

EISENHOWER VIGIL – OCTOBER 9 – 10, 2026

Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum

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Invitation: To all Kansas VFW members, Color Guard, Department Officers, District Officers, members of the Auxiliary, Military Order of the Cootie/Auxiliary and special invited guests.

PURPOSE: To honor Dwight D. Eisenhower, 34th President of the United States, 5-star General of the United States Army, raised in Abilene, Kansas, on the weekend nearest his birthday, October 14, 1890.

LOCATION: Eisenhower Gravesite and Place of Meditation, Eisenhower Center, Abilene, Kansas.

TIME: 1630 hours October 9 to 0700 hours October 10, 2026

STANDING THE VIGIL will be performed by District members in the time frames allocated based on this past year's membership performance.

DATE	Start Time	Stop Time	District
Friday 10/9/2026	1630 (4:30)	1700 (5:00)	
	State Commander/State President		
	1700 (5:00)	1900 (7:00)	__4__ District
	1900 (7:00)	2100 (9:00)	__5__ District
	2100 (9:00)	2300 (11:00)	__2__ District
Saturday 10/10/2026	2300 (11:00)	0100 (1:00)	__3__ District
	0100 (1:00)	0300 (3:00)	__7__ District
	0300 (3:00)	0500 (5:00)	__1__ District
	0500 (5:00)	0700 (7:00)	__6__ District

UNIFORM OF THE DAY

VFW: Cap, slacks, white shirt w/tie, black shoes (blazer optional) or suit.

Aux: Official blue blouse/shirt or white blouse/shirt. Black pants/slacks or skirt, black dress sandals accepted but no flip flops. Black Blazer/suit coat is optional based on the weather.

MOC: Cap, white slacks, white shirt w/tie, white shoes (Red blazer optional).

MOCA: Red blazer, white slacks, white blouse and red/white shoes. No open-toed or sandals.

EISENHOWER 5-STAR PINS will be given to personnel who stand vigil ONLY. State Senior Vice Commander will be in charge of the pins.

REFRESHMENTS: VFW Post 3279 will be Host Post. Rally point is the Post Home located at 317 N. Spruce Street, Abilene, Kansas. Snacks and coffee will be available at the Post Home which will remain open until Saturday morning. Districts will go to the Eisenhower Center Chapel, 15 minutes prior to their vigil stand time. A small canopy tent will be available at the Center with sign in sheets and bottled water available

A Department Officer will be present at all times, will be responsible for the key to the restroom, and ensuring control of the Eisenhower pins and sign-in sheets.

The Chapel area should be kept quiet and respectful.

POC: State Senior Vice Commander Rick McKenna, (913) 481-2973 or svc@vfwks.org any changes will be emailed out and posted on our VFW KANSAS website page.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

Rick McKenna

Senior Vice Commander

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