



Senator John Kerry Lifetime of Service; Sterling Record

“I ask you to judge me by my record.”

John Kerry, Nomination Acceptance Speech, DNC Convention 7/29/04

“Results do matter, and the fact that George Bush's policies have resulted in record deficits, skyrocketing health costs, lower quality jobs, a military stretched thin, and an isolated nation, stand in stark contrast to John Kerry's plan to make America stronger at home and more respected in the world.”

Phil Singer, John Kerry Rapid Response Team

A long and sterling record of accomplishments in the U.S. Senate

George Bush launches baseless attacks on John Kerry's long, distinguished career, but luckily, Kerry has been in the Senate for twenty years and has concrete accomplishments to counter such claims.

Legislation Sponsorship by the Numbers: Senator John Kerry

- ❖ Sponsored 57 bills/resolutions that passed the Senate in 20 years, *an average of 2.9 per year*

On the Other Hand

The Bush campaign has cited the number of bills and resolutions that Kerry sponsored to charge that he has an “undistinguished career.” It is only fair to see how the man Bush picked to be his running mate and claims “can be President” (Vice President Cheney) stacks up. And he doesn't stack up very well:

- ❖ **Dick Cheney** (R): Sponsored **2** bills that passed in 11 years, *an average of 0.2 per year*

What about the current Senate Majority Leader?

- ❖ **Bill Frist** (R) Senate Majority Leader: Sponsored **1** bill that passed in the last two years.

Where has John Kerry focused his Senatorial efforts?

- ❖ **AIDS**: Reached across the aisle to co-sponsor legislation to combat the global scourge of AIDS.
- ❖ **Crime**: Overcame Republican objections to help pass the assault weapons ban and a bill to put 100K more cops on the streets.
- ❖ **Environment**: Wrote the first bill to reduce acid rain, and bills to defend the Arctic from drilling.
- ❖ **Small Businesses**: Wrote bills to assist reservists, women, economically disadvantaged people seeking to start small business, and all small businesses in the wake of 9/11.
- ❖ **Terrorism and Drug Trafficking**: Wrote bills and portions of the Patriot Act that cut the legs out from under terrorists and drug traffickers by cutting off access to their money.
- ❖ **Tobacco Companies**: Instrumental in reaching a settlement to cease marketing youths.
- ❖ **Vietnam**: Reached across the aisle to work with Sen. John McCain (R) to normalize relations with Vietnam and account for all of our POWs and MIAs.

“John Kerry is running for President to answer the call to service - as he has all his life”
-John Kerry For President Web Site

John Kerry's Record of Service and Strength
Let's Set the Record Straight!

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For a list of all Kerry-sponsored legislation: http://www.afcio.org/issuespolitics/politics/kerry_bills.cfm

Also see: http://www.johnkerry.com/pressroom/releases/pr_2004_0803c.html

Kerry's Lifetime of Service Timeline:

1966	Kerry enlists in the U.S. Navy
1970	Kerry separates from U.S. Navy
1971	Joined Vietnam Veteran Against the War (VVAW)
1971	Testified before Congress, urging an end to the Vietnam War
1976	Graduated from Law School
1976-1982	Served as Federal Prosecutor
1982-1984	Served as Massachusetts Lieutenant Governor
1984-present	Serves as Massachusetts Senator, re-elected three times

Setting the Record Straight

The Baseless Charges	Kerry's Real Record of Service
Belittling Kerry's Vietnam service as only four months long	Kerry served two tours of duty , including one year at sea on the USS Gridley, before spending five months in-country, during which time he sustained three separate injuries. Swift boat squadron policy released any soldier injured in combat on three occasions.
Accusing Kerry of incriminating all servicemen in atrocities in Vietnam	Kerry's Congressional testimony is widely available and shows that he was only reporting on a specific meeting with Vietnam veterans who were admitting to certain acts.
Kerry's Senate Voting Record: Claiming Kerry voted against supporting our troops	Kerry has supported more than \$4.4 Trillion in defense spending Including voting for 16 of the last 19 Defense Authorization Bills. He voted for the "largest increase in defense spending since the early 1980's."
Kerry's Senate voting record: Claiming Kerry voted to raise taxes 350 times	The Bush campaign is counting votes against tax cuts and votes for alternate tax cut proposals that didn't pass as votes to raise taxes. This charge has been deemed false by factcheck.org.

Why Would The Bush Campaign Need to Lie About Kerry's Service?

Because John Kerry has experience and a record of service to his country

- Experience fighting, first for our country, then to uphold the laws of this country
- 19 years on the Foreign Relations Committee, strong international experience

Because John Kerry has a plan he's willing to reveal in detail

- After four years, Bush is still making vague campaign promises from the 2000 election
- To view John Kerry's Detailed Plan for America, go to: <http://www.johnkerry.com/plan/>

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