

NARA ELECTS GRAEBEL

GEORGE W. BUSH LIBRARY AND MUSEUM MATERIALS SECURELY TRANSFERRED



Photo by Grant Miller for the George W. Bush Presidential Center

The George W. Bush Library and Museum, operated by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), holds millions of pages of official records that document the two-term administration (2001-2009) of President George W. Bush. The library houses donated historical materials from the 2000 presidential campaign and his personal papers as Governor of Texas. The Bush Library also has an extensive audiovisual collection that contains photographs and videotapes, and more than 43,000 artifacts from the Bush Presidency. The facility, located at Southern Methodist University (SMU) in Dallas, opened to the public in May 2013.

THE CHAILENGE

With the sheer volume of the priceless documents and the mixed media materials, a customized relocation was required. Graebel was tasked to develop and execute a plan to securely relocate presidential records and government-owned equipment from several Texan sites to the new

facility. With less than one week notice given to kick-off the project from the official award date, Graebel was required to provide comprehensive documentation to prove that each of its employees on the crew were pre-screened, background-checked, and fingerprinted.

(Solution and results on reverse)

THE CUSTOMER

The U.S. National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) www.archives.gov

NARA is the independent agency that oversees the management of federal government records including presidential libraries and historic collections. The George W. Bush Library marks the 13th in the nation operated by NARA.

CASE STUDY

PROJECT SCOPE

Coordinate and manage a 10-week, two-phase transfer of approximately 25,938 cubic feet of presidential records and government-owned equipment from the temporary sites to the new George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum on the campus of Southern Methodist University (SMU) in Dallas. Texas.

THE GOALS

To securely relocate materials on time, according to estimated costs and with zero impact to the planned opening date.

WHY GRAEBEL

NARA selected Graebel for this historical project based on its proprietary chain of custody process and for its successful projects at various NARA locations. These projects included the largest archival move of 2.1 million cubic feet of the Nation's priceless civilian and federal personnel records that took place over three years. Highlysensitive projects for the NARA require the tailor-made solutions and precise execution. The success of previous projects and the ability to securely deliver service within agreement parameters made Graebel the top choice.

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<u>The National Archives Trusts Graebel to Relocate</u> Sensitive Federal Records

Final Chapter of the Nation's Historical Records





Freedom Hall at the George W. Bush Presidential Center

THE SOLUTION

Phase one of the historical project required that materials were inventoried, palletized and transferred from a local facility in Dallas, Texas to the new library on the SMU campus:

- » 8,731 Feet of government-owned equipment, furnishings, and supplies
- » 5,954 Cubic feet of classified records re-shelved
- » 1.425 Cubic feet of audiovisual materials
- » 614 Cubic feet in office drawers

The extensive service requirements in phase one were completed within the 10-week timeframe. The Graebel Chain of Custody process streamlined the number of people handling the items, and the amount of equipment to effectively manage the move which resulted in saving time and money for the NARA.

Phase two mandated an intricate shelf-to-shelf transfer of approximately 2,100 cubic feet of records from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission in Austin, Texas to the new George W. Bush Library and Museum in Dallas.

By optimizing its resources through pre-planning, Graebel reduced the number of originally slated move days from three to one which exceeded the

THE RESULTS

NARA project expectations.

Facilitating the smooth transition of the priceless presidential records to the new George W. Bush Library and Museum history has been preserved for posterity. Seemingly an easy transition, the transfer involved detailed planning and coordination between Graebel and the NARA

The Graebel experts teamed with the NARA staff to create an efficient, cost-effective relocation plan in less than a week and the projected endto-end timeline of 10-weeks was accomplished ahead of schedule. At the close of the project, over 25,000 cubic feet of presidential records and government-owned equipment were properly and securely relocated.

Commitments Made. Commitments Kept.®

ABOUT THE GEORGE W. BUSH LIBRARY & MUSEUM

Located on the campus of Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas, the George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum includes a 14.000 square-foot permanent exhibit, as well as temporary exhibit space. The permanent exhibit features:

- » A full-scale replica of the Oval Office
- » Texas rose garden modeled on the rose garden at the White House
- » Decision Points Theater

The facility houses the documents and artifacts of the 43rd president, a policy institute and a 15-acre park. The library and museum includes 80 terabytes of digital information and more than 200 million e-mails -- making it the largest collection of electronic records of any presidential library and the second-largest presidential library overall, behind only the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, California.

Museum Artifacts:

- » Oscar de la Renta Dress worn by the First Lady Laura Bush
- » The bullhorn President George W. Bush used to speak to the first responders working at Ground Zero when he visited New York City on September 14, 2001
- » Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site Ornament
- » Flight 93 National Memorial Ornament
- » Voting booth used in Precinct 9, Sumter County, Florida, in the 2000 Presidential election
- » Signed baseball bat presented to President George W. Bush by 46 of the 62 living National Baseball Hall of Fame members
- » Gold-plated silver stirrups with inlaid rubies and emeralds given to President George W. Bush by King Mohammed VI

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