



**President George Walker Bush
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President Bush was born in New Haven, Connecticut, on July 6, 1946, but grew up in Midland and Houston, Texas. He received his history degree from Yale University in 1968 and then served as an F-102 fighter pilot in the Texas Air National Guard. After receiving a MBA from Harvard Business School, Bush moved to Midland, Texas to begin a career in the energy business as a landman. He later formed his own independent company, Arbusto Energy, which later merged with Spectrum Energy.

In 1980, he turned to working on his father's political campaign resulting in his father becoming Vice-President and Ronald Reagan President. Bush then moved to Dallas where he and a group of investors purchased the Texas Rangers baseball team, eventually building a stadium making the Rangers a very successful sports enterprise.

In 1994, Bush was elected 46th Governor of Texas and was re-elected to the position in 1998, serving during one of the state's greatest periods of growth. In Austin he earned a reputation for his bipartisan governing approach and compassionate conservative philosophy.

Two years into his second term, in 2000, he was elected the 43rd President of the United States and was re-elected to that position in 2004. As President, he initiated the No Child Left behind Act, a bipartisan measure that raised standards in schools. His federal tax cuts set off an unprecedented 52 months of job creation. Bush modernized Medicare by adding a prescription drug benefit and implemented free trade agreements with more than a dozen nations.

The most significant event of Bush's tenure came on September 11, 2001 when Bush responded to the events of 9-11 with a comprehensive strategy to protect American people. He reformed the intelligence community and established Homeland Security and provided unprecedented support for young democracies of the Middle East and beyond. Bush personifies those criteria as expressed in the charter of the Permian Basin Petroleum Museum Hall of Fame, "to honor those persons who have served as worthy examples of service, strength of character and achievement for the inspiration and education of present and future generations".