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# Honoring Our Nation's Heroes

## *Veterans Day 2008*

ABILENE, Kan. - Veterans will be honored at the Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum on Nov. 11 with free museum admission and a special movie. The VFW Post 3279 will conduct a brief memorial service on the grounds of the Eisenhower Presidential Library. The ceremony will begin at 9:30 a.m. and consist of a prayer, brief remarks and a wreath laying near the pylons on the east end of the campus.

The 1945 award-winning documentary "The True Glory" will be shown at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the Visitors Center Auditorium. The movie is free to all attendees. All veterans and active duty soldiers will be allowed free admission to the museum all day.

The film was commissioned by General Eisenhower to record the progress of the Allied troops invading Nazi-occupied Europe during World War II. Compiled of footage from nearly 1,400 cameramen, "The True Glory" won an Oscar for best documentary. The film documents the major events of the campaign—from the training and preparation efforts for the D-Day invasion through the fall of Berlin.

Veterans Day was originally known as Armistice Day. This day was to honor veterans of World War I. In 1954, legislation passed officially changing it to Veterans Day - a day to honor all veterans. President Dwight D. Eisenhower issued the first Veterans Day Proclamation on October 8, 1954. A display in the Library building will feature the documents from the library holdings related to this legislation.

"Veterans Day holds a special meaning for us at the Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum. Not only was Eisenhower the general who led the allied forces to victory during World War II, he was the president who made sure every veteran was honored," says Tim Rives, supervisory archivist.

For more information about the VFW ceremony, please contact Chaplain Bob Glover at 785-263-6196. For more information about the movie or other events at the Library, please call 785-263-6700 or toll free 1-877-RING IKE. The Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum is one of twelve presidential libraries operated by the National Archives and Records Administration. To learn more, please visit [www.eisenhower.archives.gov](http://www.eisenhower.archives.gov).

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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