

# Media Advisory

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## Department of Defense celebrates William H. Taft's 161st Birthday

**WHO & WHAT:** The U.S. Armed Forces will conduct a Presidential Armed Forces Full Honor wreath-laying ceremony, on behalf of the nation, to commemorate the 27th President of the United States, William H. Taft's 161st birthday.

Maj. Gen. Michael L. Howard, commanding general, Joint Force Headquarters – National Capital Region and the U.S. Army Military District of Washington will lay the wreath.

Karen Durham-Aguilera, executive director, Army National Military Cemeteries will host the ceremony.

**WHEN:** Friday, Sept. 14 at 3 p.m.

**WHERE:** Taft's Gravesite, Section 30  
Arlington National Cemetery, Virginia

### REGISTRATION:

Media interested in covering this ceremony must register by **3 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 13**. To be placed on the credentialed list, send an email to [usarmy.mcnair.mdw.mbx.mediadesk-omb@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.mcnair.mdw.mbx.mediadesk-omb@mail.mil) with the following information:

- **Full name (first, middle and last)**
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### EDITOR'S NOTES:

- The U.S. Army Military District of Washington Public Affairs Office will contact media outlets with their credential status no later than **5 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 13**.
- Media interested in covering the events live are permitted to bring mobile broadcasting equipment capable of live feeds. Please provide this information when registering.
- Taft became the first president and first Chief Justice to be buried at Arlington National Cemetery. Taft is one of two presidents buried at Arlington (the other is John F. Kennedy), and is one of four Chief Justices buried there (Earl Warren, Warren E. Burger, and William Rehnquist are the others).
- As a former president, Taft is the only Chief Justice to have had a state funeral.

For additional details, media may contact the U.S. Army Military District of Washington Public Affairs Office at [usarmy.mcnair.mdw.mbx.mediadesk-omb@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.mcnair.mdw.mbx.mediadesk-omb@mail.mil) or call 202-685-4645.

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