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**VICE PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN TO PRESENT THE 30TH ANNUAL LIBERTY MEDAL TO GEORGE W. BUSH  
AND LAURA BUSH FOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO VETERANS*****National Constitution Center to honor President George W. Bush and Mrs. Laura Bush on Veterans Day  
in Philadelphia***

Philadelphia, PA (October 10, 2018) – Today, the National Constitution Center announced that former Vice President Joe Biden, Chair of the National Constitution Center’s Board of Trustees, will bestow the annual Liberty Medal award to former President George W. Bush and former first lady Mrs. Laura Bush for their commitment to veterans during the 2018 Liberty Medal Ceremony on Veterans Day, November 11, at 5 p.m. in Philadelphia.

“We as a nation have many obligations, but I firmly believe that we only have one sacred obligation — to train and equip our service members so they can do the job we ask of them when they’re deployed overseas. And then, when they return home, to care for them and their families forever,” said Vice President Biden, Chair of the National Constitution Center’s Board of Trustees. “Our veterans and their families devote their lives in service to this country, and that is why initiatives like those at the Bush Institute are critically important.” He continued, “I am honored to present President George W. Bush and Mrs. Laura Bush with the 2018 Liberty Medal for their efforts to honor and assist these brave men and women.”

This is the second year Vice President Biden will take part in the National Constitution Center’s annual Liberty Medal Ceremony. Last year, he presented the award to longtime colleague and friend Senator John McCain on October 16, 2017. He has been Chair of the Board of Trustees of the National Constitution Center since March 2017.

The Liberty Medal Ceremony is supported by corporations, foundations, and individuals with proceeds going to further the work of the National Constitution Center. National Constitution Center Trustee, Ira Lubert, will sponsor the Liberty Medal Prize in 2018, as he has for over a decade. Longtime Liberty Medal sponsors Stradley Ronon, LLP will return as a supporter of the pre-ceremony Chairman’s Reception and Citizens Bank Charitable Foundation will support the post-ceremony Dinner Reception. Sponsorships and individual tickets to the Liberty Medal Ceremony and Dinner Reception are currently available for purchase. For more information, please contact 202-459-0870 or [libertymedal@constitutioncenter.org](mailto:libertymedal@constitutioncenter.org).

The event will be broadcast on local ABC affiliate, WPVI-TV/6abc.

**PLEASE NOTE: Credentials are required for press entry to the Liberty Medal Ceremony. To complete an application, visit [constitutioncenter.org/libertymedal/media.html](http://constitutioncenter.org/libertymedal/media.html). The credential application must be**

*completed by 5 p.m. on Sunday, October 21.*

### **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).