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**NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER HONORS GEORGE W. BUSH AND LAURA BUSH DURING 30TH ANNUAL LIBERTY MEDAL CEREMONY**

***Vice President Joe Biden to present the medal and Valley Forge Military Academy and College Herald Trumpeters to perform***

Philadelphia, PA (November 11, 2018) – Tonight at 5 p.m., Sunday, November 11, the National Constitution Center will honor President George W. Bush and former first lady Mrs. Laura Bush during the 2018 Liberty Medal Ceremony, in recognition of their post-presidency work with veterans and their families. Vice President Joe Biden, Chair of the National Constitution Center’s Board of Trustees, will bestow the annual Liberty Medal award. Valley Forge Military Academy and College Herald Trumpeters will perform. Sergeant First Class Michael “Rod” Rodriguez, retired United States Army Special Forces Green Beret, and Sergeant Leslie Zimmerman, United States Army Combat Medic, will deliver a special tribute in honor of the Bush Institute’s Military Service Initiative.

The pre-show event will begin with an introduction from National Constitution Center Executive Vice President and COO Vince Stango, followed by remarks from Independence National Historical Park Superintendent Cynthia MacLeod; the presentation of colors by the Pennsylvania Air National Guard, 11th Attack Wing; and singing of the National Anthem by a soloist from the United States Army.

The Liberty Medal Ceremony will be introduced and hosted by National Constitution Center President and CEO Jeffrey Rosen. It will include remarks by University of Pennsylvania President Amy Gutmann, United States Army Sergeant First Class Michael “Rod” Rodriguez, United States Army Sergeant Leslie Zimmerman, National Constitution Center Board of Trustees Chair Vice President Joe Biden, and honorees President George W. Bush and Mrs. Laura Bush.

Vice President Joe Biden, accompanied by National Constitution Center Executive Committee Chairman Doug DeVos and National Constitution Center President and CEO Jeffrey Rosen, will present President George W. Bush and Mrs. Laura Bush with the 2018 Liberty Medal. The ceremony will conclude with remarks from Mrs. Laura Bush and President George W. Bush.

The event will be taped by WPVI-TV/6ABC for broadcast at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 18. Viewers can watch the event live at [www.6abc.com](http://www.6abc.com) or at [www.constitutioncenter.org/libertymedal](http://www.constitutioncenter.org/libertymedal).

The Liberty Medal Ceremony is supported by corporations, foundations, and individuals with proceeds going to further the work of the National Constitution Center. The National Constitution Center is grateful for the support of National Constitution Center Trustee, Ira Lubert of Lubert Adler, Citizens Bank, and Stradley Ronon, LLP.

### **About the Liberty Medal**

The Liberty Medal was established in 1988 to commemorate the bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution. Given annually, the medal honors men and women of courage and conviction who strive to secure the blessings of liberty to people around the globe. A full list of all past recipients is available here: [constitutioncenter.org/liberty-medal/recipients](https://constitutioncenter.org/liberty-medal/recipients).

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### **About the National Constitution Center**

The [National Constitution Center](https://constitutioncenter.org) in Philadelphia inspires citizenship as the only place where people across America and around the world can come together to learn about, debate, and celebrate the greatest vision of human freedom in history, the U.S. Constitution. A private, nonprofit organization, the Center serves as America's leading platform for constitutional education and debate, fulfilling its Congressional charter "to disseminate information about the U.S. Constitution on a nonpartisan basis." As the **Museum of We the People**, the Center brings the Constitution to life for visitors of all ages through interactive programs and exhibits. As **America's Town Hall**, the Center brings the leading conservative and liberal thought leaders together to debate the Constitution on all media platforms. As a center for **Civic Education**, the Center delivers the best educational programs and online resources that inspire, excite, and engage citizens about the U.S. Constitution. For more information, call 215-409-6700 or visit [constitutioncenter.org](https://constitutioncenter.org).