

Media Advisory

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DATE: Sept. 9, 2019

Department of Defense celebrates the 27th President of the United States, William H. Taft's 162nd birthday at Arlington National Cemetery

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 162nd birthday.

Maj. Gen. Omar J. Jones IV, 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: Sunday, September 15 at 10 a.m.

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

REGISTRATION:

Media interested in covering this ceremony must register by **11 a.m., Friday, September 13**. To be placed on the credentialed list, send an email to usarmy.mcnair.mdw.mbx.mediadesk-omb@mail.mil with the following information:

- **Full Name (first, middle initial, and last)**
- **Media Organization and Assignment (e.g. camera, still photographer)**
- **Contact Phone Number**
- **Email Address**
- **Vehicle Info (year, color, make, model and tags)**

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 **4 p.m., Friday, September 13**.
- The ceremony is **FREE** and open to the public. Space is limited to standing room only. Attendees are encouraged to be at Taft's gravesite no later than 9:15 a.m.
- 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.
- Media will not be permitted to conduct interviews or stand-ups at Taft's gravesite.

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.