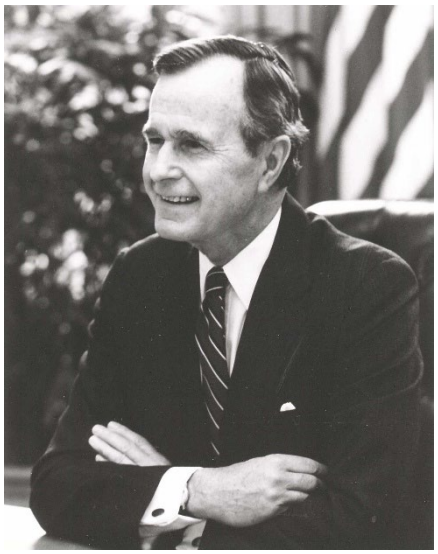


George H. W. Bush
1924 - 2018
Inducted 1991

George Herbert Walker Bush was born in Milton, Massachusetts but grew up in Greenwich, Connecticut. He graduated from Phillips Academy in Andover, Massachusetts in 1942. Following the attack on Pearl Harbor, Bush enlisted in the U.S. Navy and eventually became the nation's youngest naval aviator. He flew 58 combat missions between 1942 and 1945. After his return from the Pacific, he attended Yale University, graduating in 1948 with a degree in economics. With that, Bush and his wife, Barbara, moved to Texas. He worked as an equipment clerk, then as a drilling tool salesman for International Derrick & Equipment Company. In 1951, Bush and partner John Overby established the Bush-Overby Oil Development Co., eventually merging with the Liedtke brothers to form Zapata Petroleum Corp. By the end of 1954, Zapata Petroleum had drilled 71 wells, producing an average of 1250 barrels of oil a day. Later, Bush founded the Zapata Off-Shore Co. and served as its president. The company's first rig, the "Scorpion," was commissioned by Bush. It was the first electrically-powered jack-up rig. In 1966, George H.W. Bush was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives and, in the presidential campaign of 1980, was selected as Ronald Reagan's running mate. On January 20, 1989, Bush succeeded Ronald Reagan as the 41st President of the United States.

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