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United States Army
Military District of Washington

Guardian of the Nation's Capital

State Funeral Fact Sheet

THE EVOLUTION OF STATE FUNERALS

Funeral services of great magnificence evolved as customs (from what is known about early Christian mourning) in the 6th century. To this day, no religious ceremonies are conducted with more pomp than those intended to commemorate the departed. The funerals of soldiers, more than any other ceremony, have followed an old pattern as the living honor the brave dead.

The first general mourning proclaimed in America was on the death of Benjamin Franklin in 1791 and the next on the death of George Washington in 1799. The deep and widespread grief occasioned by the death of the first president assembled a great number of local people for the purpose of paying him a last tribute of respect. On Wednesday, 18 Dec. 1799, attended by military honors and the simplest but grandest ceremonies of religion, his body was deposited in the family vault at Mount Vernon, Virginia. Due to slow communications and travel of the time period, community services across the country commemorating his life continued several weeks after his passing as word of his death spread.

Another national observance early in the country's history commemorated the deaths of John Adams and Thomas Jefferson on July 4, 1826. Although known as old rivals, both men were heroes and respected leaders in these early years.

The first national funeral marking the first time the nation mourned as one occurred April 19, 1865 in observance of Abraham Lincoln's death. Due to increased communications technology, word spread across the country by telegraph and train allowing the country to mourn the loss of its president together.

Several military traditions employed today have been brought forward from the past:

(1) Today's customary three volleys fired over a grave probably originated as far back as the Roman Empire. The Roman funeral rite of casting dirt three times on the coffin constituted the "burial." It was customary among the Romans to call the dead three times by name, which ended the funeral ceremony, after which the friends and relatives of the deceased pronounced the word "vale" (farewell) three times as they departed from the tomb. In more recent history, three musket volleys were fired to announce that the burying of the dead was completed and the burial party was ready for battle again.

(2) The customs of using a caisson to carry a coffin most likely had its origins in the 1800s when horse-drawn caissons that pulled artillery pieces also doubled as a conveyance to clear fallen soldiers from the battlefield.

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(3) In the mid to late 1800s a funeral procession of a mounted officer or enlisted man was accompanied by a riderless horse in mourning caparison followed by a hearse. It was also a custom to have the boots of the deceased thrown over the saddle with heels to the front signifying that his march was ended.

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Firing of Three Volleys

Military funeral honors may include the firing of three rifle volleys over the grave during interment. The president of the United States, as commander-in-chief of the country's armed forces, is authorized this honor.

The firing of three volleys over the grave of a fallen warrior has its origin in the old custom of halting the fighting to remove the dead from the battlefield.

Once the dead were removed, three-musket volleys were fired as a signal that the battle could resume. A firing party of seven service members traditionally fires the volleys. The fact that a firing party might consist of seven service members firing three volleys does not constitute a 21-gun salute.

It has also been suggested that the custom may have deeper roots. In Roman customs, mourners would cast dirt on the coffin three times and this constituted a burial. They would also call the deceased by name three times and upon departure say farewell three times.

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ORIGINS OF 21-GUN SALUTE

The tradition of saluting can be traced to the Middle Ages' practice of placing oneself in an unarmed position and, therefore, in the power of those being honored.

The cannon salute might have originated in the 17th century with the maritime practice of demanding that a defeated enemy expend its ammunition and render itself helpless until reloaded — a time-consuming operation in that era.

In the Anglo-Saxon Empire, seven guns was a recognized naval salute, seven being the standard number of weapons on a vessel. Because more gunpowder could be stored on dry land, forts could fire three rounds for every one fired from sea, hence the number 21. With the improvement of naval gunpowder, honors rendered at sea were increased to 21 as well.

Beginning in our colonial period, the United States fired one shot for each state in the Union. This was continued until 1841 when it was reduced to 21 from 26. Although it had been in use for more than 30 years, the 21-gun salute was not formally adopted until Aug. 18, 1875. This was at the suggestion of the British, who proposed a "Gun for Gun Return" to their own 21-gun salute.

Today, the 21-gun salute is an internationally recognized honor rendered to heads-of-state.

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Lying in State

Lying in state is the formal honor accorded by placement of the former president's remains in the Rotunda of the U.S. Capitol with a ceremonial honor guard to attend him. Although lying in state continues through the night, it differs from lying in repose, which occurs at a church or other suitable location.

The former president's remains are received with ceremony at the U.S. Capitol after arrival at Andrews Air Force Base.

An Armed Forces Guard of Honor maintains a vigil over the remains throughout the period of time the remains lie in state. Public viewing is allowed continuously during the lying in state until one hour before the departure ceremony.

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Lying in Repose

A former president's remains may lie in repose at a church or other suitable location. During repose, which is open to the public, a military Guard of Honor stands watch over the remains.

The term "lying in state" is used only when referring to repose in the Rotunda of the U.S. Capitol, a government building.

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FORMER PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN'S BOOTS TO BE USED ON THE CAPRISIONED HORSE

Harkening back to his days with the U.S. Army Reserves as a horse cavalryman, Ronald Reagan continued to wear military style officer's boots and nickel spurs after his discharge from the service. This pair of boots and spurs of the type favored by mounted officers in the 1930s and early 1940s were among the President's favorites when he rode at Rancho del Cielo in California and at Camp David.

A pair of his boots, which have been displayed at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Camp David, will be used in the stirrups of the caparisoned horse in the procession.



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WHAT: Departure Ceremony from Ronald Reagan Presidential Library
for former President Ronald Reagan

WHEN: Wednesday, June 9, 2004 at 8:15 a.m. PDT

WHERE: Ronald Reagan Presidential Library, Los Angeles, Calif.

ESCORT FOR NEXT OF KIN: Army Maj. Gen. Galen B. Jackman
Commanding General
U.S. Army Military District of
Washington, Washington, DC

CEREMONIAL TROOPS INVOLVED:

Army

3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment
Fort Myer, Va.

Marine Corps

U.S. Marine Corps Ceremonial and Guard
Company Marine Barracks, Washington, DC

Navy

U.S. Navy Ceremonial Guard,
Naval District Washington,
Washington, DC

Air Force

U.S. Air Force Honor Guard,
Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, DC

Coast Guard

U.S. Coast Guard Ceremonial Honor Guard
Telecommunications Information Systems
Center, Alexandria, Va.

CORDON COMMANDER:

Army Capt. Joseph Preteroti
3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment
Fort Myer, Va.

BODY BEARERS OIC:

Army Capt. Roland Dicks
3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment
Fort Myer, Va.

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Departure Ceremony from Ronald Reagan Presidential Library for former
President Ronald Reagan - 2/2/2

BAND: Twentynine Palms USMC Band
Twentynine Palms, CA

MUSIC: "Ruffles and Flourishes"
"Hail to the Chief"
"America the Beautiful"

UNDER THE DIRECTION OF: Marine Chief Warrant Officer Robert C. Jacob

MILITARY CLERGY: Army Chaplain (Col.) James A. Buckner
Army Chief of Chaplains Office
Washington, DC

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS:

1. Musical honors will be rendered. Following honors, the band will immediately begin playing the hymn "America the Beautiful".
2. The procession will move between the ranks of the honor cordon and honorary pallbearers to the hearse, and the remains will be secured in the hearse.
3. The motorcade will depart for the Naval Air Weapons Station, Point Mugu, Calif.



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State Funeral Fact Sheet

WHAT: Departure Ceremony at Naval Base Ventura County (Point Mugu)
for former President Ronald Reagan

WHEN: Wednesday, June 9, 2004 at 9 a.m. PDT

WHERE: Point Mugu, Calif.

ESCORT FOR NEXT OF KIN: Army Maj. Gen. Galen B. Jackman,
Commanding General
U.S. Army Military District of
Washington, Washington, DC

CEREMONIAL TROOPS INVOLVED:

Army

3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment
Fort Myer, Va.

Marine Corps

U.S. Marine Corps Ceremonial and Guard
Company Marine Barracks, Washington, DC

Navy

U.S. Navy Ceremonial Guard,
Naval District Washington,
Washington, DC

Air Force

U.S. Air Force Honor Guard,
Bolling Air Force Base,
Washington, DC

Coast Guard

U.S. Coast Guard Ceremonial Honor Guard,
Telecommunications Information Systems
Center, Alexandria, Va.

CORDON COMMANDER:

Army Capt. Carrie Wibben
3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment
Fort Myer, Va.

BODY BEARER OIC:

Army Capt. Peter Molineaux
3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment
Fort Myer, Va.

BAND:

3rd Marine Air Wing
Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Calif.

Departure Ceremony at Naval Base Ventura County (Point Mugu) - 2/2/2

MUSIC: "Hail to the Chief"
"Ruffles and Flourishes"
"Amazing Grace"

UNDER THE DIRECTION OF: Chief Warrant Officer Thomas Mangan

SALUTE BATTERY: 11th Marine Artillery Regiment
Salute Battery, 1st Marine Division
Camp Pendleton, Calif.

LED BY: Marine Corps 2nd Lt. Michael Kozelisk

MILITARY CLERGY: Army Chaplain (Col.) James A. Buckner
Army Chief of Chaplains Office
Washington, DC

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS:

1. The remains will be removed from the hearse.
2. Musical honors will be rendered. Following honors, the band will immediately begin playing the hymn "Amazing Grace." Upon the first note of the hymn, the remains will be carried between the ranks of the honorary pallbearers and honor cordon and secured on the loading device.
3. Personnel departing on the aircraft will embark. The aircraft will depart for Andrews Air Force Base, Md., and the remaining members of the motorcade will enter their vehicles and depart.



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WHAT: Arrival Ceremony at Andrews Air Force Base for former President Ronald Reagan

WHEN: Wednesday, June 9, 2004 at 5 p.m. EDT

WHERE: Andrews Air Force Base, Md.

ESCORT FOR NEXT OF KIN: Army Maj. Gen. Galen B. Jackman,
Commanding General
U.S. Army Military District of Washington, Washington, DC

CEREMONIAL TROOPS INVOLVED:

Army 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment
Fort Myer, Va.

Marine Corps U.S. Marine Corps Ceremonial and
Guard Marine Barracks,
Washington, DC

Navy U.S. Navy Ceremonial Guard,
Naval District Washington,
Washington, DC

Air Force U.S. Air Force Honor Guard
Bolling Air Force Base
Washington, DC

Coast Guard U.S. Coast Guard Ceremonial Honor
Guard, Telecommunications
Information Systems Center,
Alexandria, Va.

CORDON COMMANDER: Army 1st Lt. Matthew Galan
3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment
Fort Myer, Va.

BODY BEARER OIC: Army Capt. Alex Neal
3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment
Fort Myer, Va.

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Arrival Ceremony at Andrews AFB for former President Ronald Reagan -
2/2/2

BAND: The U.S. Air Force Band
Bolling AFB, Washington, DC

UNDER THE DIRECTION OF: Air Force Col. Dennis Layendecker

SALUTE BATTERY: Salute Gun Platoon
3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment
Fort Myer, Va.

LED BY: Army Capt. Cody Button

MILITARY CLERGY: Army Chaplain (Col.) James A. Buckner
Army Chief of Chaplains Office
Washington D.C.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS:

1. Honors will be rendered. Following honors the band will immediately begin playing the hymn "My Country Tis of Thee."
2. The casket will be carried between the ranks of the honor cordon and honorary pallbearers and placed in the hearse.
3. When members of the motorcade are seated, the motorcade will depart for the United States Capitol.

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WHAT: Casket Transfer for former President Ronald Reagan

WHEN: Wednesday, June 9, 2004 at 6 p.m. EDT

WHERE: 16th St. and Constitution Avenue, NE, Washington, DC

ESCORT FOR NEXT OF KIN:

Army Maj. Gen. Galen B. Jackman
Commanding General
U.S. Army Military District of
Washington,
Washington, DC

CEREMONIAL TROOPS INVOLVED:

Army

3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment
Fort Myer, Va.

Marine Corps

U.S. Marine Corps Ceremonial and Guard
Company Marine Barracks, Washington,
DC

Navy

U.S. Navy Ceremonial Guard, Naval
District Washington, Washington, DC

Air Force

U.S. Air Force Honor Guard, Bolling
Air Force Base, Washington, DC

Coast Guard

The U.S. Coast Guard Ceremonial Honor
Guard, Telecommunications Information
Systems Center, Alexandria, Va.

CORDON COMMANDER:

Army Capt. Ray Carr
3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment
Fort Myer, Va.

BODY BEARER OIC:

Army Capt. Kevin Jefferson
3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment
Fort Myer, Va.

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Casket Transfer for former President Ronald Reagan - 2/2/2

CAISSON:	Caisson Platoon 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment Fort Myer, Va.
CAISSON PLATOON LEADER:	Army Staff Sgt. Joshua Reagan
CAPARISONED HORSE:	Army Sgt. York
CAPARISONED HORSE WALKER:	Army Sgt. Jared Keyworth
MILITARY CLERGY:	Army Chaplain (Col.) James A. Buckner Army Chief of Chaplains Office Washington D.C.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS:

1. The caisson will carry the remains of former President Ronald Reagan from the U.S. Capitol. The body bearers will remove the casket from the caisson and transfer it to the hearse.
2. The hearse and vehicles carrying the family and dignitaries will then move to the Washington National Cathedral for the funeral service.

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WHAT: Arrival Ceremony at the U.S. Capitol for former President Ronald Reagan

WHEN: Wednesday, June 9, 2004 at 7 p.m. EDT

WHERE: West front of the United States Capitol, Washington, DC

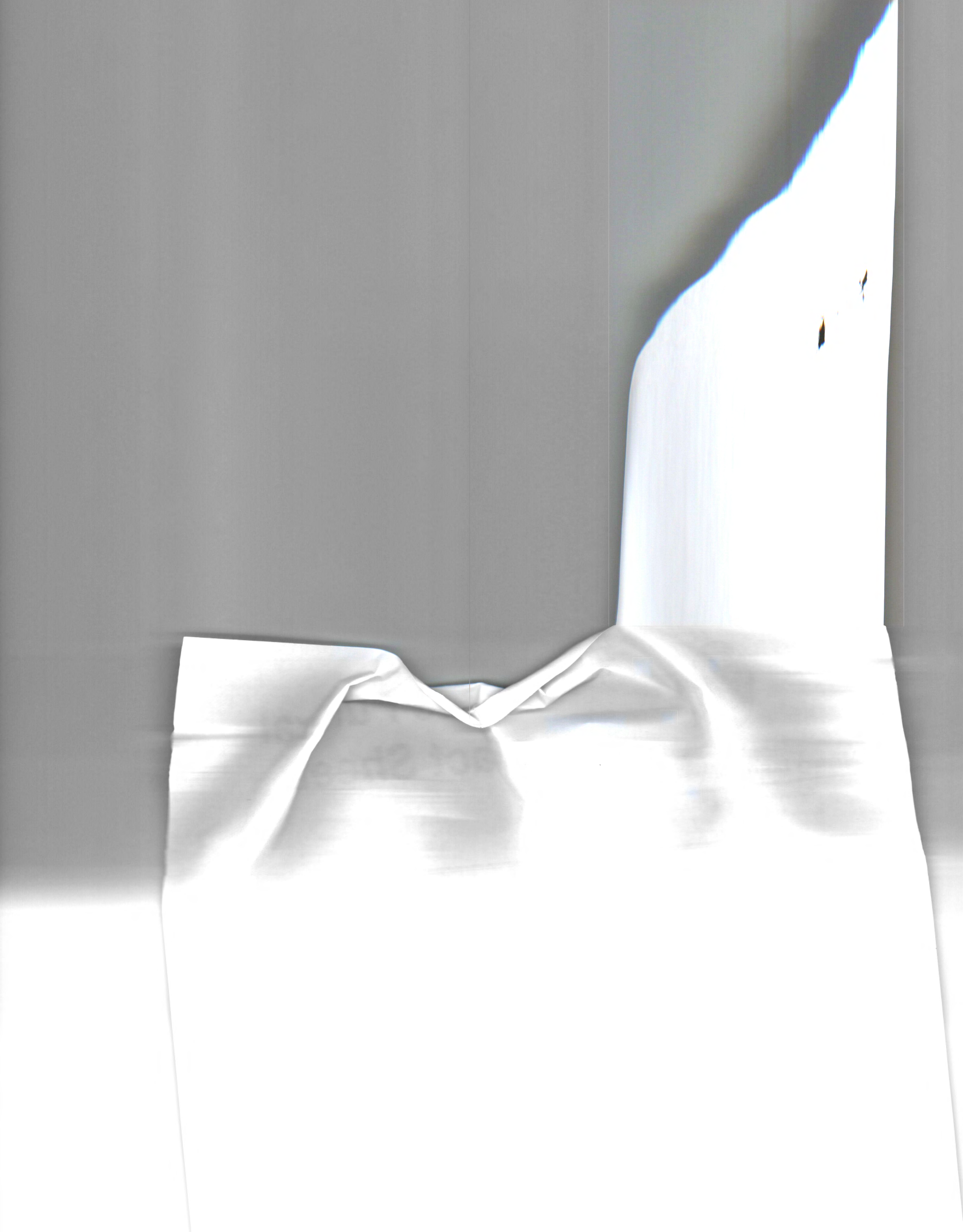
ESCORT FOR NEXT OF KIN: Army Maj. Gen. Galen B. Jackman, Commanding General, U.S. Army Military District of Washington, Fort McNair, DC

CEREMONIAL TROOPS INVOLVED:

Army 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment
Fort Myer, Va.

Marine Corps U.S. Marine Corps Ceremonial and Guard
Company Marine Barracks, Washington, DC

Navy U.S. Navy Ceremonial Band





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WHAT: Arrival Ceremony at the U.S. Capitol for former President Ronald Reagan

WHEN: Wednesday, June 9, 2004 at 7 p.m. EDT

WHERE: West front of the United States Capitol, Washington, DC

ESCORT FOR NEXT OF KIN: Army Maj. Gen. Galen B. Jackman,
Commanding General, U.S. Army Military
District of Washington, Fort McNair, DC

CEREMONIAL TROOPS INVOLVED:

Army 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment
Fort Myer, Va.

Marine Corps U.S. Marine Corps Ceremonial and Guard
Company Marine Barracks, Washington,
DC

Navy U.S. Navy Ceremonial Guard, Naval
District Washington, Washington, DC

Air Force U.S. Air Force Honor Guard, Bolling
Air Force Base, Washington, DC

Coast Guard U.S. Coast Guard Ceremonial Honor
Guard, Telecommunications Information
Systems Center, Alexandria, Va.

CORDON COMMANDER: Army Capt. Ray Carr
3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment
Fort Myer, Va.

BODY BEARER OIC: Army Capt. Kevin Jefferson
3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment
Fort Myer, Va.

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Arrival Ceremony at the U.S. Capitol for former President Ronald Reagan
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BAND (OUTSIDE): The U.S. Army Band (Pershing's Own)
Fort Myer, Va.

MUSIC: "Battle Hymn of the Republic"

UNDER THE DIRECTION OF: Army Col. Gary Lamb

CHORUS (INSIDE): The U.S. Air Force Singing Sergeants
Bolling Air Force Base, Md.

MUSIC: "Abide with Me"

UNDER THE DIRECTION OF: Air Force Col. Dennis Layendecker

MILITARY CLERGY: Army Chaplain (Col.) James A. Buckner
Army Chief of Chaplains Office
Washington D.C.

SALUTE BATTERY: Salute Gun Platoon
3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment
Fort Myer, Va.

LED BY: Sgt. 1st Class Denzel Harrel

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS:

1. Honors will be rendered. Following honors, the band will immediately begin playing the hymn "Battle Hymn of the Republic."
2. The remains will be removed from the caisson and carried between the ranks of the honorary pallbearers and Joint Honor Cordon into the Rotunda.
3. The remains will be placed on the catafalque and the National and presidential colors posted; Joint Guard of Honor posted; joint body bearers will be dismissed and a brief service will be conducted. The U.S. Air Force Singing Sergeants will sing "Abide by Me" during the service.
4. Once family members depart, the public may view the remains until 9:30 a.m. EDT Friday morning.



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WHAT: Departure Ceremony from the U.S. Capitol

WHEN: Friday, June 11, 2004 at 10:30 a.m. EDT

WHERE: West steps of the United States Capitol, Washington, D.C.

ESCORT FOR NEXT OF KIN: Army Maj. Gen. Galen B. Jackman
Commanding General
U.S. Army Military District of Washington
Washington, D.C.

CEREMONIAL TROOPS INVOLVED:

Army 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment
Fort Myer, Va.

Marine Corps U.S. Marine Corps Ceremonial and Guard
Company
Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C.

Navy U.S. Navy Ceremonial Guard
Naval District Washington
Washington, D.C.

Air Force U.S. Air Force Honor Guard
Bolling Air Force Base
Washington, DC

Coast Guard U.S. Coast Guard Ceremonial Honor Guard
Telecommunications Information Systems
Center
Alexandria, Va.

CORDON COMMANDER: Army Capt. Ray Carr
3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment
Fort Myer, Va.

BODY BEARER OIC: Army Capt. Kevin Neal
3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment
Fort Myer, Va.

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Departure Ceremony from the US Capitol - 2/2/2

BAND: U.S. Navy Band
Washington Navy Yard
Washington, D.C.

MUSIC: "Navy Hymn"

UNDER THE DIRECTION OF: Navy Capt. Ralph M. Gambone

MILITARY CLERGY: Army Chaplain (Col.) James A. Buckner
Army Chief of Chaplains Office
Washington, D.C.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS:

1. Honors will be rendered. Following honors, the U.S. Navy Band will immediately begin playing the "Navy Hymn".
2. The procession will move between the ranks of the honor cordon and honorary pallbearers to the hearse and the casket will be placed in the hearse.
3. The motorcade will proceed to Washington National Cathedral for the funeral service.



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WHAT: Arrival and Funeral Service at the Washington National Cathedral
for former President Ronald Reagan

WHEN: Friday, June 11, 2004 at 11:15 a.m. EDT

WHERE: Washington National Cathedral, Wisconsin Avenue and Massachusetts
Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C.

ESCORT FOR NEXT OF KIN: Army Maj. Gen. Galen B. Jackman
Commanding General
U.S. Army Military District of Washington
Washington, D.C.

CEREMONIAL TROOPS INVOLVED:

Army 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment
Fort Myer, Va.

Marine Corps U.S. Marine Corps Ceremonial and Guard
Company
Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C.

Navy U.S. Navy Ceremonial Guard
Naval District Washington
Washington, D.C.

Air Force U.S. Air Force Honor Guard
Bolling Air Force Base
Washington, D.C.

Coast Guard U.S. Coast Guard Ceremonial Honor Guard
Telecommunications Information Systems
Center
Alexandria, Va.

CORDON COMMANDER: Army 1st Lt. Jason Hetzel
3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment
Fort Myer, Va.

BODY BEARER OIC: Army Capt. Alex Neal
3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment
Fort Myer, Va.

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Arrival and Funeral Service at the Washington National Cathedral for former President Ronald Reagan - 2/2/2

BAND (ARRIVAL): The U.S. Coast Guard Band
New London, Conn.

UNDER THE DIRECTION OF: Coast Guard Capt. Lewis J. Buckley

MUSIC: "Navy Hymn"

ORCHESTRA (INSIDE) U.S. Marine Orchestra
Marine Barracks
Washington, D.C.

UNDER THE DIRECTION OF: Marine Col. Thomas Foley

SOLOIST: Mr. Ronan Tynan, Irish Tenor

CHOIR: The Armed Forces Chorus
Washington National Cathedral Chorus

* Media will be given the official program at the funeral service.

MILITARY CLERGY: Army Chaplain (Col.) James A. Buckner
Army Chief of Chaplains Office
Washington D.C.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS:

1. The body bearers will secure the casket. Musical honors will be rendered. Following honors, The U.S. Coast Guard Band will immediately begin playing the "Navy Hymn."
2. Upon the first note of the hymn, body bearers will proceed between the ranks of the honorary pallbearers and honor cordon and pause at the west door.
3. The Reception of the Body will be conducted by the bishop of Washington. The casket will then be carried in procession to the crossing of the nave, where it will be placed on a catafalque.



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WHAT: Departure Ceremony at the Washington National Cathedral for former President Ronald Reagan

WHEN: Friday, June 11, 2004 at 1:15 p.m. EDT

WHERE: Washington National Cathedral, Wisconsin Avenue and Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C.

ESCORT FOR NEXT OF KIN: Army Maj. Gen. Galen B. Jackman
Commanding General
U.S. Army Military District of Washington
Washington, D.C.

CEREMONIAL TROOPS INVOLVED:

Army 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment
Fort Myer, Va.

Marine Corps U.S. Marine Corps Ceremonial and Guard
Company
Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C.

Navy U.S. Navy Ceremonial Guard
Naval District Washington
Washington, D.C.

Air Force U.S. Air Force Honor Guard
Bolling Air Force Base
Washington, D.C.

Coast Guard U.S. Coast Guard Ceremonial Honor Guard
Telecommunications Information Systems
Center
Alexandria, Va.

CORDON COMMANDER: Army 1st Lt. Jason Hetzel
3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment
Fort Myer, Va.

BODY BEARER OIC: Army Capt. Alex Neal
3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment
Fort Myer, Va.

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Departure Ceremony at the Washington National Cathedral for former President Ronald Reagan - 2/2/2

BAND: The U.S. Coast Guard Band
New London, Conn.

UNDER THE DIRECTION OF: Coast Guard Capt. Lewis J. Buckley

MILITARY CLERGY: Army Chaplain (Col.) James A. Buckner
Army Chief of Chaplains Office
Washington D.C.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS:

1. Musical honors will be rendered. Following honors, the band will immediately begin playing the hymn "God Bless America".
2. The remains will be carried between the ranks of the honor cordon and honorary pallbearers and secured in the hearse. Army Maj. Gen. Galen B. Jackman, Commanding General, U.S. Army Military District of Washington; Mrs. Nancy Reagan and family will observe the ceremony from the cathedral entrance.
3. The motorcade will depart for Andrews Air Force Base, Md.



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WHAT: Departure Ceremony at Andrews Air Force Base for former President Ronald Reagan

WHEN: Friday, June 11, 2004 at 2:15 p.m. EDT

WHERE: Andrews Air Force Base, Md.

ESCORT FOR NEXT OF KIN: Army Maj. Gen. Galen B. Jackman
Commanding General
U.S. Army Military District of Washington
Washington, D.C.

CEREMONIAL TROOPS INVOLVED:

Army 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment
Fort Myer, Va.

Marine Corps U.S. Marine Corps Ceremonial and
Guard
Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C.

Navy U.S. Navy Ceremonial Guard
Naval District Washington
Washington, D.C.

Air Force U.S. Air Force Honor Guard
Bolling Air Force Base
Washington, D.C.

Coast Guard U.S. Coast Guard Ceremonial Honor Guard
Telecommunications Information Systems
Center
Alexandria, Va.

CORDON COMMANDER: Army 1st Lt. Matthew Galan
3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment
Fort Myer, Va.

BODY BEARER OIC: Army Capt. Brandon Dewind
3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment
Fort Myer, Va.

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Departure Ceremony at Andrews AFB for former President Ronald Reagan - 2/2/2

BAND: The U.S. Air Force Band
Bolling Air Force Base
Washington, D.C.

UNDER THE DIRECTION OF: Air Force Col. Dennis Layendecker

SALUTE BATTERY: Salute Gun Platoon
3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment
Fort Myer, Va.

LED BY: Army Capt. Cody Button

MILITARY CLERGY: Army Chaplain (Col.) James A. Buckner
Army Chief of Chaplains Office
Washington, D.C.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS:

1. The remains will be removed from the hearse.
2. Honors will be rendered, including a 21-Gun salute. Following honors, the U.S. Air Force Band will immediately begin playing the spiritual "Going Home". Upon the first note of the hymn, the remains will be carried between the ranks of the honorary pallbearers and honor cordon and secured on the loading device.
3. Personnel departing on the aircraft will embark. The aircraft will depart for Naval Base Ventura County, Point Mugu, Calif. and the remaining members of the motorcade will enter their vehicles and depart.



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State Funeral Fact Sheet

WHAT: Arrival Ceremony at Naval Base Ventura County, Point Mugu, Calif.
for former President Ronald Reagan

WHEN: Friday, June 11, 2004 at 4:45 p.m. PDT

WHERE: Naval Base Ventura County, Point Mugu, Calif.

ESCORT FOR NEXT OF KIN: Army Maj. Gen. Galen B. Jackman
Commanding General
U.S. Army Military District of Washington
Washington, D.C.

CEREMONIAL TROOPS INVOLVED:

Army 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment
Fort Myer, Va.

Marine Corps U.S. Marine Corps Ceremonial and Guard
Company
Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C.

Navy U.S. Navy Ceremonial Guard
Naval District Washington
Washington, D.C.

Air Force U.S. Air Force Honor Guard
Bolling Air Force Base
Washington, D.C.

Coast Guard U.S. Coast Guard Ceremonial Honor Guard
Telecommunications Information Systems
Center
Alexandria, Va.

CORDON COMMANDER: Army Capt. Carrie Wibben
3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment
Fort Myer, Va.

BODY BEARER OIC: Army Capt. Peter Molineaux
3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment
Fort Myer, Va.

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Arrival Ceremony at Naval Base Ventura County, Point Mugu, Calif. for former President Ronald Reagan - 2/2/2

BAND: 3rd Marine Air Wing Band
Marine Corps Air Station Miramar
San Diego, Calif.

MUSIC: "Ruffles and Flourishes"
"Hail to the Chief"
"God Bless America"

UNDER THE DIRECTION OF: Marine Chief Warrant Officer
Thomas Mangan

SALUTE BATTERY: 11th Marine Artillery Regiment
Salute Battery
1st Marine Division
Camp Pendleton, Calif.

LED BY: Marine 2nd Lt. Michael Kozelisk

MILITARY CLERGY: Army Chaplain (Col.) James A. Buckner
Army Chief of Chaplains Office
Washington D.C.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS:

1. The remains will be moved from the aircraft onto the loading device, which will then be lowered. The casket will then be removed from the loading device. Honors will be rendered including a 21-gun salute. Following honors the band will immediately begin playing "God Bless America."
2. The casket will be carried between the ranks of the honor cordon and honorary pallbearer, and placed in the hearse.
3. Members of the procession will proceed in the following order: National color guard, clergy, remains, Presidential color bearer.
4. When the casket has been secured in the hearse, the band will cease playing. Members of the motorcade will move to their vehicles.
5. When all are seated, the motorcade will depart. The motorcade will then depart for the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library, Simi Valley, Calif.



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State Funeral Fact Sheet

WHAT: Arrival and Interment service for former President Ronald Reagan

WHEN: Friday, June 11, 2004 at 6:15 p.m. PDT

WHERE: The Ronald Reagan Presidential Library, Simi Valley, Calif.

ESCORT FOR NEXT OF KIN: Army Maj. Gen. Galen B. Jackman
Commanding General
U.S. Army Military District of Washington
Washington, D.C.

CEREMONIAL TROOPS INVOLVED:

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Bolling Air Force Base
Washington, D.C.

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Telecommunications Information Systems
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Alexandria, Va.

CORDON COMMANDER: Army Capt. Joseph Preteroti
3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment
Fort Myer, Va.

BODY BEARER OIC: Army Capt. Roland Dicks
3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment
Fort Myer, Va.

BAND: U.S. Air Force Band of the Golden West
Travis Air Force Base, Calif.
Under the Direction of: Maj. Douglas Monroe

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Arrival and Interment service for former President Ronald Reagan 2/2/2

MUSIC: "Ruffles and Flourishes"
"Hail to the Chief"
"God of Our Fathers"
"Amazing Grace"

SALUTE BATTERY: 11th Marine Artillery Regiment Salute Battery
1st Marine Division
Camp Pendleton, Calif.

PLATOON COMMANDER: 2nd Lt. Christopher Kuehne

CHORUS: U.S. Army Chorus
Fort Myer, Va.

Under the Direction of: Capt. Jim Keene

MUSIC: "Battle Hymn of the Republic"

FLYOVER: Four U.S. Navy F/A-18 "Super Hornets"
Strike Fighter Squadrons 122 & 125
Naval Air Station Lemoore, Calif.

MILITARY CLERGY: Army Chaplain (Col.) Al Buckner
Army Chief of Chaplains Office
Washington, D.C.

BUGLER: Army Sgt. Maj. Woodrow English
The United States Army Band
"Pershing's Own"

BAGPIPER: Eric Rigler
Los Angeles, Calif.

FLAG PRESENTOR: Capt. James A. Symonds, Commanding
Officer, USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76)

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS:

1. The U.S. Air Force Band of the Golden West and the U.S. Army Chorus will perform prelude music before the motorcade arrives. When the motorcade arrives, honorary pallbearers and guests traveling in the motorcade will be escorted to their seats.
2. The remains will be removed from the hearse.
3. National colors and clergy will move into position ahead of the casket.
4. The remains will then be carried through into the library lobby as the U.S. Air Force Band of the Golden West plays "God of Our Fathers".
5. The remains will then be carried from the library through the Cordon to the West Lawn for military honors. At the conclusion of military honors, the remains will be placed on the bier.

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Arrival at Library and Funeral Service, Ronald Reagan Library 3/3/3

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- (c) Reagan children will offer Words of Remembrance
- (d) Scripture: Psalm 23

7. Musical honors will be played including "The National Anthem."

8. The bagpiper will play "Amazing Grace," leading the remains to the gravesite.

9. The procession will proceed in the following order:

- a. Clergy
- b. Remains
- c. Honorary pallbearers
- d. Escort and next of kin
- e. Family

10. Committal Service will be conducted, stopping before the benediction.

11. Salute Guns will fire a 21-Gun salute.

12. Benediction

13. When the benediction concludes, the firing party will fire three volleys of musketry over the grave.

14. "Taps" will be played by an Army bugler.

15. U.S. Navy 4-ship jet flyover with "missing man" formation.

16. After the flyover the body bearers will fold the flag while the U.S. Air Force Band of the Golden West performs "America the Beautiful."

17. Navy Capt. James A. Symonds, Commander of the USS Ronald Reagan, will present the flag to the next of kin.

18. The congregation accompanied by the band and chorus will sing "God Bless America."

19. The family will depart the library.

20. A solo vigil will remain with the casket as guests file past.

21. The U.S. Air Force Band of the Golden West will perform postlude music until the guests have departed.



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State Funeral Fact Sheet

WHAT: Arrival and Interment service for former President Ronald Reagan

WHEN: Friday, June 11, 2004 at 6:15 p.m. PDT

WHERE: The Ronald Reagan Presidential Library, Simi Valley, Calif.

ESCORT FOR NEXT OF KIN: Army Maj. Gen. Galen B. Jackman
Commanding General
U.S. Army Military District of Washington
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State Funeral for Former President Ronald Reagan

Origin of "Taps"

Since the president serves as commander-in-chief of America's armed forces, he is entitled to a military bugler playing "Taps" at his interment.

During the Civil War, in July 1862 when the Army of the Potomac was in camp, Brig. Gen. Daniel Butterfield summoned Pvt. Oliver Wilcox Norton, his brigade bugler, to his tent. Butterfield, who disliked the colorless "extinguish lights" call then in use, whistled a new tune and asked the bugler to sound it for him. After repeated trials and changing the time of some notes, which were scribbled on the back of an envelope, the call was finally arranged to suit Gen. Butterfield and used for the first time that night.

The next day buglers from nearby brigades came over to the camp of Butterfield's brigade to ask the meaning of this new call. They liked it, and copying the music, returned to their camps, but it was not until some time later, when generals of other commands had heard its melodious notes, that orders were issued, or permission given, to substitute it throughout the Army of the Potomac for the time-honored call which came down from West Point.



In the western armies the regulation call was in use until the autumn of 1863. At that time the XI and XII Corps were detached from the Army of the Potomac and sent under command of Gen. Hooker to reinforce the Union Army at Chattanooga, Tenn. Through its use in these corps it became known in the western armies and was adopted by them. From that time, it became and remains to this day the official call for "Taps." It is printed in the present Tactics and is used throughout the U.S. Army, the National Guard, and all organizations of veteran soldiers.

Gen. Butterfield, in composing this call and directing that it be used for "Taps" in his brigade, could not have foreseen its popularity and the use for another purpose into which it would grow. Today, whenever a man is buried with military honors anywhere in the United States, firing three volleys over the grave concludes the ceremony, and sounding with the trumpet or bugle "Put out the lights. Go to sleep"...There is something singularly beautiful and appropriate in the music of this wonderful call. Its strains are melancholy, yet full of rest and peace. Its echoes linger in the heart long after its tones have ceased to vibrate in the air.



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Military Involvement

As a past commander-in-chief of the U.S. military, former presidents are traditionally accorded a variety of military honors. These customs and courtesies are extended as requested by the immediate family and include:

Military escort for the immediate family -- customarily the commanding general of the Military District of Washington serves as the military escort for the former president's immediate family from the time of death until burial. Maj. Gen. Galen B. Jackman will serve in this capacity.

Guard of Honor --an Armed Forces team that provides security for the remains when they are in repose or lying in state. The guard also renders honor through their presence at each of the armed services funeral locations. Guard of Honor members are based in Washington, D.C., and belong to ceremonial detachments for the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force and Coast Guard. They routinely participate in ceremonies at the White House, national memorials and Arlington National Cemetery.

Armed Forces body bearers --an Armed Forces team that carries the casket as required during the armed services funeral.

21-gun salute --on the day of interment, a 21-gun salute will be fired commencing at noon at all military installations equipped with the necessary personnel and materiel. A 21-gun salute may also be fired at the interment site following the benediction.

Military clergy --a military chaplain from one of the services assigned to the immediate family.

Flag-draped casket --all veterans are entitled to have the flag draped on their casket. The president, as commander-in-chief of the Armed Forces, is also entitled to this honor.

Caisson --The Old Guard Caisson Platoon of the Military District of Washington's 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment will transport the remains during the Washington, D.C., phase of the funeral. The caisson consists of six horses of the same color, three riders, and a section chief mounted on a separate horse. The caisson itself is a converted transport wagon for a 75mm cannon.

Caparisoned horse --a riderless horse following the caisson. A pair of boots are reversed in the stirrups of the empty saddle to symbolize that the warrior will never ride again.

Military Band --a military band will play appropriate music in honor of the former president during each phase of the funeral. Some traditional selections include:

1) Ruffles and Flourishes -- Ruffles are played on drums and flourishes on bugles. They are sounded together, once for each star of the general officer being honored or according to the title or office held. Four Ruffles and Flourishes are the highest honor and played for presidents.

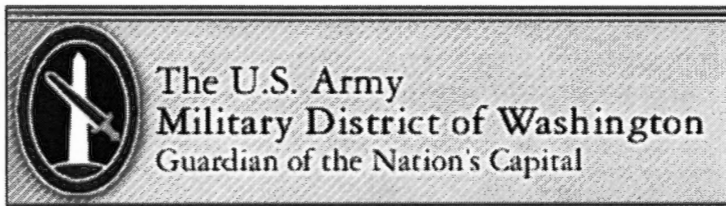
2) Hail to the Chief -- The traditional musical salute to the president of the United States.

3) Taps -- A bugle call sounded over the grave of a service member dating from the time of the Civil War.

Firing three volleys over the grave --this practice has its origin in the old custom of halting the fighting to remove the dead from the battlefield. Once the dead were removed three rifle volleys were fired as a signal that the battle could resume. The volleys are traditionally fired by a firing party of seven service members. The fact that the firing party consists of seven service members firing three volleys does not constitute a 21-gun salute.

National Flag at half staff --the flag will be flown at half staff for 30 days from the date of death.

Burial in Arlington National Cemetery --burial in ANC is restricted. The president, as the commander-in-chief is entitled to this honor.



State Funeral for Former President Ronald Reagan

Notices

June 5 2004

Ronald Reagan, the 40th president of the United States, died Saturday in Los Angeles, Calif.

The United States Army Military District of Washington is responsible for military honors for funerals of former presidents of the United States.

This site will provide information to the public regarding the role and mission of the military in the funeral of President Reagan.

Recent bulletins will post on the main page and move to an announcements section as other bulletins are released. Other features of the site will be added as they are available.

June 6 2004

The U.S. Army Military District of Washington to Oversee State Funeral

June 6, 2004 -- By law, former presidents are afforded a state funeral upon demise. While the general sequence of a state funeral is shaped by regulation and tradition, each event is also uniquely shaped by the family's desires.

Once the president officially announces the demise of a former commander-in-chief, he then joins the nation in offering condolences.

The Secretary of Defense is then directed to conduct the funeral on behalf of the nation. In turn, he designates the Secretary of the Army, who oversees the nation's senior military service, to be his representative.

The Secretary of the Army further designates the commanding general for the U.S. Army Military District of Washington, to exercise that responsibility. The MDW commander, Maj. Gen. Galen B. Jackman, is responsible for making all ceremonial arrangements for the funeral in Washington, D.C., and elsewhere in the continental United States. The U.S. Army Military District of Washington commanding general, Maj. Gen. Galen B. Jackman, exercises the Secretary of the Army's executive agent responsibility for coordinating and executing the public ceremonies in honor of our former president.

Each branch of the armed forces provides personnel and support under the supervision of the Military District of Washington. Support includes an Armed Forces Honor Guard. In the past, this special ceremonial unit has participated in the state funerals for former presidents Kennedy, Eisenhower, Truman, Johnson and Nixon. A state funeral was also conducted for the Vietnam Unknown in 1984.

The state funeral for former President Ronald Reagan will occur in three phases: Phases 1 and 3 are executed in the greater Los Angeles area. Phase 2 takes place in Washington, D.C.

Capt. Paul S. Grossgold, commanding officer of Naval Base Ventura County at Point Mugu, Calif., will assist Maj. Gen. Jackman by coordinating administrative and logistical support in the greater Los Angeles area.

The remains of the former commander-in-chief will be received with ceremony at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, Calif., on Monday, June 7, 2004 at 11 a.m. PST.

After the arrival ceremony, the remains will lie in repose until 6 p.m. PST on Tuesday, June 8, 2004. A Guard of Honor will attend the remains while in repose. Public viewing and media coverage will be allowed during this time. This will be the only opportunity for the public to pay their respects in California.

On Wednesday, June 9, 2004, the remains of former President Reagan will depart the library with ceremony at 8:15 a.m. PST and be transported to Naval Base Ventura County. His casket will depart the base with ceremony at 9 a.m. PST and be flown to Andrews Air Force Base, Md., arriving with ceremony on Wednesday, June 9, 2004 at approximately 5 p.m. EST.

At 6 p.m., the cortege will arrive at 16th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW. The former president's casket will be transferred from the hearse to a horse-drawn caisson for an escort to the U.S. Capitol.

At 6:05 p.m., the main funeral procession will proceed east on Constitution Avenue to the U.S. Capitol. A 21-ship flyover will take place as the cortege crosses 4th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW.

The remains will then be escorted to the U.S. Capitol and received with ceremony at 7 p.m. EST on Wednesday, June 9, 2004. Former President Reagan will lie in state with a Guard of Honor. Public viewing and media coverage will be allowed during this time.

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A motorcade will transport the casket from the cathedral to Andrews Air Force Base on Friday, June 11, 2004 at 2:15 p.m. EST for a departure ceremony.

The remains will be received with ceremony at Naval Base Ventura County at Point Mugu, Calif., at approximately 4:45 p.m. PST.

His casket will then be moved to the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, Calif. The public is welcome to view the motorcade along the route. The motorcade route will be published at a later time.

A private funeral service will be conducted at 6:15 p.m. A private interment service will immediately follow.

Official Schedule

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Public Invitation

June 9, 2004 -- Today the remains of President Reagan leave California and arrive in Washington . The public is invited to pay their final respects to former President Ronald Reagan by attendance at the funeral procession on Constitution Avenue and by viewing his remains while they lie in state at the U.S. Capitol.

The procession begins at 16 th Street and Constitution Avenue with the ceremonial transfer of remains of former President Ronald Reagan from a hearse to a horse-drawn caisson for the procession to the Capitol. The casket transfer will take place at 6 p.m. and caisson continues east with formal military escort.

The public will be able to pay final respects while the remains lie in state in the Capitol rotunda from 7:00 p.m. through Friday, June 11, 2004 at 9:30 a.m.

Be advised that there will be no parking available at the casket transfer or at the U.S. Capitol. The public is encouraged to use mass transit. Metrorail users can access the site from the blue and orange lines. Contact the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority at (202) 637-7000 or visit its Web site at www.wmata.com to obtain information on extended hours of operation.

Cameras, camera phones and flowers are not allowed in the Capitol. In addition, long lines are projected in and around the U.S. Capitol, so people should plan accordingly.

For more information on the U.S. Capitol, please visit its Web site at www.aoc.gov .

The public is advised that security procedures will be in place, and a large number of attendees is projected in and around 16 th Street and Constitution Avenue , so those attending should plan accordingly.

Day for paying private respects

June 10 -- The remains of former President Ronald Reagan arrived by funeral procession at the United States Capitol yesterday. The world watched the ceremony unfold. Private mourners filed through the Capital rotunda through the night. The opportunity to view the casketed remains as they lie in state continues today. The viewing will end at 9:30 a.m. Friday.

All media credentials have been issued for remaining Reagan funeral events. Those who are receiving credentials have been notified by telephone.

The credential pickup office at the Mary Switzer Building lobby will be open from noon to 6 p.m. today. Identification procedures will be enforced so that only properly authenticated persons receive the control badges.

Through the day we will be adding photographs taken by military photographers of funeral events to this site. The photographs are labeled with a date designation, with the first two numerals indicating the year, the next two the month, and the fifth and sixth numerals the date. Higher resolution photos needed for publication will be available for registered media.

The arc of a day, the span of a country

June 11 -- Funeral rites and interment of Ronald Reagan take place today, a national day of mourning.

The day begins on one side of the country with ordinary citizens waiting for an opportunity to view their 40th president lying in state in the rotunda of the assembly building of their elected representatives. It ends on the other coast with a family's private service as the sun sets in the west.

And at the funeral service at Washington National Cathedral attended entirely by invited guests, the span of the life of Ronald Wilson Reagan will be celebrated with song and eulogies. Tributes will be paid by President George W. Bush and by friends who led strong allies of America when Reagan was president - former Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and, by videotape, Baroness Margaret Thatcher.

The Reverend John C. Danforth will officiate at an Anglican/Episcopalian service in which leaders of other great faiths will participate. A joint Armed Forces Chorus will sing two anthems, the first being "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," and the second, sung to conclude the service, an anthem to a poem by Randall Wallace:

To fallen soldiers let us sing
Where no rockets fly nor bullets wing
Our broken brothers let us bring to the Mansions of the Lord

No more bleeding, no more fight
No prayers pleading through the night
Just divine embrace, eternal light
In the Mansions of the Lord.

Where no mothers cry and no children weep;
We will stand and guard though the angels sleep
Through the ages safely keep
The Mansions of the Lord.

During the service military installations on the East Coast will begin a ritual of firing a 21-gun salute, one shot every minute, beginning at noon. At the conclusion of the service, a new custom will take place. Around 1:15 p.m., Washington National Cathedral, and other churches following that lead and the appreciation for the gesture expressed by Reagan's widow, Nancy Reagan, will begin ringing its bells - 40 bell strokes, symbolic of the 40th presidency of the Union.

Departure from the Cathedral, motorcade to Andrews Air Force Base for a departure ceremony there, an arrival ceremony at Naval Base Ventura - Point Mugu, motorcade to the Reagan Library at Simi Valley along a route published to the public by the Reagan family, and then, for a final hour and 15 minutes, a private funeral service at the library concluding at 7:30 p.m. with interment .

Military support will continue throughout the day -- by aircrews, body bearers, color teams, band members and honor guards. At the final service, the U.S. Army Chorus and the Air Force Band of the Golden West provide the music, being joined by the congregation in the concluding musical number, "God Bless America."

Media Bulletin

June 10 -- Those media credentialed for the departure ceremony at Andrews Air Force Base should note the arrival times in the advisory issued today: 10:45-11:15 AM for television and video; 11:15-11:45 AM for all others.

Morning in America

June 12 -- The passing of former U.S. President Ronald W. Reagan left the world mourning and meant the Military District of Washington would have the solemn honor of rendering a state funeral for the former commander-and-chief.

The week-long ceremony featured numerous service members from every branch of the military working tirelessly to ensure the proper honors and respect were paid to the man many consider the "greatest president of the twentieth century," credited with bringing an end to the Cold War, bringing prosperity and building the nation's might.

The Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard personnel who carried forward the funeral plan developed with the family were but bit players in history, although expressive of the national will to honor its great men. Those in uniform are asked to represent their country, in peace and in war. There is pride in that and there was great pride in expressing a nation's respect for President Reagan.

In the coming days, more material will come to be added to this site as materials are gathered and questions are addressed. The MDW Media Operations Center that undertook the task of assisting the media and the public to understand the military role is closing today. Personnel will be found in their customary duty locations in coming days, and will continue to provide help from those locations.

Comments and suggestions that the media or the public wish to make regarding the execution of any aspect of the state funeral may be sent to the following email address:
mdwpaomediacycenter@fmmc.army.mil.

The many questions posed in the Frequently Asked Questions portion of this site will continue to be worked for the time being to insure that our responses are as complete and accurate as we can make them.

The great and free press of the United States conveyed the final images of the funeral.

"Ronald Reagan belongs to the ages now, but we preferred it when he belonged to us," President George W. Bush said at the funeral service.

With the conclusion of the ceremony, the former president was taken to Andrews Air Force Base for a final flight back home to California for the family service and interment at the Reagan Library.

There, as the last rays of the sun pierced the California sky, Ronald Reagan was at last laid to rest.

Today the sun rose again. Morning in America.



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State Funeral for Former President Ronald Reagan

MDW as Executive Agent

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- While each former president is entitled to a state funeral, the desires of family members are always paramount.

Once the President announces his regret and joins the nation in paying homage during this solemn observance, the Secretary of Defense is designated as his representative for planning a State Funeral. The Secretary of Defense, in turn, has designated the Secretary of the Army, as the senior military service, to be his representative.

The Secretary of the Army has designated the commanding general of the Military District of Washington, as his representative. The commander of the MDW is responsible for making all ceremonial arrangements for the funeral in Washington, D.C., and elsewhere in the continental United States.

Each of the Armed Forces provides members and support to the Military District of Washington. Support includes an Armed Forces Honor Guard.

Historically, this special ceremonial unit has participated in the state funerals for former presidents Kennedy, Eisenhower, Truman, Johnson and Nixon. A state funeral was also held for the Vietnam Unknown in 1984.



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Family Escort

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Military tradition has it that an officer escort the immediate family of a deceased military member until burial. This military courtesy is extended to the family of presidents, because the president also serves as the commander-in-chief of the U.S. military.

As the commanding general for the U.S. Army Military District of Washington, Maj. Gen. Galen B. Jackman will escort the former president's family members during all funeral ceremonies. In addition to being the family's escort officer, Jackman has the overall responsibility of planning and conducting the funeral for the former head of state. Each of the Armed Forces provides members and support to the Military District of Washington. Support includes an Armed Forces Honor Guard.





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Ceremonial Gun Salutes

On the day after receipt of notification of the death of the president, ex-president, or president-elect of the United States, unless this day falls upon a Sunday or holiday in which case the honor will rendered on the day after the Sunday or holiday, the commanding officers of all Army installations with the necessary personnel and material will require the following:

There will be one gun fired every half hour, beginning at reveille and ending at retreat.

All troops at Army installations and the cadets at the U.S. Military Academy to be formed at 10 a.m. and the official notification of death will be read.

On the day of the interment, a 21-gun salute will be fired commencing at noon at all military installations with the necessary personnel and the material. Guns will be fired at one-minute intervals. Service members are not required to salute.

In addition, on the day of the interment, a 50-gun salute will be fired at retreat at all military installations equipped with the necessary personnel and the materials. This salute will be fired at five-second intervals immediately following lowering of the flag. Personnel will not salute.

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CAISSON AND CAPARISONED HORSE

The use of a caisson and caparisoned horse are traditional elements of the funeral procession for a military leader.

Six matched horses pull the black artillery caisson carrying the flag-draped casket. Astride three of the horses, soldiers guide the team, which seems to absorb the military bearing of the men and women who sit quietly in the saddles.

The soldiers and horses are members of the Caisson Platoon of the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) at Fort Myer, Va.

The caissons that are used were built in 1918. Originally they were used to carry 75mm cannons and were equipped with ammunition chests, spare wheels and tools.

Today, these have been removed and replaced with a flat deck on which the casket rests.

The horses are matched in color, either black or gray, and are paired into three teams -- the lead team in front, the swing team following and nearest the caisson -- the wheel team. Although all six animals are saddled, only those on the left have mounted riders. This is a tradition that began in the early horse-drawn-artillery days when one horse of each team was mounted, while the other carried provisions and feed.

The riders are dressed in the Army Blue uniform with riding breeches, and boots with spurs. To the left front of the lead team, on a separate mount, rides the section chief who commands the caisson unit.

One of the older traditions in a full-honors funeral is the caparisoned (riderless) horse. The horse is led behind the caisson, wearing an empty saddle with the rider's boots reversed in the stirrups. This indicates the warrior will never ride again, and also betokens the commander's parting look on his troops, who march behind.

Tradition allows a caparisoned horse to follow the casket of any Army or Marine Corps commissioned officer in the rank of colonel or above. Presidents of our nation, as commanders-in-chief, are given the same honor.

While the platoon once stabled horses of several draft breeds -- from Lippizans and Morgans to English Shires, both white and black -- the unit has settled on a draft mix as being optimal for its mission.

The most famous caparisoned horse was Black Jack. He was foaled Jan. 19, 1947, and was the last of the Quartermaster-issue horses branded with the Army's "US" brand. He was named after Gen. of the Armies John J. "Black Jack" Pershing.

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He participated in the funerals of presidents John F. Kennedy, Herbert Hoover and Lyndon Johnson, Gen. of the Army Douglas MacArthur and thousands of other funerals during his 24 years of service with The Old Guard. Upon his death, Feb. 6, 1976, he was buried on the parade field at Fort Myer.

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