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

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DoD conducts state funeral on behalf of the nation

Joint Task Force-National Capital Region oversees state funeral for President George H. W. Bush

WASHINGTON – The Joint Force Headquarters-National Capital Region announced its designation as Joint Task Force-National Capital Region (JTF-NCR) in support of the state funeral of George H.W. Bush, the 41st President of the United States, Saturday, Dec. 1.

As a joint organization, the task force is comprised of nearly 4,000 military and civilian personnel from all branches of the United States Armed Forces, to include Reserve and National Guard components, and is responsible for ceremonial and civil affairs support.

"We, the men and women of the Department of Defense, are honored and proud to support the Bush family and will do so with the utmost respect," said Maj. Gen. Michael L. Howard, Joint Force Headquarters-National Capital Region commanding general. "This state funeral is a culmination of years of planning and rehearsal to ensure the support the military renders President Bush is nothing less than a first-class tribute."

The JTF-NCR has provided personnel, ceremonial units and military support to state funerals for former Presidents Eisenhower, Truman, Kennedy, Johnson, Nixon, Reagan and Ford. Military ceremonial involvement consists of musical units, family escorts, color guards, salute batteries, honor cordons and body bearers.

For more information pertaining to military, ceremonial, public participation and media for President Bush's state funeral, please visit: jtf.usstatefuneral.mdw.army.mil.

For official presidential and family information, please visit: georgehwbush.com.

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EDITOR'S NOTES:

- The official schedule of events is being finalized, which may take up to 24 hours. Once the official schedule is released to the public, it will be available at: jtf.usstatefuneral.mdw.army.mil.
- Media credentialing and public participation information will be released shortly after the official schedule. This information will be available at: jtf.usstatefuneral.mdw.army.mil

Joint Task Force-National Capital Region, located in Washington D.C. at Fort Lesley J. McNair, is a subordinate command of the U.S. Northern Command. JTF-NCR is comprised of military elements from the U.S. Army Military District of Washington, Marine Corps National Capital Region Command, Naval District Washington, Air Force District of Washington, and U.S. Coast Guard Sector Maryland-National Capitol Region.