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The Eisenhower Presidential Library has tripled its visitation over the past decade. During the past year, 187,635 people visited the library for programs financially supported by the Eisenhower Foundation. We had visitors from every state in the nation, and visitors from at least 25 other countries. The library's primary visitors are from Kansas. Among our visitors are about 10,000 Kansas school kids participating in education programs.

- The economic impact for the state of Kansas and Abilene is over \$14 million, which is based on a formula provided by Abilene CVB at a cost of \$75 per person. These numbers help demonstrate the importance of maintaining the educational programs and additional programs that bring thousands of Kansans to Abilene.
- President Eisenhower wanted his presidential library in Abilene. It was his choice to be buried in Abilene rather than Arlington National Cemetery.
- The Eisenhower Presidential Library and Foundation have partnerships with such institutions as K-State, Fort Leavenworth, schools throughout the state. We are mindful of Eisenhower's legacy and want to share it with fellow Kansans.
- You don't have to go to Washington or New York to go to a highly respected museum. The museum exhibits tell the unique story of an Abilene boy who went on to be a beloved Five Star General who led Allied Forces to defeat Hitler and later become our 34th president.
- Currently the "Why Like Ike" television series with Eagle Communications is broadcast to about 22,465 households. Additionally the program is posted on both the Eagle and Eisenhower YouTube channels and promoted on Facebook and Twitter.

Thanks to collaboration between the Eisenhower Foundation and the library staff, we are seeing record numbers for on-site researchers—which translates, into a new look of Eisenhower, which in turn has led to a new assessment of Eisenhower. Scores of books have come out on the Eisenhower Legacy in recent years.

Thanks to the foundation, we can bring thousands for a variety of programs such as the White House Easter egg roll and the annual Symphony at Sunset D-Day Commemoration Concert featuring the Salina Symphony in early June.

As director of the library, along with the Foundation leadership, we strive to honor our veterans. We care deeply and are most appreciative of our vets. We want to make sure we honor our vets through outstanding programs.