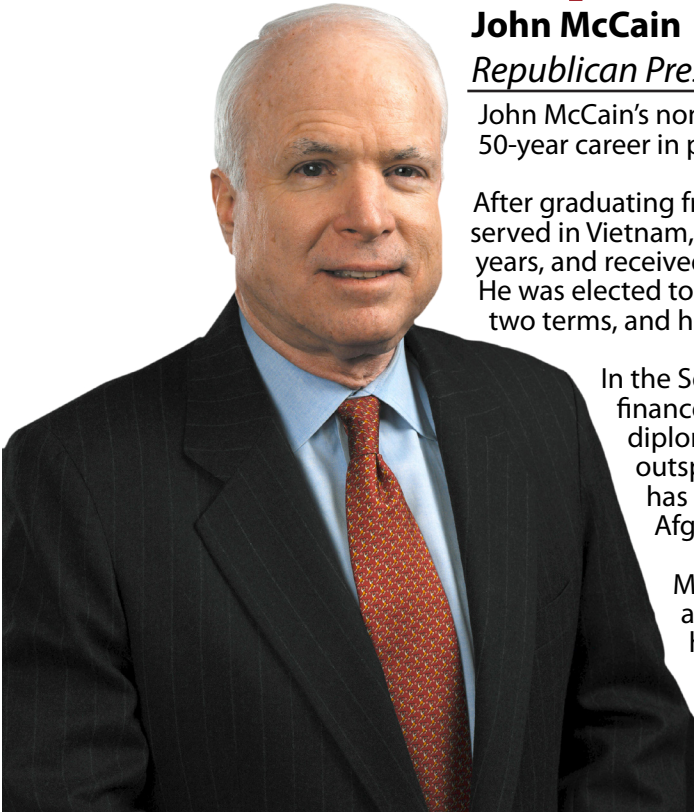


Election 2008

The Republican Ticket



John McCain

Republican Presidential Nominee

John McCain's nomination as the 2008 Republican presidential candidate caps a 50-year career in public service.

After graduating from the Naval Academy in 1958, he became an aviator. He served in Vietnam, where he was held as a prisoner of war for more than five years, and received the Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross, and Purple Heart. He was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1982, where he served two terms, and has been a member of the U.S. Senate since 1986.

In the Senate, McCain is known for his efforts to reform campaign finance laws and for his leadership in working to restore U.S. diplomatic relations with Vietnam in the 1990s. An early and outspoken advocate of the 2007 U.S. troop surge in Iraq, he has argued for maintaining a U.S. military presence in Iraq and Afghanistan until those nations achieve stability.

McCain was born August 29, 1936, in the Panama Canal Zone and is the son and grandson of U.S. Navy admirals. If elected, he would be the oldest president inaugurated for a first term. McCain and his wife Cindy have seven children, including a son who recently returned from serving in Iraq.

Sarah Palin

Republican Vice Presidential Nominee

Sarah Palin is the governor of Alaska and if elected would become be the first female vice president of the United States. Her election in 2006 made her the youngest person and the first woman to serve as Alaska's governor.

As governor, Palin chairs the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission, a multi-state agency that promotes the conservation and efficient recovery of domestic energy resources while protecting health, safety and the environment. She also chairs the National Governors Association Natural Resources Committee, which works to ensure that state needs are considered in the formulation of federal policy on agriculture, energy, environmental protection. As the mother of a child with Down syndrome, Palin has pledged to be the White House advocate for families with special-needs children.

Palin was born February 11, 1964, in Sandpoint, Idaho and earned a degree in communications and journalism from the University of Idaho. Palin and her husband Todd, who is an oil-production operator, have five children.

