



# Dwight D. Eisenhower

34th President

Born: Oct. 14, 1890

Birthplace: Denison, TX

Died: March 28, 1969

Burial Site: Abilene, KS

Spouse: Mary Geneva Doud

Occupation: Army officer

Political Party: Republican

Term: 1953-1961

Vice President: Richard Nixon

General Dwight D. Eisenhower, the man who had directed Allied operations in Europe during the Second World War, became this nation's 34th president on January 20, 1953.

"I like Ike" became the Republican party's cry after they persuaded Eisenhower to run for president. He retired from active military service on May 31, 1952, and resigned from the army on July 18, before winning a sweeping victory over Adlai E. Stevenson, the Democrat's choice. He won by a greater margin over Stevenson in 1956.

Eisenhower was a graduate of the military academy at West Point and the Army War College. Eisenhower was called to Washington five days after Pearl Harbor to assume staff duties and became supreme commander of Allied Forces on June 25, 1942. He was responsible for planning and carrying out the gigantic Normandy invasion.

After the war, "Ike" was army chief of staff and president of Columbia before President Truman recalled him to military duty to be Supreme commander in Europe of NATO Forces.

Alaska and Hawaii became the Union's 49th and 50th states in 1959, the first new states since 1912.

President Eisenhower died March 28, 1969, in Washington of congestive heart failure at the age of 78. He was buried at Abilene, KS.