

The REAL McCain Record on Veterans Issues



McCain Voted At Least 28 Times Against Veterans' Benefits, Including Healthcare.

Since arriving in the U.S. Senate in 1987, McCain has voted at least 28 times against ensuring important benefits for America's veterans, including providing adequate healthcare. (2006 Senate Vote # 7, 41, 63, 67, 98, 222; 2005 Senate Votes # 55, 89, 90, 251, 343; 2004 Senate Votes # 40, 48, 145; 2003 Senate Votes # 74, 81, 83; 1999 Senate Vote # 328; 1998 Senate Vote # 175; 1997 Senate Vote # 168; 1996 Senate Votes # 115, 275; 1995 Senate Votes # 76, 226, 466; 1994 Senate Vote # 306; 1992 Senate Vote # 194; 1991 Senate Vote # 259)

McCain was the only Senator in America to skip the vote on the 21st Century GI Bill

aimed at providing better educational opportunities to veterans of the Afghanistan and Iraq wars, paying full tuition at in-state schools and living expenses for those who have served at least three years since the 9/11 attacks. McCain said he opposes the bill because he thinks the generous benefits would "encourage more people to leave the military." (S.Amdt. 4803 to H.R. 2642, Vote 137, 5/22/08; Chattanooga Times Free Press, 6/2/08; Boston Globe, 5/23/08; ABCNews.com, 5/26/08)

McCain Opposed \$500 Million for Counseling Services for Veterans with Mental Disorders attributed to their military service.

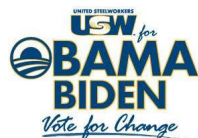
McCain voted against an amendment to appropriate \$500 million annually from 2006-2010 for counseling, mental health and rehabilitation services for veterans diagnosed with mental illness, posttraumatic stress disorder or substance abuse. (S. 2020, S.Amdt. 2634, Vote 343, 11/17/05)

McCain Voted Against \$44.3 Billion for Veterans Programs.

McCain was one of five senators to vote against a bill providing \$44.3 billion for the Department of Veterans Affairs, plus funding for other federal agencies. (H.R. 2684, Vote 328, 10/15/99)

McCain Voted Against \$47 Billion for the Department of Veterans Affairs.

McCain was one of eight senators to vote against a bill that provided \$47 billion for the Department of Veterans Affairs. (H.R. 4635, Vote 272, 10/12/00)



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