

# Sequence of Events

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

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## **National funeral service - Washington National Cathedral**

**WHEN:** Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2018, 11 a.m. EST

### **SEQUENCE OF EVENTS:**

1. The advance motorcade will arrive and the special honor guard and their spouses will be escorted into the cathedral.
2. The commander of troops will bring the ceremonial elements to attention as the primary motorcade arrives.
3. The Bush family will be escorted to a holding room inside the cathedral as extended family and family staff are escorted directly to their seats inside the cathedral.
4. Maj. Gen. Michael L. Howard will escort President Bush's children and their spouses to their seats prior to the start of the service. Simultaneously, the honorary pallbearers and special honor guard will be escorted into position outside on the West Front. The clergy, national color and presidential color will also move into position. The body bearers will remove the casket from the hearse.
5. The cordon commander will bring the ceremonial elements to present arms and musical honors will be rendered (four Ruffles and Flourishes and *Hail to the Chief*), followed by the hymn, *For All the Saints*.
6. The casket will be carried through the honor cordon with a brief pause on the top landing. The band will cease playing and The Right Rev. Mariann Edgar Budde will offer the prayers at the reception of the body.
7. Members of the procession will proceed inside the cathedral. The body bearers will carry the casket to the crossing and place it directly on the catafalque. The honorary pallbearers are seated, and the body bearers will depart. The funeral service will be conducted (see cathedral leaflet for sequence).
8. During the last hymn, *For All the Saints*, composed by Ralph Vaughan Williams, the honorary pallbearers, their spouses, the special honor guard and their spouses will be escorted to their positions.
9. The body bearers will secure the casket from the catafalque and proceed down the main aisle. The Bush family will follow.
10. The cordon commander will bring the ceremonial troops to attention.
11. The procession will halt outside of the cathedral. The cordon commander will bring the ceremonial elements to present arms and musical honors will be rendered (four Ruffles and Flourishes and *Hail to the Chief*) immediately followed by the hymn, *Holy God We Praise Thy Name*, composed by Heinrich Bone. The national color, military and civilian clergy, casket, presidential color and the family will move between the ranks of the honor cordon and honorary pallbearers to the hearse. Once the casket is secured in the hearse, the band will cease playing and members of the motorcade will proceed to their vehicles for departure.

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**ESCORT FOR NEXT OF KIN:**

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

**CEREMONIAL ELEMENTS:**

**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

**Commander of troops:**

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

**Body bearer officer-in-charge:**

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

**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

**Presiding Bishop and Primate,  
The Episcopal Church**

The Most Reverend Michael Bruce Curry

**Bishop of the Episcopal  
Diocese of Washington:**

The Right Reverend Mariann Edgar Budde

**Dean of Washington National  
Cathedral:**

The Very Reverend Randolph Marshall Hollerith

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**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

Army 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

Air Force Gen. Joseph L. Lengyel,  
Chief of National Guard Bureau

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

**HONORARY PALLBEARERS:**

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

**MUSICAL ELEMENTS:**

**Band outside:**

The U.S. Coast Guard Band,  
New London, Connecticut  
Under the direction of: Coast Guard Lt. Cmdr. Adam  
Williamson

**Honors:**

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

**Hymn upon arrival:**  
Williams

*For All the Saints* composed by Ralph Vaughan

**Hymn upon departure:**

*Holy God, We Praise Thy Name* composed by  
Heinrich Bone

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**Military musicians inside:**

U.S. Marine Chamber Orchestra,  
Washington, D.C.  
Under the direction of: Marine Corps Col. Jason K.  
Fettig

**Armed Forces chorus:**

Army Soldiers Chorus  
U.S. Army Field Band,  
Fort Meade, Maryland

Navy Sea Chanters  
The U.S. Navy Band,  
Washington Navy Yard, Washington, D.C.

Air Force Singing Sergeants  
The U.S. Air Force Band  
Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling, Washington, D.C.

Marine Band Vocalist  
The "President's Own" U.S. Marine Band  
Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C.

Coast Guard Band Vocalist  
The U.S. Coast Guard Band  
New London, Connecticut

*\*\*\* See Official Funeral Program for a list of clergy and service participants \*\*\**

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