

# Richard Milhous Nixon

## 37th President, 1969-1974

**Vice Presidents:** Spiro T. Agnew, Gerald R. Ford

**Born:** January 9, 1913, in Yorba Linda, California

**Died:** April 22, 1994

**Party:** Republican

**Parents:** Francis Anthony Nixon, Hannah Milhous

**First Lady:** Thelma Patricia (Pat) Catherine Ryan

**Children:** Patricia, Julie

**Nickname:** Tricky Dick

**Education:** Duke University School of Law (ranked third in his class)

### Famous Firsts:

- Nixon was the first president to resign from office.
- He was the first president to visit China.



### Achievements:

- Nixon worked as a lawyer until 1946 when he won election to Congress.
- During his first year as president, the United States won the space race when *Apollo 11* astronaut Neil Armstrong became the first person to walk on the moon.
- Nixon proposed to end the Vietnam War with *Vietnamization* (replacing American troops with South Vietnamese soldiers). During the Vietnamization process, Nixon ordered an increase in the bombing of North Vietnam. In fact, more bomb tonnage was dropped on North Vietnam in this short period than on Germany, Italy, and Japan combined during all of WW II.
- On June 8, 1969, President Nixon announced that 25,000 U.S. soldiers would leave Vietnam by the end of August and 35,000 more by September 16.

### Interesting Facts:

- Nixon was often accused of being paranoid. For example, he ordered his staff to keep a list of enemies, from politicians to businesspersons, athletes, and movie stars.
- Richard Nixon was born in a house built by his father.
- In 1968, Nixon's daughter, Julie, married David Eisenhower, grandson of former President Eisenhower.