



*Dedication of the
George W. Bush Presidential Center*

APRIL 25, 2013



GEORGE W. BUSH
PRESIDENTIAL CENTER
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Welcome to the Dedication of the George W. Bush Presidential Center, home to the George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum and the George W. Bush Institute. We are thrilled to celebrate this historic occasion with our friends from across the country and around the world.

Today we dedicate this facility to the American people. It will become the 13th presidential library administered by the National Archives and Records Administration of the United States. Located on the campus of Southern Methodist University, Museum visitors can explore the history of the Bush Presidency in the galleries. Researchers and historians will study the extensive archives and artifacts housed here.

The mission of the Bush Institute, founded in 2009, is to advance freedom at home and abroad. Built on the principles that guided our public service, the Bush Institute develops practical solutions that lead to measurable results in education reform, global health, economic growth and human freedom. We work within these policy areas to improve the lives of women worldwide. And we are dedicated to honoring the men and women who serve in the United States Armed Forces.

Thank you for celebrating the Bush Center Dedication with us. We are grateful that your support has helped bring this institution to life – and that together, we can make a difference for generations to come.

A handwritten signature in gold ink, appearing to read "George W. Bush". The signature is fluid and cursive.

A handwritten signature in gold ink, appearing to read "Laura Bush". The signature is fluid and cursive.

**DEDICATION OF THE
GEORGE W. BUSH PRESIDENTIAL CENTER**

DALLAS, TEXAS
APRIL 25, 2013
10:00 A.M.

"God Bless America"
ANGELA TURNER WILSON

Opening Remarks
THE HONORABLE DONALD L. EVANS
Chair, George W. Bush Foundation Board of Directors

Arrival of Distinguished Guests
THE UNITED STATES ARMY HERALD TRUMPETS

Invocation
REVEREND MARK CRAIG
Senior Minister, Highland Park United Methodist Church

Presentation of the Colors
THE ARMED FORCES COLOR GUARD

Pledge of Allegiance
FIRST LIEUTENANT MELISSA STOCKWELL, UNITED STATES ARMY, RETIRED

Introduction of Special Guests
THE HONORABLE CONDOLEEZZA RICE
Chair, George W. Bush Institute Advisory Board

Presentation of the George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum
to the American People
THE HONORABLE DONALD L. EVANS

THE HONORABLE DAVID S. FERRIERO
Archivist of the United States

"America the Beautiful"
THE UNITED STATES ARMY CHORUS
Accompanied by
THE AIR NATIONAL GUARD BAND OF THE GULF COAST

Welcome

MRS. LAURA BUSH

Remarks

THE HONORABLE JIMMY CARTER

THE 39TH PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Remarks

THE HONORABLE GEORGE H.W. BUSH

THE 41ST PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Remarks

THE HONORABLE BILL CLINTON

THE 42ND PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Remarks

THE HONORABLE BARACK OBAMA

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

"The Battle Hymn of the Republic"

THE UNITED STATES ARMY CHORUS

Accompanied by

THE AIR NATIONAL GUARD BAND OF THE GULF COAST

Remarks

THE HONORABLE GEORGE W. BUSH

THE 43RD PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The National Anthem

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS ALVY R. POWELL, JR., UNITED STATES ARMY

Accompanied by

THE AIR NATIONAL GUARD BAND OF THE GULF COAST

Benediction

CAPTAIN STAN W. FORNEA, UNITED STATES NAVY

Senior Chaplain, White House Military Office

Retirement of the Colors

THE ARMED FORCES COLOR GUARD

GEORGE W. BUSH PRESIDENTIAL CENTER

The George W. Bush Presidential Center is home to the George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum and the George W. Bush Institute. The Bush Center's 226,000-square-foot building and 15-acre park reside on the campus of Southern Methodist University (SMU), five miles north of downtown Dallas, Texas.

The Bush Center's brick and limestone design complements the Collegiate Georgian character of the SMU campus. The signature architectural feature of the building is Freedom Hall, a 67-foot-high tower that represents the light of freedom.

The Bush Center has been awarded Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Platinum certification, the highest level in the U.S. Green Building Council's rating system for sustainable design and new construction. Environmental features include shaded balconies and highly reflective roofs, solar panel energy generation and a 252,000 gallon cistern to store runoff and rainwater to reuse for irrigation. The building makes extensive use of recycled materials and components sourced within a 500-mile radius of the Bush Center, including pecan wood and Texas limestone.

Around the building, a network of paths takes visitors through grounds that feature flora native to the prairie, savannah and forest landscapes of Texas. The landscape design reflects President and Mrs. Bush's longstanding commitment to environmental conservation and restoration and features elements inspired by their ranch in Crawford, Texas.

GEORGE W. BUSH PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

The George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum is America's 13th presidential library, overseen by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). It is the permanent home to the official records of the two-term Bush Presidency, consisting of more than 43,000 artifacts, 4 million photographs, 70 million pages of paper records and 80 terabytes of electronic data—about 1 billion pages of emails—for historians, scholars and the public to study.

The main entrance to the George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum is through Freedom Plaza, a colonnaded courtyard with a fountain. Entry to the full-service restaurant, Café 43, and the Museum Store is from the courtyard. The Museum is home to a permanent exhibit that tells the story of the Bush Presidency and features a steel beam from the World Trade Center, a full-scale replica of the Oval Office and a Texas Rose Garden modeled after the Rose Garden at the White House. It includes the Decision Points Theater, an interactive exhibit where participants decide how to handle crises that President Bush faced.

At the entry to the Museum is Freedom Hall. Flooded with natural light from above, this space features a 20-foot-high, 360-degree high-definition video wall with film that prepares visitors to enter the Museum's galleries. The Bush Library and Museum has an active series of public programs and educational initiatives. The former Situation Room of the White House, which was removed during renovations undertaken by the Bush Administration, has been installed in a multi-purpose classroom for use by student groups.

GEORGE W. BUSH INSTITUTE

The George W. Bush Institute, founded by President and Mrs. Bush in 2009, is a public policy center with the mission of advancing freedom by expanding opportunities for individuals at home and abroad. The work of the Institute is inspired by the principles that guided the Bushes in public life:

- **FREEDOM IS A UNIVERSAL HUMAN DESIRE.**

The Bush Institute supports freedom advocates and promotes the expansion of democracy as a path toward peace in the world.

- **FREE ENTERPRISE IS THE ENGINE OF ECONOMIC PROSPERITY.**

The Bush Institute's 4% Growth Project works to ensure a vibrant, growing private sector, providing opportunities for all Americans. Through high school debate, the project also teaches the benefits of free markets.

- **EDUCATION IS THE FOUNDATION OF A SUCCESSFUL LIFE.**

The Bush Institute seeks to improve the achievement of every student by strengthening school leadership; intervening in middle school to prevent failure in high school and holding teachers; administrators and public officials accountable for the education of young people.

- **EVERY HUMAN LIFE IS PRECIOUS.**

The Bush Institute's Global Health initiative provides cervical and breast cancer testing and treatment for women in the developing world so that they may live full, healthy lives.

SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY

The Bush Center is located on the picturesque campus of Southern Methodist University, a nationally ranked private university near the heart of Dallas. With its emphasis on small classes, leadership opportunities and international study, SMU is the ideal partner for the Bush Center. A vibrant and active addition to the campus community, the Bush Center engages students through class visits by President Bush and Mrs. Bush, internships and work study programs and opportunities to attend Bush Institute events. SMU faculty enrich the work of the Bush Institute by speaking at conferences, developing program curricula and conducting research.

The Bush Center is grateful for the leadership of SMU President R. Gerald Turner and the University's Board of Trustees, and for partnerships with SMU faculty and students.

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