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President Eisenhower's Birthday *October 14, 1890—A Hero was Born*

ABILENE, Kan.—Birthday plans are in full swing at the Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum to honor Dwight D. Eisenhower's 118th birthday. Chapman and Abilene seventh graders will visit the Library on Oct. 8 and 9 respectively. The students will spend the morning immersed in 1950s culture, learning about Eisenhower as the 34th president, and going behind the scenes of the archives. Events will feature a press conference for the kids to interview President Eisenhower. The living-history character of Eisenhower will be portrayed by Bruce Hoff of the University of Texas Institute of Texan Cultures at San Antonio.

On Oct. 10, the Kansas Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Vigil will begin at 4:30 p.m. Members of VFW posts from around the state will stand guard in the Place of Meditation all night. The Annual Legacy Dinner will be held in the Library Courtyard that evening. The dinner, sponsored by First Bank Kansas, is a joint venture of the Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum and the Eisenhower Foundation. Retired Air Force Brig. Gen. Carl Reddel will speak at the dinner. Reddel is the executive director of the Eisenhower Memorial Commission in Washington, D.C. and is working on developing a permanent memorial to Eisenhower in our nation's capitol.

The Eisenhower Foundation Leadership Awards will also be presented at the dinner. Petty Officer 1st Class Brian P. Cose and Lt. John Van Dyke of the U.S.S. Eisenhower will attend the dinner to accept the awards. Van Dyke is accepting on behalf of Lt. Cmdr. Andrew J. McMenemy. Proceeds from the \$50 dinner will benefit the Eisenhower Foundation Scholarship. The public is invited to attend. For more information or to RSVP by Oct. 6, call (785) 263-6700 or 1-877-RING IKE.

On behalf of the U.S. President, a wreath will be laid on Eisenhower's grave by Brig. Gen. John E. Davoren, assistant adjutant general of the Kansas Army National Guard. The wreath laying ceremony will begin at 10:30 a.m. on Oct. 11. Immediately following is the American Legion Annual Pilgrimage. The Fort Riley 1st Infantry Division Band and an Honor Guard from Chapman will participate in the pilgrimage. The public is welcome to attend the wreath laying and pilgrimage free of charge.

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The proudest thing I can claim is that I am from Abilene.
Dwight D. Eisenhower, Homecoming Speech, Abilene, Kansas, June 22, 1945

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