

VZPOMÍNKY (19)

Abilene, Kansas

Město, kde vyrůstal Dwight David Eisenhower (14. 10. 1890, Denison, TX - 28. 3. 1969, Washington D.C.) a kde je s manželkou a se synem pohřben.

Vrchní velitel spojeneneckých sil v Evropě 1944 - 1945, později prezident USA (2 období, 1953 - 1961) - 34. prezident USA.

Předci - německý disent, jeho rodina přišla do Ameriky v roce 1741 ze Sárska.

ABILENE - město proslulé dobytčářstvím, stanice na železnici Texas & Pacific Railway 1881.

The Eisenhower Center

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The Eisenhower Center is located two miles south of the Abilene exit off Interstate 70. The complex consists of five buildings located on 22 acres. They include the Family Home, Museum, Library, Place of Meditation, and Visitors Center.

Hours

All buildings at the Center are handicapped accessible and open daily from 9 a.m. until 4:45 p.m. Memorial Day until mid-August, the museum and visitors center are open from 8 a.m. until 5:45 p.m. All buildings are closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. A small fee is charged for persons 16 years of age and older at the museum only.

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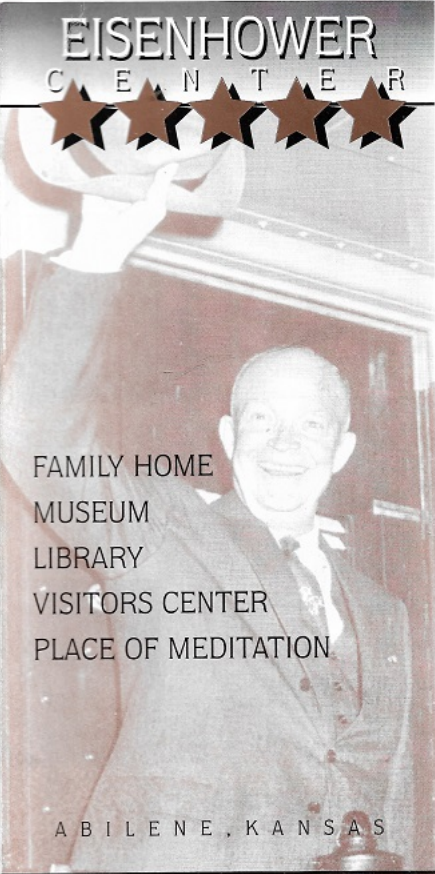
Call (785) 263-4751 for information concerning programs, events, reservations for school groups, research registration, or to obtain a free gift shop catalog, or contact us at our website at www.eisenhower.utexas.edu

Eisenhower Foundation

The Eisenhower Foundation was established in 1945 in Abilene to honor the hometown hero, General Dwight D. Eisenhower, as well as all American veterans. In 1946 it acquired the Eisenhower family home and later built the museum. Both buildings were given to the federal government to maintain in 1966. The "Friends of the Eisenhower Foundation" was organized in 1990 to financially assist the Library. For membership information contact the Eisenhower Foundation at (785) 263-4751, or our website at www.dwightdeisenhower.com

**The Eisenhower Center is administered by the
National Archives and Records Administration,
Washington, D.C.**

EISENHOWER C E N T E R



FAMILY HOME
MUSEUM
LIBRARY
VISITORS CENTER
PLACE OF MEDITATION

ABILENE, KANSAS

Each year, the Eisenhower Center presents many programs and events to help educate the public on the life and times of Dwight D. Eisenhower. Just a few of those are highlighted.

A wreath is placed on the grave of the President every year on the Saturday closest to his October 14th birthday.



Special ceremonies were held at the Center to commemorate the 50th anniversary of D-Day.

Rev. Billy Graham gives remarks at the Eisenhower Centennial October 14, 1990.



IKE IN REVIEW, a two-day panel presentation on Eisenhower, was presented by library staff.

Sergei Khrushchev, son of Nikita Khrushchev presents lecture.



DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

ABILENE 1902



WEST POINT 1915



WORLD WAR II 1944



PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES 1953



RETIREMENT AT GETTYSBURG, PA 1966

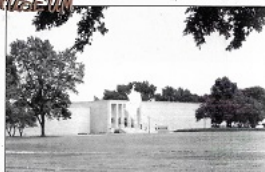


FAMILY HOME

A typical nineteenth century home, the Eisenhowers occupied this house from 1898 until Mrs. Eisenhower's death in 1946.

Her sons gave the house, on its original site, to the Eisenhower Foundation which maintained it until it was given to the federal government in 1966.

MUSEUM



Built by the Eisenhower Foundation with funds raised through public gifts, the museum is constructed of Kansas limestone and was dedicated on Veterans' Day 1954.



LIBRARY

Dedicated in 1962, the library includes a research room, archival stacks, offices for staff, a photographic laboratory, and an auditorium. Scholars come from all over the world to use these facilities. Researchers are required to register.

PLACE OF MEDITATION



Located in this building is the final resting place of Dwight D. Eisenhower, Mamie Doud Eisenhower, and their first-born son, Doud Dwight Eisenhower.

VISITORS CENTER



The gift shop and an auditorium, where a short film on

Eisenhower is shown on a daily schedule, are housed in this building.

IKE STATUE



The eleven-foot statue of Dwight D. Eisenhower was a gift to the Eisenhower Center by Senator Harry Darby of Kansas City, Kansas, and is located in the center of the complex.

I LIKE IKE

The museum is designed to be self guided. You will begin your tour with the Introductory Gallery and see a glimpse of Eisenhower's life beginning with his growing up years in Abilene and ending with his funeral in Abilene.



You will continue on to the Temporary Gallery where exhibits are changed every six months to a year. This gives you an opportunity to view displays that not only relate to Eisenhower, but are often of a current theme.



The First Lady's Gallery contains clothing, jewelry, and other objects that belonged to Mamie Eisenhower.



A large portion of the Military Gallery was renovated in 1994 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of World War II. You will see military vehicles, weapons, uniforms, equipment, and the stories of the men and women who fought the war.



The Presidential Gallery gives you a look at the 1952 and 1956 presidential campaigns, gifts received from heads of state, and objects and photographs relating to key issues during the Eisenhower Administration.