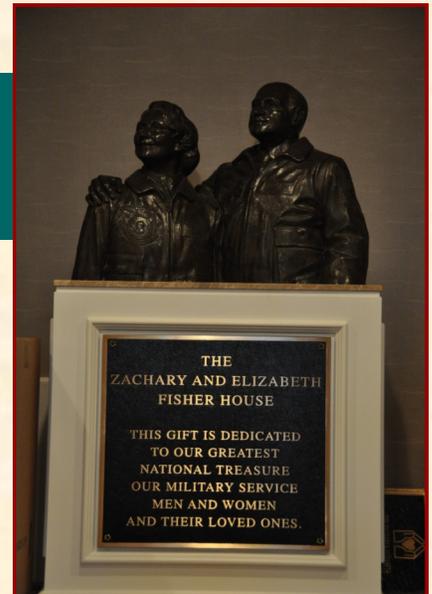


## FISHER HOUSE FOR FAMILIES OF THE FALLEN FACT SHEET

The Fisher House for Families of the Fallen is the 50th Zachary and Elizabeth Fisher House built, but it serves a unique mission on its own. Managed by the Families of the Fallen Support Branch of the Air Force Mortuary Affairs Operations Center here at Dover Air Force Base, Delaware, the house is specially built to honor the families of our fallen heroes.



### The Need:

Families are invited to participate in the Dignified Transfer within 24 – 48 hours of being notified of the death of their loved one. In the past, they were placed in local hotels and brought on base to participate in the ceremony. However, there have been times when the local hotels have been full and families have had to stay as far away as Philadelphia. In 2009, nearly 2,000 relatives of 462 service members chose to travel to Dover.



The Fisher House for Families of the Fallen opened in December 2010 and is located inside the Campus for Families of the Fallen. This 8,426-square-foot house offers high quality, temporary lodging to the families of the fallen by providing private suites and several common areas to include a kitchen, living room, dining room, family room, library and laundry room at no cost. Accommodations are on a first-come, first-serve basis for those meeting the eligibility criteria.

Adjacent to the Fisher House for Families of the Fallen is a 1,714-square-foot Meditation Pavilion with an adjoining garden. The Pavilion provides a gathering place for families, along with being an environment for meditation and relaxation.



The Fisher House for Families of the Fallen is open 24 hours, 7 days a week. For more information, call (302) 677-5317 or send us an email at [dover.fisherhouse@us.af.mil](mailto:dover.fisherhouse@us.af.mil)