased our audience reach by 42 percent. With your help, the Institute’s support of the recent special exhibit, George Washington’s Acts of Congress, resulted in a phenomenal increase in museum attendance – up 54 percent over the same period last year.

Even more important, during the last year, member support helped us expand the reach of our nationally acclaimed education programs, even as school budgets were being slashed. Why? Because your membership gifts helped fund a 31 percent increase in scholarships offered through our Bus Stops Here field trip grant program, helping ensure that no child is turned away from the outstanding programs offered at the Truman Library.

Thank you for your continued annual support through our membership programs. It is a tremendous honor to work with you on behalf of a great president and a treasured institution.

Alex Burden

Executive Director | **Truman Library Institute**



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TRU LETTERS

“We have been to six of the National Archives’ presidential libraries, and, while all are good, the Truman Library is exceptional.”

BUD METZGER

The spring edition of TRU, a dandy throughout, strikes a sensitive chord of memory with its “Word from Harry.”

This typically straight-from-the-shoulder message on civil rights is complemented by a footnote reference to his sweeping order that the military desegregate.

As you know, the Air Force, under its first secretary, was the first of the services to do so. I recall Dad telling my brother and me that he had simply gathered the generals together and asked if there were any questions. There were none. His response was not only instinctive but informed by a lifetime of relevant experience.

In his first race for the Senate (1952) [Dad] was invited to address a hundred leaders of the black community in St. Louis. Before he could begin his remarks, an old fellow in the back of the hall cried out, “You any kin to Emily Symington of Baltimore?” “Why, yes,” Dad replied. “She was my mother.” “Folks,” said the old gent, “that’s all we need to know.”

In 1912, my grandmother, Emily Symington, initiated a program to provide food and medicine to Baltimore’s underprivileged, bread on the waters.

One of his first initiatives when Dad took over Emerson Electric in 1938 was to desegregate the plant’s dining area. Thirty years later, retirees of the

company with long memories supported my candidacy for the House. With best to you and the gang,
James. W. Symington

Editor’s Note: The Hon. James Symington served four terms as a U.S. Representative from Missouri’s 2nd District. His father, Stuart Symington, was appointed by Truman to be the nation’s first Secretary of the Air Force (1947–1950).

Thank you for the many hours of joy you have provided me through service as a volunteer at the Harry S. Truman Library and Museum. The kindness and the professionalism of all the staff and volunteers made serving with them a distinct honor. I have been privileged to hold a piece of the history of a presidency in my hands. The trust you extended to me in this will always be remembered. You all are doing a great service to our nation and to the memory of a great president.

Bob Buhr

Editor’s Note: Sadly, this letter is being published posthumously; Bob Buhr passed away on July 13, 2013. As a volunteer, Bob gave 1,232.75 hours to the Truman Library, giving tours and helping in the archives. He is the newest member of the Volunteer Wall of Honor. To learn about volunteer opportunities at the Truman Library, please contact Donna Denslow at donna.denslow@nara.gov or 816.268.8238.

Sandy and I want to thank you again for the lunch and the chance to meet with you. We have been to six of the National Archives’ presidential libraries, and, while all are good, the Truman

Library is exceptional. The Institute’s outreach is remarkable, and The White House Decision Center is terrific. The development work is apparent and makes the Truman Library unique. Take care and keep up the great effort – it shows!

Bud Metzger

Editor’s Note: Upon the invitation of Board member Cappy Powell, Warren (Bud) Metzger recently visited the Truman Library and was inspired to become a member. Mr. Metzger taught U.S. history at West Point; he resides in Santa Rosa, California.

Thank you for the time you spent with us at the Truman Library. It was the best part of my family’s visit (including the Red Sox game!). We couldn’t have been more impressed! And, yes, you will see us again at the Library in December when the kids get home from college for Christmas break.

David Williams

Chief Executive Officer
Centerpoint Medical Center

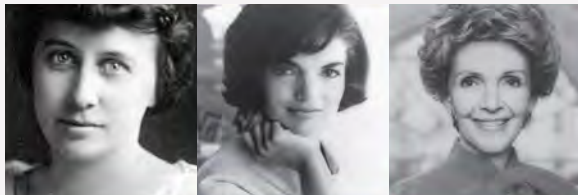
Editor’s Note: Buck Stops Here Society members like David Williams may schedule behind-the-scenes and white-glove tours of the Truman Library’s archives and collections. To learn more, please contact Kim Rausch at kim.rausch@nara.gov or 816.268.8237.

NEWS BRIEFS



New Board Chair

The Truman Library Institute is proud to announce the election of **John Sherman** as chairman of the board of directors. A family connection to Captain Truman's Battery D (WWI) and a passion for history inspired Mr. Sherman's initial support of Truman's legacy and library – he has served on the Institute board of directors since 2007. A successful entrepreneur and civic leader, John Sherman founded Inergy, now among the largest independent developers and operators of U.S. energy infrastructure. His many honors include Entrepreneur of the Year awards from Ernst and Young and UMKC's Bloch School and Council for Entrepreneurship and Innovation. Additionally, he received the 2012 Hope Award from the National MS Society for philanthropic work in the Kansas City community.



FIRST LADIES INFLUENCE & IMAGE

Bess Truman Biography

When asked why she didn't hold press conferences, former First Lady Bess Truman replied tersely, "I am not the one who is elected. I have nothing to say to the public." Behind closed doors, however, Bess Truman had enormous influence, first in Senator Truman's office, and then as personal adviser to the president. Now, C-SPAN explores Bess Truman's life, influence and image in the second season of **First Ladies**. Produced in cooperation with the White House Historical Association, the project is the first of its kind – a comprehensive biography series on all of the first ladies produced for television. The broadcast biography of America's 33rd first lady will include footage shot at the Harry S. Truman Library and Museum. The show will air at 8 p.m. (CST) on Monday, October 28. For all programs and online resources, visit FirstLadies.c-span.org.



Film Premiere

The Truman Library Institute is very proud to be part of **We the People** – a new giant-screen documentary on America's founding documents. The film is narrated by Morgan Freeman and Kenny Rogers; the Institute's White House Decision Center director, Mary McMurray, serves as a curriculum adviser for the film, produced by Kansas City-based Inland Sea Productions. "This film is at the heart of our mission," said executive director Alex Burden. "President Truman left us a clear mandate to help deepen the public's understanding of the presidency, our government, and the founding ideals of our nation. This film does that, while also connecting audiences to the history and educational experiences available only at the Harry S. Truman Library and Museum." **We the People** premieres in Kansas City on November 7 at Union Station.



THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT.★

Photographs from the Archives of The Associated Press

Presidential hopefuls burn bright, then fade. Poll numbers rise and fall. Presidents pass the torch, administrations change. Through it all, one constant remains: The Associated Press' coverage of the American president.

Ever since Zachary Taylor and the Whig Party won the White House more than 150 years ago, AP reporters and photographers have been the dominant source of presidential news for media across the U.S. and around the world. Now, the Harry S. Truman Library and Museum will highlight the work of the news bureau's presidential photographers in a special exhibit, *The American President: Photographs from the Archives of The Associated Press*, on display November 24 through February 2.



Drawn from AP Images' vast photo archive, *The American President* features 71 photographs – both black-and-white and color – taken by Associated Press photographers over a 100-year span. The traveling exhibit shows American presidents at war and at ease, at victory and in defeat, confronting national crises and facing personal scandals, running for office and leading the country on the world stage. The show features a number of AP's Pulitzer Prize-winning images, including Paul Vathis' view of John F. Kennedy conferring gravely with his predecessor, Dwight D. Eisenhower, and Ron Edmonds' split-second documentation of the 1981 assassination attempt on Ronald Reagan.

In an introduction written specially for the exhibit, former President George H. W. Bush says, "The men and women who have covered The White House for the AP – dating back to the middle part of the 19th century – have truly had a front row seat to history. Through their lenses, succeeding generations of AP 'photodogs' have captured both the ecstasy and agony of the American presidency, and contributed in important ways to the historical record of each administration."

For the journalists of the world's oldest and largest news agency, the mandate of covering The White House remains the same as it was in Lincoln's day: be accurate, be fair, and be fast. For photographers, who can never catch up to a missed opportunity, it means always keeping your eye on the president.

The American President has been touring museums, universities and libraries since early 2012. Previous stops include the Federal Hall National Memorial in New York and the Carter and Kennedy presidential libraries.

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INSIDE THE WEST WING:

AN INTERVIEW WITH BOB KERREY

Sneak Preview of The Howard & Virginia Bennett
Forum on the Presidency



On Sunday, November 3, former U.S. Senator Bob Kerrey will moderate the seventh annual Howard & Virginia Bennett Forum on the Presidency. The event – “American Presidents and Their Cabinets” – will bring together a powerful panel, including former Secretaries of Defense Donald Rumsfeld and William S. Cohen. During a recent phone interview,

we asked Mr. Kerrey to share some of his thoughts on this year’s topic. The result was this exclusive TRU interview.

TRU: We’re delighted that you’re returning to Kansas City to moderate the 7th annual Howard & Virginia Bennett Forum on the Presidency.

BK: I’m looking forward to it. The Truman Library Institute’s Bennett Forum attracts a very smart audience – they engage with the panel, ask great questions and come prepared to learn and participate. I like that.

TRU: This year’s Forum topic is “American Presidents and Their Cabinets.” Can you offer us a sneak preview of the topic?

BK: I think it’s going to be impossible to not focus on the current presidency and a range of national challenges that are immediate and complex, from Syria to the budget. President Obama’s cabinet is having to participate in decisions that are being made on the fly and with little preparation.

TRU: We’re fortunate this year to feature two cabinet members on the panel, William S. Cohen and Donald Rumsfeld.

BK: Yes, and with two former secretaries of defense, I expect we’ll talk a lot about plans for our national security efforts, and there’s a whole range of them – where are you going to base your troops, what’s your force

structure going to be, what’s the future of our defense program, and what trade-offs are you willing to make?

TRU: It seems nearly impossible today to talk about presidents and cabinets without looking back to Lincoln’s “team of rivals.”

BK: Actually, rather than going all the way back to Lincoln, these guys are going to go back to Bush and Clinton. They know what it is to drive across Washington to talk to a Congress that wasn’t very supportive. And we’ll go four steps back to Harry Truman. He – along with his cabinet – had a very difficult decision to make in June 1950 with regard to North Korea. Overall, though, what I’m interested in exploring



is the authority the president has, how he executes that authority, and how he gets to the decision point.

TRU: And based on what set of facts?

BK: It's a good point. But look, the process is always imperfect, and there's no question that our own judgments about what's right and wrong can affect our evaluation of the facts. If you and I both bring a prejudice to a set of facts, we'll reach different conclusions about those facts.

TRU: Harry Truman said that he hoped his presidential library would help people gain a better understanding of the presidency and our govern-

ment. If he were sitting on this panel, what might he say?

BK: I think it's important to remember – and I think Harry Truman would agree – what the preamble to our Constitution says. Right in the beginning – the opening line – it says “to form a more perfect union.” Not a perfect one – it'll never be perfect because human beings aren't perfect. The best we can hope for is to create a “more perfect union,” and, on balance, I think we've done that and fulfilled our founders' wishes. And we've done it in more difficult times than these. We now know that from 1861 to 1865, some 620,000 people died simply because we couldn't resolve the issue of slavery. So the fact that today we are arguing, protesting and expressing

our opinions is – I believe – a demonstration of success.

We look forward to continuing the conversation with Bob Kerrey – and with you – on November 3.

**7th Annual
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NANCY LEE KEMPER

Nearly 4,500 people have attended the Bennett Forum since its premiere in 2007

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2010 Presidents at War: Korea to Afghanistan

Bob Kerrey, Andrew Bacevich, Evan Bayh and Douglas Brinkley

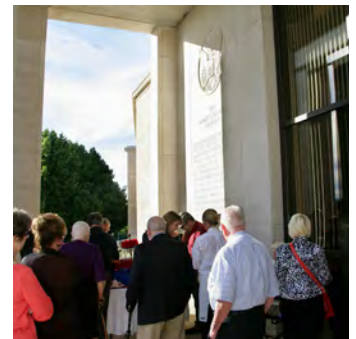
2011 Presidential Power Abroad: Truman to Obama

Madeleine Albright, Bob Kerrey, Leslie Gelb and Chuck Hagel

2012 Presidents, Congress and the Conflict of Power

Marvin Kalb, Margaret Hoover, Timothy Naftali and Jim Slattery

Celebrating a Rare Treasure



More than 200 friends and members enjoyed an after-hours event celebrating Washington's Acts of Congress, on exhibit September 12 – 21.

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MEMBER AND EVENT ATTENDEE

On September 13, Truman Library Institute members and Wild About Harry sponsors enjoyed an exclusive after-hours event celebrating the special exhibit of George Washington's Acts of Congress. This rare treasure from America's heritage concluded its nationwide tour of America's presidential libraries at the Truman Library before heading to its final home, Mount Vernon. Guests were invited to a private reception, exhibit viewing and program with Mount Vernon Assistant Curator Jessie MacLeod.

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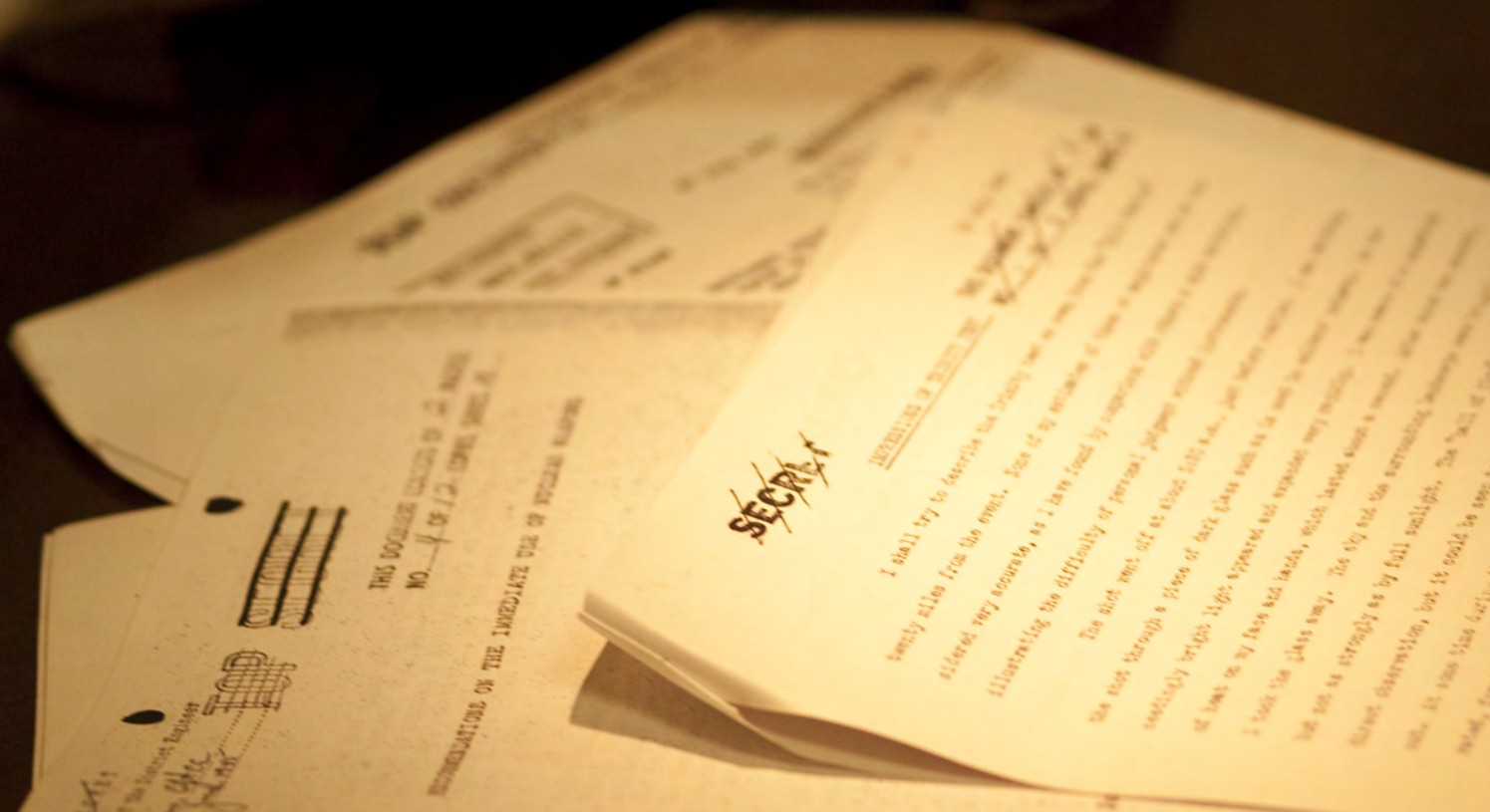
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Playing the part of Harry S. Truman, John Hunt addresses fellow Mizzou alumni, who played the parts of U.S. senators in a Senate Intelligence Committee briefing. Photo by Nicholas Benner / *Mizzou Magazine*

When Pat Shelley was in high school, he had an assignment to interview someone famous. Growing up in Oak Grove, Missouri, 20 miles from Independence, the most famous person around was Harry S Truman. So he and two friends made an appointment and went to see the former U.S. president at his office in the Harry S. Truman Library and Museum.

Nearly 50 years later, Shelley returned to the Truman Library with his grandson, Derek Rios, a 16-year-old high school student, to experience The White House Decision Center. They came with a group of nearly 30 others from the Mizzou Alumni Association's Kansas City Alumni Chapter to sample wine, crackers and cheese, and to solve the problems of the world of the late 1940s and early 1950s.

The White House Decision Center (WHDC) casts participants in the role of Truman or one of his advisers. Looking through formerly classified documents from the Library's archives, the group must decide what to do in one of four scenarios that Truman faced as president: whether to drop the atomic bomb on Japan, whether to desegregate the military following World War II, how to respond to the Soviet Union's Cold War blockade of Berlin and whether to send troops to fight North Korea's invasion of South Korea.

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Left: Participants work with formerly classified documents, like this one which contains three eyewitness accounts of the very first atomic bomb test, code-named "Trinity," July 16, 1945. The test was conducted in an isolated patch of New Mexico's desert called the Jornada del Muerto Valley, which translates to "Day of the Dead"

"It was really fun for me because I'm in the middle of reading the [David McCullough] biography of Truman," said Hunt, who came with his wife, Joyce. "We had a good discussion – people took their roles seriously."

Groups visiting the WHDC choose their simulation and are assigned their identities upon arrival. They are then divided into teams, each team composed of a Truman and one of each of his advisers.

The experience is immersive. With badges in tow touting their new names and top-secret clearances, chapter members were dispersed to one of eight "cabinet rooms" down a long hallway, all designed to replicate the West Wing of the White House. Sitting on leather-upholstered wooden chairs at solid wooden tables in front of wooden name placards, participants pored over dozens of pages of classified material – eyewitness accounts of the first-ever atomic bomb test in New Mexico, internal polling about the American people's impatience to see the war end and classified communiqués about secret Japanese entreaties to the Soviet Union.

The teams then met to discuss what they had learned and make recommendations – in character – to their respective presidents. John Hunt was one of the people cast as Truman and, at the end of the evening, was chosen to announce the group's decision: to end the war now by dropping the bomb, but after a final effort to get Japan to unconditionally surrender.

"It was really fun for me because I'm in the middle of reading the [David McCullough] biography of Truman," said Hunt, who came with his wife, Joyce. "We had a good discussion – people took their roles seriously."

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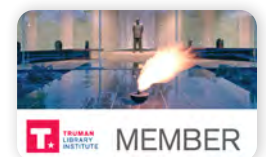
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TRU TREASURE

Inside the Vault

The Harry S. Truman Library and Museum is home to some 32,000 artifacts, including political memorabilia, gifts to President Truman from heads of state and citizens of the world, and hundreds of Truman family possessions. We recently visited the Collections Room with Clay Bauske, curator for the Truman Library, to share some of these presidential treasures with you.

Opposite: Museum Curator Clay Bauske examines some of Harry Truman's personal possessions from his military service. He says the Library is the fortunate beneficiary of Harry and Bess Truman's penchant for keeping their possessions, even when no longer needed.



Germany Surrenders

After German General Alfred Jodl used it to sign the surrender of German military forces in May 1945, Supreme Allied Commander Dwight Eisenhower gave this historic gold pen set to President Truman.



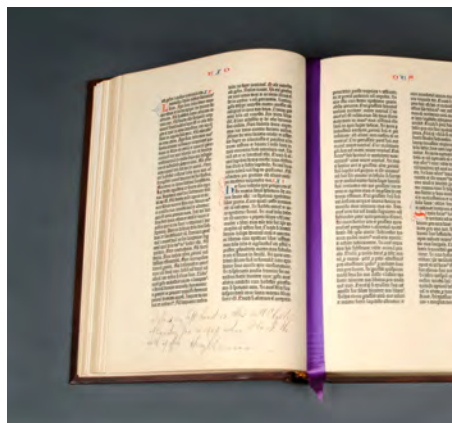
Israeli Gratitude

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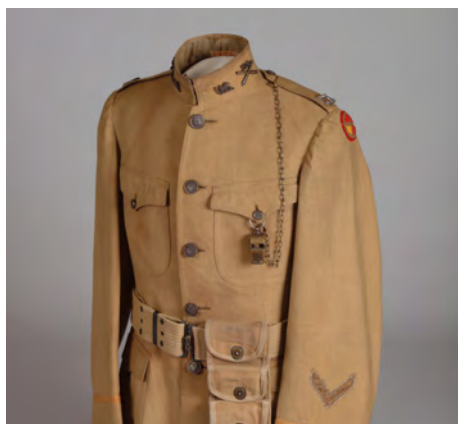
Margaret's Tricycle

Four-year-old Margaret Truman loved this Pioneer tricycle. Her grandmother Madge Wallace often forgave her for "tearing around the house on my tricycle, knocking the patina off the antiques."



Gutenberg Bible

Truman's hometown of Independence presented him with this facsimile of the Gutenberg Bible for his Inauguration in 1949. The President opened it to the 20th chapter of Exodus while taking the oath of office.



Tru Soldier

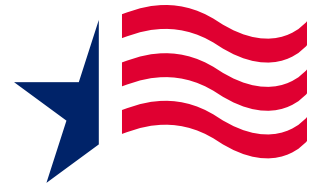
After purchasing this uniform in June 1917, First Lieutenant Harry Truman likely wore it in combat in France, earning respect while advancing to the rank of captain of the 129th Field Artillery Regiment, 35th Division.



Coconut Truman

One of the many humorous and whimsical images of Harry Truman in the Library's collections is this carved coconut that Kansas City mayor Bryce Smith found during a visit to Puerto Rico.

TRU EVENTS



01★

The Howard & Virginia Bennett Forum on the Presidency

American Presidents and Their Cabinets

Featuring Bob Kerrey, Donald Rumsfeld, William S. Cohen, and David Von Drehle

6 p.m., Sunday, November 3 | Unity Temple on the Plaza, 707 W. 47th Street, Kansas City, MO

From the very beginning, American presidents have relied on senior advisers to lead the nation through times of terror and triumph. Now, the 7th annual Bennett Forum will pull back the curtain on the West Wing to explore its inner workings, the players, their relationships and how the nation's most significant domestic and foreign policies are decided. Drawing on presidential history and the extraordinary insights of former cabinet members, the 2013 Bennett Forum takes you inside some of the most dramatic decisions ever made – and those about to be made, from Syria to Iran to the future of our American defense.

MEMBERS FREE. For complimentary tickets and priority seating, please contact Kim Rausch – kim.rausch@nara.gov, 816.268.8237

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02★

The Honorable Ike Skelton Veterans Day Ceremony

Featuring General (Ret.) George W. Casey, Jr.

Monday, November 11 | Harry S. Truman Library and Museum

Commemorate Veterans Day at the Harry S. Truman Library and Museum with a patriotic program featuring General George W. Casey, Jr., 36th Chief of Staff of the United States Army. Other highlights include a 21-gun salute, live patriotic music, and a reception for veterans and their guests.

Included with paid Museum admission. Members, veterans and active military **FREE.**

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03★**Dateline: Washington with David Von Drehle*****Covering Climate Change**

Justin Gillis, *The New York Times*

6:30 p.m., Thursday, November 14

TIME editor-at-large David Von Drehle holds a public conversation on climate change with *New York Times* reporter Justin Gillis, who last year won the John B. Oakes Award for environmental journalism.

When Fashion Meets Power

Robin Givhan, *The Daily Beast* and *Newsweek*

6:30 p.m., Thursday, December 5

Don't miss the 2013 Dateline finale with Robin Givhan, arguably the best fashion journalist in the world. When she won the 2006 Pulitzer Prize for criticism, she was praised for transforming fashion criticism into cultural criticism.

DATELINE is presented at the Central Library, 14 W. 10th Street, Kansas City, MO

04★**Hail to the Chiefs: Presidential Biography Series*****FDR's Third Term | Richard Moe**

6:30 p.m., Thursday, November 7

Richard Moe offers a brilliant depiction of the duality that was FDR: the bold, perceptive, prescient and moral statesman who set lofty and principled goals, and the sometimes cautious, ambitious, arrogant and manipulative politician in pursuit of them.

Warren Harding | Phillip A. Payne

6:30 p.m., Thursday, November 21

Warren Harding is consistently judged a failure, ranked among presidents as dead last. Now, Phillip G. Payne offers a significant reinterpretation of Harding's presidency.

HAIL TO THE CHIEFS is presented at the Truman Forum, Plaza Library, 4801 W. 47th St., Kansas City, MO

TRU VIEW

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THE HONORABLE IKE SKELTON



Ike Skelton

TRU: Last year, you graciously agreed to be named in the Truman Library Institute’s annual Veterans Day commemoration, now known as The Honorable Ike Skelton Veterans Day Ceremony. Why is this anniversary of Armistice Day important to you?

IS: This is the day set aside to honor all those who wore the American uniform and protected our freedoms through the years. To the veterans of yesteryear, we offer our thanks and enduring gratitude. But I also feel strongly that we should honor those who currently serve in America’s military, the men and women who will be the veterans of tomorrow. We have a solemn duty to respect and show appreciation to our forces and their families for their willingness to serve and sacrifice.

TRU: Throughout your career, you have been a champion of

the armed services, eventually serving as the chair of the House Armed Services Committee during such pivotal events as the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. What inspired your lifelong advocacy of our men and women in uniform?

IS: I grew up in Lexington, Missouri, the son of a World War I sailor. My father was my hero, and I saw other veterans of that Great War in leadership roles in my home county of Lafayette – lawyers, educators, a judge. In an adjoining county, Jackson County, one World War I veteran entered politics to become a U.S. senator, vice president, and eventually president. That veteran was our very own Harry S. Truman.

TRU: And then there was the Greatest Generation...

IS: Yes, I remember those service members returning in uniform with combat ribbons on their

tunics. With the help of the G.I. Bill, those veterans – that Greatest Generation – changed our nation for the better.

TRU: Are the veterans of today very different from those you remember from your childhood?

IS: Although the numbers are fewer and they serve voluntarily, I believe that another great generation is being forged upon the anvil of military conflict. These soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines are disciplined and patriotic, and they understand duty to country. Many have been in combat, have served multiple tours and have either seen or suffered injuries in the line of duty. I am so proud of them, and every American should have gratitude toward them. These patriots will continue to do good things if they receive the recognition, encouragement and gratitude they have earned. If we do right by them, this *new* Greatest Generation will contribute even more by becoming the civic, community and political leaders our towns and cities, our states and our nation need.

TRU: We are grateful that you have selected Harry Truman’s presidential library as the setting for your annual tribute to America’s service men and women.

IS: Harry Truman is my favorite Missourian, one of the true greats

of our country. It’s always been a thrill to be associated with his presidential library and to know the Truman family as I have through the years. Eric Sevareid, the newsman of yesteryear, said it right when he spoke about President Harry Truman, who was himself a World War I veteran. He said, “It’s character. Just plain character.” While I was in Congress, I did my best to keep the Truman legacy alive, and I am honored to continue doing just that through events like the Truman Library Institute’s Veterans Day Ceremony.

TRU: What message do you hope to share during the Veterans Day event on November 11?

IS: Above all, I want to ask every American to take a moment to express appreciation to those in uniform, for gratitude is the greatest of all virtues. When you see someone in uniform – on the street, at church, in the airport – speak to that soldier, sailor, airman or Marine, and thank him or her for serving our country. I believe those who wear today’s uniform represent the best of America – they are national treasures.

Please join us for The Honorable Ike Skelton Veterans Day Ceremony Event details on page 16

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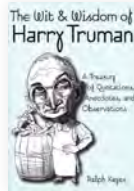
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A WORD FROM HARRY

October 24, 1949

Address in New York City at the Cornerstone Laying of the United Nations Building

We have come together today to lay the cornerstone of the permanent headquarters of the United Nations. These are the most important buildings in the world, for they are the center of man’s hope for peace and a better life. This is the place where the nations of the world will work together to make that hope a reality....

We who are close to the United Nations sometimes forget that it is more than the procedures, the councils, and the debates, through which it operates. We tend to overlook the fact that the organization is the living embodiment of the principles of the charter – the renunciation of aggression and the joint determination to build a better life for the whole world.

But if we overlook this fact, we will fail to realize the strength and power of this great organization....The United Nations is essentially an expression of the moral nature of man’s aspirations. The charter clearly shows our determination that international problems must be settled on a basis acceptable to the conscience of mankind....This does not mean that all the member countries are of one mind on all issues. The controversies which divide us go very deep....But they signify one new and important fact. They signify that the peoples of the world are of one mind in their determination to solve their common problems by working together....

The laying of this cornerstone is an act of faith – our unshakable faith that the United Nations will succeed in accomplishing the great tasks for which it was created.... We must conduct our affairs foursquare with the charter, in terms as true as this cornerstone.

If we do these things, the United Nations will endure and will bring the blessings of peace and well-being to all mankind.

President Truman was the principal speaker at the Cornerstone Laying of the United Nations Building, held on the fourth anniversary of the United Nations. U.N. Secretary-General Trygve Lie deposited in the stone copies of the United Nations Charter and of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

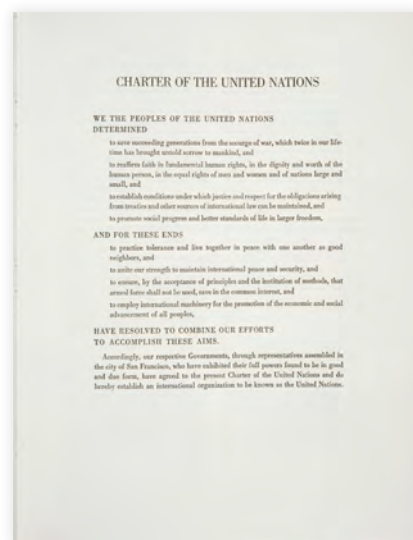
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 years since the U.N. charter was ratified. October 24 is now celebrated as United Nations Day.



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HARRY S. TRUMAN





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