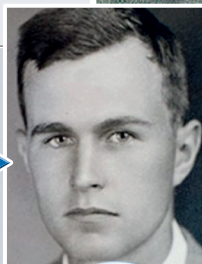
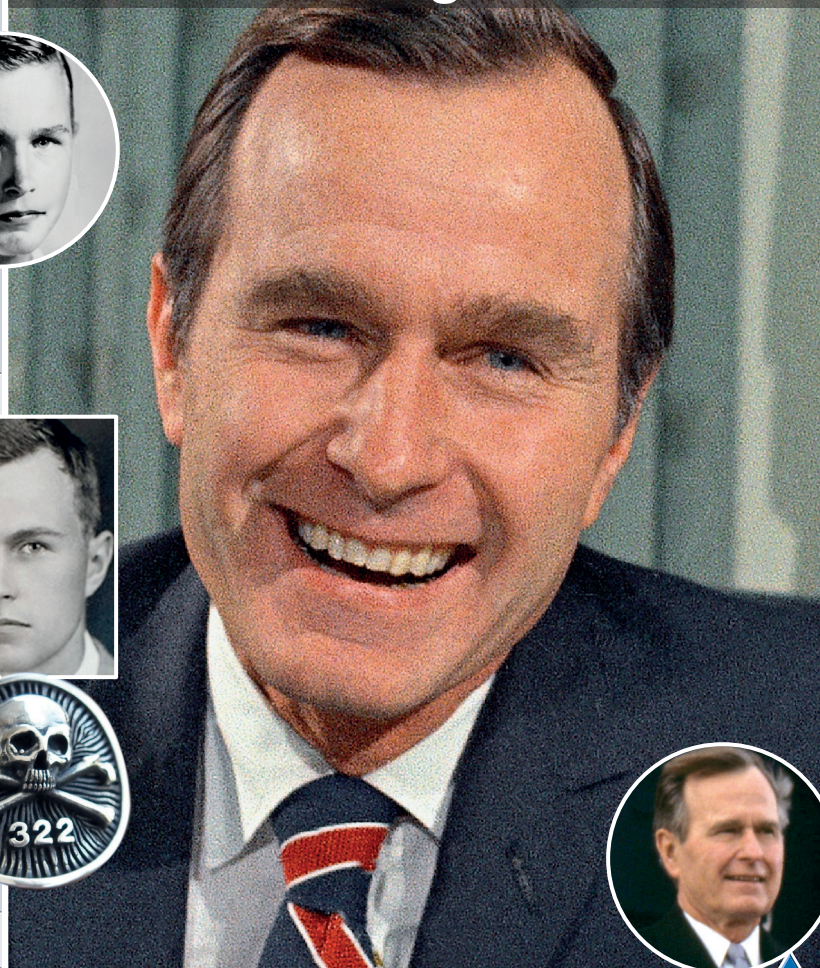


Life and times of President George H. W. Bush



■ **Jun 12, 1924:** **George Herbert Walker Bush** is born in Milton, Massachusetts. His father, **Prescott Bush** is an investment banker; his mother, **Dorothy Walker** is a daughter of a banker

■ **Education:** Graduates from Phillips Academy Andover, an exclusive boarding school in Massachusetts, in 1942

■ **1942-45:** Serves in Navy as a fighter pilot during World War II. Awarded **Distinguished Flying Cross** for heroism after being shot down in Tokyo Bay by Japanese

■ **1945:** Marries **Barbara Pierce**. Enrols at Yale University

■ **1948:** Graduates with degree in economics. At Yale he is initiated into secretive **Skull and Bones** society with name of **Magog**. After graduation, Bush, Barbara and two-year-old son **George W. Bush** move to Texas. Bush senior begins working in oil industry

■ **1954:** Becomes president of drilling equipment company, Zapata Off-Shore

■ **Political career:** Becomes Republican Party chairman in Harris County, Texas

■ **1964:** Bush defeated in his first bid for Senate seat



■ **1966-70:** Wins seat in House of Representatives. Serves on Ways and Means Committee. **Supports Vietnam War**

■ **1970:** Serves as ambassador to United Nations during presidency of **Richard Nixon**, first of a series of high-level positions

■ **1973:** Serves as chairman of Republican National Committee. Plays pivotal role during **Watergate scandal**, urging Nixon to resign after release of White House tapes. **Nixon resigns presidency in August 1974**

■ **1974:** President **Gerald Ford** appoints Bush as U.S. envoy to People's Republic of China



■ **1975-76:** Serves as Director of Central Intelligence Agency. Family returns to Texas

■ **1979:** Iranian students storm U.S. embassy in Tehran, taking 52 Americans hostage for 444 days. **Bush announces his candidacy for President**



■ **1980:** **Ronald Reagan** wins Republican nomination, Bush is chosen as his running mate



■ **1981-89:** Serves as Vice-President. Bush's reputation is tarnished in 1986 by **Iran-Contra affair**. Scandal involves administration secretly selling arms to Iran to free seven U.S. hostages held by Hezbollah in Lebanon. \$18 million from arms sales is diverted to fund anti-Communist Contra rebels in Nicaragua

■ **Jan 1989:** George Bush is sworn in as 41st president of the United States. His **Americans with Disabilities Act** and **Clean Air Act** are welcomed as landmark civil rights and environmental legislation

■ **Nov:** Berlin Wall falls. Bush pushes for German reunification



■ **Dec:** Bush invades Panama and removes military dictator **Manuel Noriega** from power



Bush meets with Soviet Premier **Mikhail Gorbachev** at Malta Summit. Meeting is seen as key step towards ending Cold War

■ **Aug 1990:** Iraq's President **Saddam Hussein** invades oil-rich neighbour Kuwait. Bush condemns invasion and rallies coalition of 32 nations to liberate Kuwait



■ **Jan 17, 1991:** Coalition aircraft attack Iraq. Ground assault to force Iraqi troops out of Kuwait begins on February 24 and lasts exactly 100 hours. **Bush's approval ratings surge**



■ **Jul:** **Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START I)** is signed by Bush and Gorbachev in Moscow

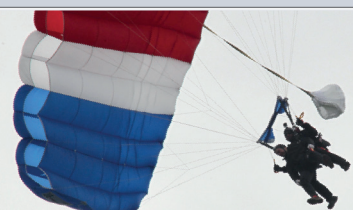
■ **Dec:** Soviet Union falls, marking end of Cold War

■ **Jan 1993:** President **Bill Clinton** takes office



■ **Apr:** Plot by Iraqi Intelligence Service to assassinate Bush during visit to Kuwait is foiled

■ **Post-presidency:** After leaving office, former President Bush works with President Clinton to raise funds following catastrophic tsunami in Southeast Asia and Hurricane Katrina in Gulf of Mexico



■ **Jun 12, 2014:** Bush marks his 90th birthday with a tandem parachute jump

■ **Nov 30, 2018:** Former president Bush, age 94, passes away at his home in Houston, Texas. His death comes seven months after that of his wife, former first lady Barbara Bush