

Our veterans fought for us. Has John McCain fought for them?

Thousands of veterans have served our country bravely over the years. Thousands depend on us today to secure the health care services they need and deserve at home and abroad.

As a veteran, Senator John McCain remembers what it's like for our troops at war.

But when it comes to his **voting record on veterans' healthcare benefits**,
McCain consistently leaves our veterans behind.

► **McCain Was One of 13 Senators To Vote Against Increases In Veterans' Healthcare.**

In **2006**, McCain voted against an amendment to add \$430 million for outpatient and inpatient health care and treatment for veterans. Amendment passed 84-16. [HR 4939, [Vote #98](#), 4/26/06]

► **McCain Voted Against A \$2 Billion Increase In Veterans' Emergency Funding.**

In **2005**, McCain voted against an amendment that would increase funding for the Veterans Affairs Department by \$1.98 billion and designate it as emergency spending. Over half of the funding would be used for veterans' regional health networks and to provide mental health care and treatment. [Amendment failed 46-54. [HR 1268, [Vote #89](#), 4/12/05]

► **McCain Voted Against A \$10 Million Increase In Readjustment Counseling for Veterans.**

In **2005**, McCain voted against an amendment that would provide an additional \$10 million for the Readjustment Counseling Service, offset with a \$10 million reduction in the HealthVet account.

[The amendment failed 48-50. HR 2528, [Vote #242](#), 9/22/05]

► **Two Days After Iraq Invasion, McCain Voted Against A \$1 Billion Increase For Veterans.**

Two days after the invasion of Iraq in **2003**, McCain voted against an amendment that would increase spending on veterans' programs by approximately \$1 billion and put the same amount toward deficit reduction. The amount would be offset by a decrease in tax cuts. The amendment failed 49-51.

[SCR 23, [Vote #74](#), 3/21/03]

► **McCain Voted Against Rolling Back Tax Breaks for the Rich to Fund Healthcare for Veterans.**

In **2006**, McCain voted against an amendment to make veterans' health benefits a mandatory program, spending \$104 billion over five years. The funding would have been offset by closing corporate tax loopholes and rolling back the Bush tax cuts for millionaires. Amendment rejected 46-54.

[SCR 83, [Vote #63](#), 3/16/06]

► **McCain Voted Against Veterans 60% of the Time. Barack Obama Voted for Veterans 94% of the Time.** [Disabled Veterans of America web site].

John McCain: Leaving our Vets Behind

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