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## **OBJECTIVE: President of the United States of America**

"All you ever asked of government is to stand on your side, not in your way. And that's what I intend to do ... fight for your future."

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Unwavering lifetime commitment to the safety, security, economic strength and political integrity of the United States and all of its citizens. Respected worldwide for personal integrity, political judgment, collaborative efforts, and commitment to government reform and positive action.

Honored by Time magazine as one of "America's 10 Best Senators" in 2006.

Honored with a "Profile in Courage Award" in 1999.

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## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

### **U.S. Senator**

1986 to Present

**State of Arizona**, Phoenix, AZ / Washington, DC

Elected to the U.S. Senate to represent the citizens of the State of Arizona. Re-elected for 3 consecutive terms; overwhelmingly re-elected in 2004 with nearly 77% of the vote. Recognized for bipartisanship across Republican, Democratic and Independent party lines to foster collaborative efforts.

- **POLITICAL REFORM. Nation's leading proponent for aggressive reform throughout the federal government.**
  - Co-authored the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act, ending the evasion of campaign finance laws by wealthy individuals and corporations through indirect campaign contributions or "soft money."
  - Sponsored the Pork-Barrel Reduction Act to curtail earmarks and promote greater transparency and disclosure throughout the entire legislative process and community.
  - Spearheaded the Defense Acquisition Reform Act to increase transparency and accountability in the Pentagon's weapons acquisition system and minimize the wasteful spending of taxpayer money.
  - Developed and presented a motion to establish an earmark moratorium for FY09.
- **FOREIGN POLICY. Noted authority on U.S. foreign policy and its political and military implications worldwide.**
  - Actively supported the successful troop surge and counterinsurgency strategy in Iraq which reduced sectarian and ethnic violence by 90% and reduced coalition forces and civilian deaths by 70% within 10 months.
  - Led bipartisan Senate resolution to establish 11 specific benchmarks to measure political and economic stability in Iraq.
  - Guided the development and passage of Iran-Iraq Arms Non-Proliferation Amendments to prevent those nations from obtaining critical resources for the development of weapons of mass destruction.
- **VETERANS AFFAIRS. Lifelong commitment to the care of our Armed Forces at home and worldwide.**
  - Sponsored the Enhancement of Recruitment, Retention and Readjustment through Education Act to improve educational benefits for both current military personnel and veterans.
  - Introduced legislation to add \$28M to the U.S. defense budget to aid the military Food Stamp Army Program.
  - Championed the Military Homeowners Relief Act to allow military members overseas to qualify for the same tax benefits and relief as all other Americans selling homes.
  - Supported Survivor Benefit Plan Equity Act to grant survivor benefits to families of reservists who die during training drills and inactive duty assignments (including families of individuals who died at the Pentagon on 9/11).
- **ECONOMIC RELIEF. Saved U.S. citizens hundreds of millions of dollars through economic and tax relief legislation.**
  - Championed the development of economic stimulus package and recovery rebates for the American People Act.
  - Proposed amendment to save taxpayers \$3.8B by eliminating 7 years of tax credits for ethanol/methanol producers.
  - Permanently banned all federal taxes on Internet services through the year 2014.
  - Introduced Cell Phone Tax Moratorium to eliminate excessive federal taxes and save each taxpayer more money.

- **HOMELAND SECURITY. Championed legislative efforts to strengthen homeland security and prevent future terrorism.**
  - Created bipartisan solution to secure U.S. borders and established plan to register millions of undocumented immigrants
  - Sponsored rail security amendment to the Port Security Improvement Act to ensure ongoing terrorism prevention efforts.
  - Facilitated Firefighting Research and Coordination Act to improve the capabilities and response to acts of terrorism.
- **CHILD SAFETY & THE INTERNET. Bipartisan proponent leading development of protective legislation.**
  - Championed SAFE Act making failure of electronic service providers to report online child pornography a federal crime.
  - Supported KIDS Act requiring sex offenders to submit email and IM addresses to law enforcement officials.

**Political Campaign Experience:**

- Primary Presidential Candidate, U.S. Presidential Campaign, 2000
- National Security Adviser, Dole/Kemp Presidential Campaign, 1996

**Highlights of Senatorial Committee & Committee Leadership Appointments:**

- Ranking Member, Armed Services Committee
- Chair, Committee on Commerce, Science & Transportation (unanimously re-elected)
- Member, Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs, Insurance and Automotive Safety
- Member, Subcommittee on Interstate Commerce, Trade and Tourism
- Member, Subcommittee on Science, Technology and Innovation
- Member, Subcommittee on Surface Transportation & Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security
- Member, Senate Committee on Indian Affairs

**Congressman**

1982 to 1986

**U.S. House of Representatives**, Phoenix, AZ / Washington, DC

Won competitive primary election by relentless dedication to door-to-door campaigning and engagement with constituents. Overwhelmingly won subsequent general election. Nominated to represent Arizona's first District, made point to move to area and establish relationships with elected officials. Reelected two years later.

**MILITARY EXPERIENCE:****U.S. Navy - U.S. & International Assignments**

Twenty-two year career as a Naval Aviator, promoted rapidly through a series of increasingly responsible assignments to final position as the Naval Liaison to the U.S. Senate. Held as a POW for 5½ years in Vietnam. Honored with numerous military commendations for service including the Silver Star, the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Legion of Merit and Distinguished Flying Cross.

**EDUCATION:**

B.S. Degree, U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD

Graduate, U.S. Naval War College, Washington, DC

**PUBLICATIONS:**

- John McCain & Mark Salter, *Character Is Destiny: Inspiring Stories Every Young Person Should Know and Every Adult Should Remember*, Random House, 2005
- John McCain & Mark Salter, *Why Courage Matters: The Way To A Braver Life*, Random House, 2004
- John McCain & Mark Salter, *Faith of My Fathers*, Harper Perennial, 2000