

# Sequence of Events

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

Houston Media Operations Center 41W-SOE02 – Dec. 2, 2018



### Departure ceremony - Ellington Field

**WHEN:** Monday, Dec. 3, 10:30 a.m. CST

#### SEQUENCE OF EVENTS:

1. Family guests will be escorted into position to view the ceremony.
2. The cordon commander will bring the ceremonial elements to attention, as the motorcade arrives.
3. The Bush family and staff will be escorted to their positions.
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 through the ranks of the honor cordon as the band plays *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*, composed by John Dykes.
6. The procession will proceed in the following order: national color, military and civilian clergy, casket, presidential color.
7. Once the casket is secured on the aircraft, the Bush family will board and the aircraft and will depart for Joint Base Andrews, Maryland.

#### ESCORT FOR NEXT OF KIN:

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

#### 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

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**Cordon commander:** Capt. Travis Roland,  
3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard),  
Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, Virginia

**Body bearer officer-in-charge:** Capt. Kevin J. Doherty,  
3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard),  
Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, Virginia

**Salute battery:** Artillery Instructor Battery,  
Marine Corps Base Quantico,  
Quantico, Virginia

**Battery commander:** Capt. Trevor Kuchman,  
Marine Corps Base Quantico,  
Quantico, Virginia

**Military chaplain:** 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

**MUSICAL ELEMENTS:**

**Band:** 77th Army Band  
Fort Sill, Oklahoma

**Under the direction of:** Chief Warrant Officer 2 Bridgette Brenmark  
77th Army Band  
Fort Sill, Oklahoma

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

**Hymn:** *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*, composed by John Dykes

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