

PRESIDENT
RONALD REAGAN



Ronald Wilson Reagan was born February 6, 1911 in Tampico, Illinois. He was educated in Illinois public schools and was graduated from Eureka College (Illinois) in 1932 with a degree in economics and sociology.

Following a brief career as a sports broadcaster and editor, Mr. Reagan moved to California to work in motion pictures. His film career, interrupted by three years of service in the Army Air Corps during World War II, encompassed 50 feature-length motion pictures. He served six terms as president of the Screen Actors Guild and two terms as president of the Motion Picture Industry Council.

In 1952 he married Nancy Davis. They have two children, Patricia Ann and Ronald Prescott. President Reagan has two other children, Maureen and Michael, by a previous marriage.

In 1966 Ronald Reagan began his public service career with his election - by nearly a million-vote margin - as Governor of California and was elected to a second term in 1970. After completing his second term, Mr. Reagan began a nationally syndicated radio commentary program and newspaper column and undertook an extensive speaking schedule. In 1974-75 he served as a member of the Presidential Commission investigating the CIA.

In 1975 he campaigned vigorously for the Republican ticket. After the election he renewed his radio, newspaper and speaking schedule. He became a member of the Board of Directors of the Committee on the Present Danger and founded the Citizens for the Republic.

At the Republican National Convention in July 1980, he was nominated unanimously on the first ballot. On November 4, 1980, Ronald Reagan was elected to the presidency by an electoral vote of 489-49. On January 20, 1981, he was sworn in as the 40th President of the United States. He was re-elected President in 1984.