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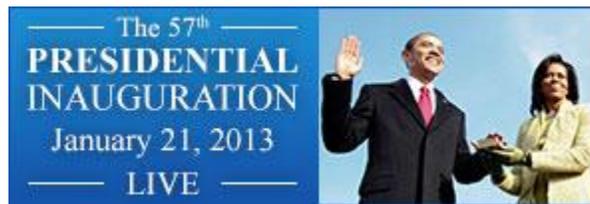
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## **The 57th Presidential Inauguration**

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**JANUARY 21, 2013**



President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden will formally recommit to serving the American people on the steps of the U.S. Capitol in Washington D.C at the 57th Presidential Inauguration. CO.NX will stream live coverage of the ceremony with a view from the National Mall. Following the oath of office, the President will give his inaugural address, setting out his vision for America and goals for the nation. Ceremonies for President Obama's inauguration for a second term will have "Faith in America's Future" as an overall theme.

**Watch Live:** <https://conx.state.gov/digital-diplomacy>

### **INAUGURATION EVENTS**

For nearly 80 years, January 20 has been the day of America's presidential transition. Because the 20th falls on a Sunday in 2013, President Obama will take the oath of office January 20 in private, and again publicly on January 21 as part of the now familiar inaugural proceedings.

#### **Ceremonial Swearing-In Ceremony**

Location: Capitol Hill

Date: Monday, January 21, 2013

Start Time: 23:30 Thailand time (11:30 AM ET)

On Monday, the President and Vice President will be sworn in the traditional ceremonial swearing in ceremony at the U.S. Capitol.

## **Inaugural Parade**

Location: Viewing stands and bleachers are lined along Pennsylvania Avenue  
President Obama, Vice President Biden, First Lady Michelle Obama, Second Lady Dr. Jill Biden will participate in the Inaugural Parade following the public swearing-in ceremony at the Capitol. This year's parade features participants, floats and vehicles representing more than 58 groups.

## **The Commander in Chief's Inaugural Ball**

Location: Washington Convention Center

As he did at his first Inauguration in 2009, President Obama will host the Commander-in-Chief's Ball to honor America's brave service members and their families, a tradition started by President George W. Bush in 2005. Active duty and reserve military, Medal of Honor recipients, and wounded warriors and their spouses will attend. Troops from around the world will also be able to join the celebration virtually.

## **The Inaugural Ball**

Location: Washington Convention Center

Americans across the country are invited to share in the celebration at The Inaugural Ball, a unified celebration for all Americans that will span every hall in the Walter E. Washington Convention Center.

Find more information on inauguration weekend at <http://www.2013pic.org/weekend>.

## **FACT SHEETS**

[The Presidential Inauguration in History  
Facts, Firsts and Precedents](#)

[The U.S. Presidential Inauguration: An Exceptional Tradition](#)

[U.S. Presidential Transitions: Second Terms](#)

[Why Is U.S. Inauguration Day Held in Cold of January?](#)

[Morning Worship Service](#)

[Procession to the Capitol](#)

[President's Swearing-In Ceremony](#)

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## **PHOTO GALLERY**

[Historic Inaugurations](#) - "I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the office of President of the United States, and will to the best of my ability, preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States." This is the oath taken by every president of the United States.

## **USEFUL RESOURCES**

[District of Columbia – Presidential Inauguration 2013](#)

[Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies](#)

[Presidential Inauguration Committee](#)

[2013 Presidential Inauguration Facebook](#)

## WEBCHAT

**Topic: Peaceful Transitions in Power: The U.S. Experience**

**Date:** Tuesday, January 22, 2013

**Time:** 21:00 Thailand time (09:00 EST)

**Event listing:** <https://conx.state.gov/event/peaceful-transitions-in-power-the-us-experience>

Live webchat URL: <https://conx.state.gov/digital-diplomacy>

**Description:** What do political transitions look like in the United States? Join two former U.S. Members of Congress, Ambassador Jim Jones (Democrat – Oklahoma) and Connie Morella (Republican – Maryland), for a live, interactive online discussion. Moderated by Dr. James Thurber, Distinguished Professor at American University, the panelists will discuss their transitions to and from their positions in Congress, as well as explain the political appointment process in the U.S.

**Format:** This program will be a video webchat in English. Please click on the URL above to participate.

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