



GEORGE W. BUSH PRESIDENTIAL CENTER

The George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum

The George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum is the 13th presidential library administered by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) and houses the official records and artifacts of the presidency of George W. Bush. Using the archives as its foundation, the Bush Library and Museum provides visitors an opportunity to better understand critical public policy issues and gain insight into how the U.S. government works to serve the needs of the American people.

Also administered by NARA, the museum exhibit provides personal insight and historical perspective to a consequential period in American history. Exhibit designers sought to bring the story of President and Mrs. Bush's leadership to life for visitors by highlighting the principles they followed when making key decisions.

The Library

NARA preserves and makes records available for future generations of historians, scholars, students and interested citizens, including:

- More than 70 million pages of paper records covering a vast array of policy topics:
 - Executive Office of the President records, including files from White House staff members; and,
 - Documents from the daily functions of the White House, letters to the president from military families and condolence mail received from Heads of State following the September 11, 2001, attacks.
- More than 43,000 artifacts, including:
 - The bullhorn President Bush used to speak to first responders working at ground zero on September 14, 2001; and,
 - A custom-designed dress worn by First Lady Laura Bush for the White House State Dinner held on May 7, 2007, in honor of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II of the United Kingdom and His Royal Highness Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.
- Eighty terabytes of electronic information, including more than 200 million emails (approximately one billion pages in total) and 4 million digital photographs, the largest electronic records collection held by any presidential library.
- Nearly 50,000 audio and videotapes.
- Recordings and transcripts of interviews with senior Bush Administration officials collected through oral history projects conducted in partnership with the University of Virginia's Miller Center of Public Affairs and Southern Methodist University's Center for Presidential History.

The Research Room at the Bush Library and Museum will be open year-round, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (except on federal holidays). The Research Room will close each day from 12 to 1 p.m.

The Museum

Through interactive exhibits, visitors are immersed in the core principles that guided President Bush during his administration, including:

- Every child can learn.
- Free enterprise is the engine of prosperity.
- You can spend your money better than the government can.
- Freedom is universal.
- Free people will set the course of history.
- To whom much is given, much is required.
- Results matter.
- Serve a purpose larger than yourself.
- We have a moral obligation to relieve suffering.
- Fighting disease abroad makes us safer at home.
- Every life is precious.
- The best hope for peace is the expansion of freedom.

Visitors will also experience many facets of the complex decision-making environment of the presidency, including:

- Governor Bush's campaign for president and the 2000 election;
- Key legislative moments of the presidency, including tax reform, education reform and the Faith-Based and Community Initiative;
- Defending freedom in the immediate days following 9/11 and the plans put in place by President Bush to defend the country against future attacks;
- Compassionate policy initiatives that helped the developing world combat poverty and disease, such as PEPFAR, as well as Mrs. Bush's travel around the world to support U.S. programs and initiatives;
- Life in the White House, including a full-scale replica of the Oval Office and a Texas Rose Garden; and
- A call to service, featuring the ongoing work of the George W. Bush Institute.

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