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**23 photos:** Photos: George W. Bush's life, legacy

George W. Bush's life, legacy – George W. Bush looks out over Washington as his helicopter departs for Fort Belvoir after the inauguration ceremonies for President Barack Obama in January 2009.

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(CNN)—Here's a look at the life of [George W. Bush](#), the 43rd president of the United States.

Personal:**Birth date:** July 6, 1946**Birth place:** New Haven, Connecticut**Birth name:** George Walker Bush**Father:** [George Herbert Walker Bush](#), 41st President of the United States**Mother:** [Barbara \(Pierce\) Bush](#)

Marriage: [Laura \(Welch\) Bush](#)

(November 5, 1977-present)

Children: Barbara Bush and Jenna Bush (November 25, 1981)

Education: Yale University, B.A., 1968; Harvard Business School, M.B.A., 1975

Military: Texas Air National Guard, F-102 fighter pilot, 1968-1970

Religion: Methodist

Facts:

After John Quincy Adams, George W. Bush is the second president to be the son of a president.

His grandfather, Prescott Bush, was a U.S. senator from Connecticut. His younger brother, [Jeb](#), served as the governor of Florida.

Since leaving the White House his interests include oil painting, golf, bicycling and baseball.

Timeline:

1968-1970 - Pilot, Texas Air National Guard.

1975-1986 - Founder/CEO, Bush Exploration.

1980-1986 - Chairman/CEO of Spectrum 7 Energy Corp. in Midland, Texas.

1985-1986 - Director of Harken Energy Corp. (formerly Spectrum 7 Energy Corp.) in Midland, Texas.

1988 - Works on his father's presidential campaign.

1989 - Along with a group of partners, purchases the Texas Rangers baseball franchise.

1989-1994 - Managing general partner of the Texas Rangers baseball team.

November 8, 1994 - Is elected governor of Texas with 53.5% of the vote. He resigns as general manager of the Rangers.

1994-2000 - [Governor of Texas](#).

June 1998 - Tom Hicks buys the Texas Rangers, [Bush makes \\$14.9 million](#).

November 3, 1998 - Is elected to second term as governor of Texas with 68.8% of the vote. The first governor in Texas history to be elected to consecutive four-year terms.

November 7, 2000 - The presidential election takes place, but is too close to call.

November 17, 2000 - [Florida Supreme Court](#) blocks certification of the statewide ballot after an appeal is filed by lawyers for [Vice President Al Gore](#).

December 8, 2000 - A statewide recount is ordered by the Florida Supreme Court of thousands of questionable ballots.

December 12, 2000 - The [U. S. Supreme Court reverses a Florida Supreme Court's decision ordering a statewide recount of thousands of questionable ballots](#) - effectively ceding Florida's 25 electoral votes and the presidency to Bush by a five to four deciding decision exactly five weeks after Election Day.

January 20, 2001 - [Sworn in](#) as the 43rd president of the United States.

September 12, 2001 - Tours the Pentagon after terrorist attacks of [9-11](#).

September 14, 2001 - Tours [Ground Zero](#) and [gives a speech](#) to firemen, police, and other rescue workers.

January 29, 2002 - In the [State of the Union](#) address, he refers to [North Korea](#), [Iraq](#) and [Iran](#) as "an axis of evil."

January 28, 2003 - [State of the Union](#) address.

March 17, 2003 - [States that Saddam Hussein has 48 hours to leave the country](#) to avoid war.

March 19, 2003 - Addresses the nation at 10:16pm EST; [states that military operations have begun in Iraq](#).

May 1, 2003 - [Lands on the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln](#), off the coast of San Diego, and declares major military operations in Iraq were over.

May 16, 2003 - Files papers with the Federal Election Commission as a candidate for the 2004 presidential election; officially starting his re-election bid.

September 23, 2003 - [Addresses the United Nations](#) on Iraq, [Afghanistan](#), and weapons of mass destruction.

November 27, 2003 - Bush surprises U.S. troops in Baghdad by joining them for Thanksgiving Day. It is the first visit by a U.S. president to Iraq.

December 14, 2003 - [Addresses the nation](#) on the capture of [Saddam Hussein](#).

January 20, 2004 - [State of the Union](#) address.

March 9, 2004 - Clinches the GOP nomination for president by collecting enough Republican delegates in the primaries to guarantee his nomination.

September 2, 2004 - Gives his acceptance speech at the Republican National Convention in New York City.

November 2, 2004 - Re-elected to the White House. Democratic candidate [John Kerry](#) concedes the race on November 3, 2004.

November 3, 2004 - [Gives his acceptance speech](#) after being re-elected.

January 20, 2005 - [Sworn is for a second term](#) as the 43rd president of the United States.

February 2, 2005 - [State of the Union](#) address.

April 8, 2005 - President George W. Bush along with former Presidents [Bill Clinton](#) and [George H. W. Bush](#) attend the funeral for [Pope John Paul II](#) in St. Peter's Square. The current President Bush is the first sitting president to attend a papal funeral.

January 31, 2006 - [State of the Union](#) address.

March 1, 2006 - President Bush and the first lady Laura Bush, make a surprise visit to U.S. troops in Afghanistan, also meeting with [President Hamid Karzai](#), and later in the day travel to India.

June 13, 2006 - [President Bush makes a surprise visit to Iraq](#), meeting with new [Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki](#) and with American troops stationed in Baghdad.

January 23, 2007 - [State of the Union](#) address.

June 9, 2007 - Meets with [Pope Benedict XVI](#) at the [Vatican](#), their first ever meeting. Their discussions include Iraq, Muslim relations, and [AIDS](#).

September 25, 2007 - [Addresses the United Nations](#) General Assembly.

January 28, 2008 - President Bush gives his seventh and [final State of the Union address](#).

November 9, 2010 - Bush's memoir, "Decision Points," is released.

November 14, 2010 - A special [State of the Union with Candy Crowley](#) airs where both former President George W. Bush and former Florida Governor Jeb Bush are interviewed together.

November 16, 2010 - Groundbreaking ceremony of George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum at Southern Methodist University.

September 11, 2011 - Participates in a ceremony at Ground Zero to mark the tenth anniversary of the 9/11 terror attacks.

May 31, 2012 - Bush's official portrait in the White House is unveiled.

April 13, 2013 - Becomes a grandfather for the first time after his daughter, Jenna, and her husband, Henry Hager, have a baby girl, Margaret Laura "Mila" Hager.

April 25, 2013 - Dedication ceremony of the George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum. [All five living presidents attend](#).

May 1, 2013 - The [George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum](#) is opened to the public.

August 5-7, 2013 - Finds he has a blocked heart artery during an annual physical. He has a procedure to treat the condition the next day, then is released the following day.

November 11, 2014 - "41: A Portrait of My Father," a [biography written by George W. Bush](#), is released during a [special ceremony and discussion session](#) at the George H. W. Bush Presidential Library at Texas A&M University in College Station.



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