

Richard M. Nixon

37th President

Born: Jan. 9, 1913

Birthplace: Yorba Linda, CA

Died: April 22, 1994

Burial Site: Yorba Linda, CA

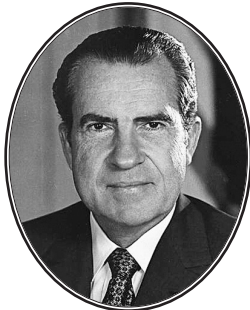
Spouse: Thelma "Pat" Ryan

Occupation: Lawyer

Political Party: Republican

Term: 1969-1974

Vice President: Spiro T. Agnew, Gerald R. Ford



Richard Milhouse Nixon, who had been Dwight Eisenhower's vice president for two terms, made a great political comeback and was sworn in as the nation's 37th president on January 20, 1969.

Nixon had been in the public eye for almost 30 years. A graduate of Whittier College, Nixon attended Duke University Law School and was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives from California in 1946. He gained some national attention when, as a member of the House UnAmerican Activities Committee, he forced a showdown resulting in the Alger Hiss perjury conviction. He was elected to the Senate in 1950 and was vice president in 1952 and 1956. He was the Republican nominee for president in 1960 and lost to John F. Kennedy by the closest popular vote margin.

Nixon was defeated for the California governorship in 1962, but through his diligent work for the Republican cause, was able to gain the nomination and presidency in 1968 by beating Senator Hubert Humphrey. He completed withdrawal of U.S. troops from Vietnam and won a second term in 1972 after visits to Red China and Russia.

Revelation of taped conversations led the House of Representatives to vote for impeachment indictments against President Nixon. Before the Senate could begin impeachment proceedings, Nixon resigned and Gerald Ford pardoned him after becoming president.