

Sequence of Events

State Funeral for George H.W. Bush, the 41st President of the United States

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Arrival ceremony and lying in state - the U.S. Capitol

WHEN: Monday, Dec. 3, 4:45 p.m. EST

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS:

1. Vice president of the United States, speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, the majority leader of the U.S. Senate, the chief justice of the United States, associate justices of the Supreme Court, the cabinet, the diplomatic corps, Congress, state and territorial governors and other official guests will be pre-positioned in the Capitol Rotunda.
2. Upon arrival of the advance motorcade, the special honor guard will be escorted into position. Simultaneously, the honorary pallbearers will be escorted to their position at the base of the steps, and President Bush's Cabinet, led by former vice president Dan Quayle, will be escorted to the position at the top of the steps.
3. The commander of troops will call the escort and honor cordon to attention as the primary motorcade enters the East Capitol Plaza. The Bush family and staff will enter the Capitol privately and will be escorted to the top of the east steps.
4. The cordon commander will bring the ceremonial elements to present arms, and honors will be rendered (four Ruffles and Flourishes, *Hail to the Chief* and a 21-gun salute).
5. The casket will be carried up the steps to the Rotunda as the U.S. Army Band "Pershing's Own" plays the hymns, *Fairest Lord Jesus* and *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*.
6. Members of the procession will proceed in the following order: special honor guard, national color, military clergy, casket, presidential color, and honorary pallbearers. At the top of the steps, cabinet members and the Bush family escorted by Maj. Gen. Michael L. Howard will join the procession and enter the East Front Entrance Hall. Special honor guard, honorary pallbearers, and cabinet members will proceed directly to their seats.
7. Once the procession enters the Rotunda, the casket will be placed on the Lincoln Catafalque. The national and presidential colors will be posted. A guard of honor will be posted at the corners of the casket and a brief service will be conducted.

The service includes the following:

- Invocation given by the Rev. Patrick J. Conroy, S.J., chaplain, U.S. House of Representatives.

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- Tributes given by the speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, majority leader of the U.S. Senate and vice president of the United States.
- *Eternal Father, Strong to Save* sung by the U.S. Naval Academy Glee Club.
- Majority leader of the U.S. Senate, speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives and the vice president of the United States will place wreaths by the catafalque.
- *America the Beautiful* sung by the U.S. Naval Academy Glee Club.
- Benediction given by Chaplain Barry C. Black, Chaplain, U.S. Senate.

8. At the completion of the service, the Bush family will exit the Rotunda and will proceed to the motorcade and depart the grounds of the Capitol.

9. President Bush will lie in state in the Rotunda with a guard of honor in attendance, until Wednesday Dec. 5, at 8:45 a.m. EST.

ESCORT FOR NEXT OF KIN:

Maj. Gen. Michael L. Howard, commanding general,
Joint Task Force-National Capital Region, Washington, D.C.

CEREMONIAL ELEMENTS:

Commander of troops:

Col. James J. Tuite IV,
3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard),
Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, Virginia

Army

3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard),
Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, Virginia

Marine Corps

U.S. Marine Corps Ceremonial and Guard Company,
Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C.

Navy

U.S. Navy Ceremonial Guard,
Naval District Washington, Washington, D.C.

Air Force

U.S. Air Force Honor Guard,
Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling, Washington, D.C.

Coast Guard

U.S. Coast Guard Ceremonial Honor Guard,
Telecommunications Information Systems Center,
Alexandria, Virginia

Cordon commander:

Capt. Joseph M. Royster,
3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard),
Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, Virginia

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Body bearer officer-in-charge: Capt. Jason M. Delosua,
3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard),
Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, Virginia

Salute battery: Presidential Salute Battery,
3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard),
Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, Virginia

Salute battery commander: 1st Lt. David E. Marty,
Platoon Leader, Presidential Salute Battery,

Military chaplain: Navy Capt. Judy T. Malana, U.S. Navy Chaplain,
Naval District Washington, Washington, D.C.

Family clergy: Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr.,
St. Martin’s Episcopal Church, Houston, Texas

Special honor guard: Marine Corps Gen. Joseph F. Dunford,
Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

Air Force Gen. Paul J. Selva,
Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

Gen. Mark A. Milley,
Chief of Staff of the Army

Marine Corps Gen. Robert B. Neller,
Commandant of the Marine Corps

Navy Adm. John M. Richardson,
Chief of Naval Operations

Air Force Gen. David L. Goldfein,
Chief of Staff of the Air Force

Gen. Joseph L. Lengyel,
Chief, National Guard Bureau

U.S. Coast Guard Adm. Paul F. Zukunft,
Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard

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HONORARY PALLBEARERS:

Navy Adm. John Aquilino
Navy Vice Adm. DeWolfe Miller
Navy Vice Adm. Frank Pandolfe (retired)
Navy Vice Adm. Nora Tyson (retired)
Navy Rear Adm. Kenneth Whitesell
Navy Rear Adm. David Thomas, Jr. (retired)
Navy Rear Adm. Andrew Loiselle
Navy Rear Adm. Stephen Evans
Navy Rear Adm. William Pennington
Navy Rear Adm. Brian Luther (retired)
Navy Rear Adm. Gregory Nosal (retired)
Navy Capt. Sean Bailey
Navy Capt. Kevin O’Flaherty (retired)

MUSICAL ELEMENTS:

Capitol arrival:

The U.S. Army Band “Pershing’s Own,”
Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, Virginia

Under the direction of: Col. Andrew J. Esch, Leader and
Commander

Honors:

Ruffles and Flourishes (four) and *Hail to the Chief*

Hymns:

Fairest Lord Jesus, composed by Traditional Hymn
A Mighty Fortress is Our God, composed by Martin Luther

Musical ensemble inside:

The U.S. Army Brass Quintet,
The U.S. Army Band “Pershing’s Own”
Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, Virginia

The U.S. Naval Academy Glee Club, Annapolis, Maryland
Under the direction of: Dr. Aaron Smith

Hymns:

Eternal Father, Strong to Save, composed by John Dykes
America the Beautiful, composed by Samuel A. Ward

EDITOR’S NOTES:

- Former President Bush chose not to have a formal funeral procession through downtown Washington; however, units from the five armed services will assemble in formation on the East Plaza of the Capitol in tribute to the former commander-in-chief.

For more information, visit jtf.usstatefuneral.mdw.army.mil and georgehwbush.com.