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**President George H.W. Bush to Attend the Grand Opening of the Newly Expanded  
National Museum of the Pacific War in Fredericksburg, Texas**  
*Grand Opening to be Held December 7, 2009*

**Fredericksburg, TX** (March 31, 2009) - The Admiral Nimitz Foundation announced today that George H.W. Bush, the 41<sup>st</sup> president of the United States, will attend the Grand Opening of the newly expanded National Museum of the Pacific War on Monday, December 7, 2009. President Bush will be the honored guest and also present remarks at the opening ceremonies.

“We are very pleased to welcome President Bush back to Fredericksburg,” said General Michael Hagee, USMC (Ret.) the Executive Director of the Foundation. He added that the Fredericksburg community is proud to act as host to President Bush.

George H.W. Bush served as President of the United States from January 1989 to January 1993. He visited Fredericksburg in 1999 to dedicate the gallery named in his honor, the George H.W. Bush Gallery at the National Museum of the Pacific War. Since leaving office, he has worked to successfully raise hundreds of millions of dollars benefitting charitable organizations. President Bush is an Honorary Trustee of the Admiral Nimitz Foundation.

Several years ago, the Admiral Nimitz Foundation began planning for the expanded facility which would be appropriate to the importance of the Pacific War in American history and to the role of the museum in preserving and communicating that history. December 7 will see the opening of a new 32,000 square foot George H.W. Bush Gallery, which will be the most comprehensive and engaging exhibition of Pacific War history ever created. The new facility will also house the 16,000 square foot Center for Pacific War Studies, a curatorial and research facility for the Museum’s collections on the second and third floors.

The National Museum of the Pacific War, a Texas Historical Commission property operated by the Admiral Nimitz Foundation located in Fredericksburg, Texas, is the only institution in the continental United States dedicated exclusively to telling the story of the Pacific Theater battles of World War II. Located on a six-acre site, the Center includes the George Bush Gallery, Admiral Nimitz Museum, Plaza of Presidents, Veterans' Walk of Honor and Memorial Wall, Japanese Garden of Peace, Pacific Combat Zone, and the Center for Pacific War Studies.

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