

# Sequence of Events



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

Houston Media Operations Center 41-SOE13

## **Arrival and Interment - George Bush Presidential Library & Museum**

**WHEN:** Thursday, Dec. 6, 4:15 p.m. CST

### **SEQUENCE OF EVENTS**

1. The Bush family will be escorted to their positions.
2. The commander of troops will bring the ceremonial elements to attention and the body bearers will remove the casket from the hearse.
3. The commander of troops will bring the ceremonial elements to present arms, and musical honors will be rendered (four Ruffles and Flourishes, *Hail to the Chief* and the *National Anthem*).
4. During musical honors, the U.S. Navy will conduct a 21-strike fighter aircraft flyover. The number three aircraft in the final flight will execute the missing man maneuver with the aircraft flying over the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum from south to north.
5. Following the flyover, the band will play *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty, I Need Thee Every Hour, How Firm a Foundation, and God of Our Fathers* as the body bearers move the casket to the interment site.
6. Members of the procession will proceed in the following order: national color, military and civilian clergy, casket and presidential color and the family.
7. Once the procession has entered the tree line to the interment site, the remainder of the interment is private.
8. During the committal service, the salute battery will fire a 21-gun salute.
9. At the conclusion of the gun salute, the clergy will deliver the benediction. The firing party will then fire three volleys and the bugler will sound *Taps*.
10. Upon completion of *Taps*, the body bearers will fold the flag while The Army Chorus, with guest retired Army Master Sgt. Alvy Powell, sings *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*. Army Maj. Gen. Michael L. Howard, will present the flag to Dorothy Bush Koch.

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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.

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<b>Navy</b>	U.S. Navy Ceremonial Guard, Naval District Washington, Washington, D.C.
<b>Air Force</b>	U.S. Air Force Honor Guard, Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling, Washington, D.C.
<b>Coast Guard</b>	U.S. Coast Guard Ceremonial Honor Guard, Telecommunications Information Systems Center, Alexandria, Virginia.
<b>Commander of troops:</b>	Army Maj. Eric J. Hanft 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard), Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, Virginia
<b>Body bearer officer-in-charge:</b>	Army 1st. Lt. Steven M. Webster 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard), Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, Virginia
<b>Salute battery:</b>	Artillery Instructor Battalion, Marine Corps Base Quantico, Quantico, Virginia
<b>Salute battery commander:</b>	Marine Corps Capt. Trevor K. Kuchman Marine Corps Base Quantico
<b>Military chaplain:</b>	Navy Capt. Judy T. Malana, U.S. Navy, Chaplain, Naval District Washington, Washington, D.C.
<b>Family clergy:</b>	Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr., St. Martin's Episcopal Church, Houston, Texas  Rev. Dr. Peter Cheney, St. Ann's Episcopal Church, Kennebunkport, Maine
<b>Flag presenter:</b>	Army Maj. Gen. Michael L. Howard, commanding general, Joint Task Force-National Capital Region, Washington, D.C.

**MUSICAL ELEMENTS:**

<b>Band:</b>	U.S. Air Force Band of the West, Joint Base San Antonio, Texas
<b>Under the direction of:</b>	Air Force Lt. Col. Michael J. Willen, Director
<b>Musical honors:</b>	(four) Ruffles and Flourishes and the <i>U.S. National Anthem</i> , composed by John Stafford Smith
<b>Hymns:</b>	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty</i> composed by Reginald Heber  <i>I Need Thee Every Hour</i> , composed by Robert Lowry

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*How Firm A Foundation*, composed by Traditional Hymn

*God of Our Fathers*, composed by George Warren

**Bugler:** Navy Petty Officer 1st Class John L. J. Armstrong  
The U.S. Navy Band,  
Washington Navy Yard, Washington, D.C.

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

Retired Army Master Sgt. Alvy Powell

**Hymn:** *God of our Fathers*, composed by George Warren

*External Father, Strong to Save* composed by  
John Dykes

**Aircraft:** Special Airlift Mission 41 (SAM41), Boeing VC-25

#### EDITOR’S NOTES:

- The Texas A&M University Corps of Cadets will form a cordon on Barbara Bush Drive, to honor former President Bush as the motorcade arrives.
- The 89th Airlift Wing, based at Joint Base Andrews, Maryland, will conduct a tribute flight in honor of former President George H. W. Bush with an Air Force VC-25A, over the interment site at College Station, Texas, at approximately 3:55 p.m. CST on Wednesday, Dec. 5.
- The Boeing 747 aircraft is one of two VC-25As assigned to the Presidential Airlift Group, 89th Airlift Wing. When the President of the United States is onboard the VC-25A, it is commonly referred to as "Air Force One." For the mission supporting the State Funeral, the aircraft call sign is Special Airlift Mission 41, in honor of the former President of the United States.
- For more information about the tribute flight, visit: [www.amc.af.mil/News/Article-Display/Article/1705531/89th-airlift-wing-to-fly-tribute-honoring-former-president/](http://www.amc.af.mil/News/Article-Display/Article/1705531/89th-airlift-wing-to-fly-tribute-honoring-former-president/)

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