



The Real McCain Record on Veterans

McCain Refuses to Support Sen. Jim Webb's and Chuck Hagel's new GI Bill. The bill, officially called the "Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2007", would establish a program of educational assistance for members of the Armed Forces who serve in the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001.

In February 2006, McCain voted against an amendment that would have provided for at least \$19 billion for military health facilities, paid for by eliminating tax cuts for the wealthiest earners.

***Senate Amendment 2735, Amendment failed.**

McCain voted against a 2006 Democratic amendment that would have provided \$2.8 billion to increase veterans' medical care. ***Senate Amendment 149, Amendment failed.**

McCain voted against an Amendment to establish a \$1 billion trust fund to provide improvements to health facilities that treat veterans and military personnel paid for by allowing dividends and capital gains tax breaks, for those with incomes greater than \$1 million to lapse on December 31, 2006. ***Senate Amendment 2735**

McCain voted against an Amendment offered by Democrats to increase medical services funding to veterans by \$1.5 billion in 2007, to be paid for by closing corporate tax loopholes.

***Senate Amendment 3007**

McCain voted against a Democratic amendment to provide a mandatory stream of funding of \$6.9 billion in Fiscal Year 2007 and \$104 billion over five years for veterans' health care; paid for by restoring the pre-2001 top tax rate for incomes over \$1 million and closing various corporate tax loopholes. ***Senate Amendment 3141**

September 2007: McCain voted against the Webb amendment calling for adequate troop rest between deployments. The legislation would have provided minimum periods between deployment of units and members of the Armed Forces deployed for Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. ***Senate Amendment 2909**

April 2006: McCain one of only 13 Senators to vote against \$430 million for Medical Services for the Department of Veteran Affairs for outpatient care and treatment for veterans. Despite his vote against, it passed overwhelmingly, 84-13 (3 not voting). All 13 voting against were Republicans. ***Senate Amendment 3642**

October 2003: McCain voted against an amendment offered by Senator Dodd that called for an additional \$322 million for safety equipment for troops in Iraq. ***Senate Amendment 1817**

April 2003: McCain voted against an amendment that would have provided more than \$1 billion for National Guard and Reserve equipment in Iraq related to a shortage of helmets, tents, bullet-proof inserts, and tactical vests. ***Senate Amendment 452**

August 2001: McCain voted against increasing the amount available for medical care for veterans by \$650 million. ***Senate Amendment 1218**

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WE RESPECT JOHN McCAIN'S SERVICE

*When Will He
Respect*

OURS?

*Underfunding
and understaffing
have created a crisis
in veterans' health*

*care. More than 400,000
veterans are awaiting
decisions on disability
claims. Tens of thousands
of veterans are waiting
months to see a doctor. We
respect John McCain's
service to our country, but
when given the opportunity
to address this crisis, he
has failed America's
veterans—past, present
and future. (Federal Times.
com, 3/26/08)*



Voted Against Increased Funding for Veterans' Health Care.

McCain voted against increasing funding for veterans' health care in 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007. (Senate Vote 40, 3/10/04; Senate Vote 55, 3/16/05; Senate Vote 41, 3/14/06; Senate Vote 126, 3/29/07)

Supported Outsourcing at Walter Reed.

McCain opposed an amendment to the FY 2007 Department of Defense Appropriations Bill that would have prevented the outsourcing of 350 federal employees' jobs at Walter Reed Army Medical Center—outsourcing that contributed to scandalous treatment of veterans at Walter Reed. (Senate Vote 234, 9/6/06)



Opposed an Assured Funding Stream for Veterans' Health Care.

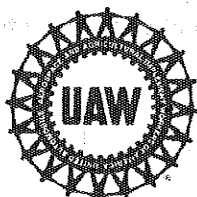
McCain opposed an amendment to provide an assured funding stream for veterans' health care, taking into account annual changes in veterans' population and inflation. (Senate Vote 63, 3/16/06)

Supported Outsourcing VA Jobs. McCain opposed an amendment that would have prevented the Department of Veterans Affairs from outsourcing jobs, many held by blue-collar veterans, without first giving the workers a chance to compete. (Senate Vote 315, 9/6/07)



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