

Goodbye Senator McCain.

When I read the senator's book "Faith of My Fathers", I was struck by his courage to talk about the ordeal he suffered as a POW and his admission that he ultimately succumbed to torture. So it was understandable that he spoke against torture, but insisting that it was not effective was interesting. No matter what the president said, he was a war hero.

The senator spent his whole life serving his country not having held any job outside of the government. He was a pure lifelong politician. His favorite moniker as a "maverick" served him well early in his political career. He was not a die-hard republican. Often voting as he saw fit, not necessarily what his constituents wanted, but nonetheless offered a different view. He was an independent thinker, but always ready to go to war. His alignment with Joe Lieberman, I-CT, was actually a well-received compliment to statesmanship. Why he did not pick Lieberman as his running mate, actually promotes Lieberman's courage to stand alone against the hordes. I still think Palin was an acceptable running mate; one who had more experience than either McCain or Obama in managing a government entity.

Senator's McCain's legacy is tarnished by his last years in the senate. His petty and vindictive voting actions served only to vote against Trump, it was not for the good of the country. The senator had cause to despise Trump, after all Trump became president and he did not. But, he owed it to the Trump voters, especially ones in his own state of AZ, to act above the fray. If he truly felt that Obamacare was good for the country, then he voted the right way. This is the very action the republicans are hoping Sen. Manchin, D-WV, does on voting for Judge Kavanaugh. Vote what is right not what the party dictates. Sadly this is not why McCain voted against his party.

Even a war hero does not necessarily make a good president. I voted for Sen. McCain. His opponent was an inept neophyte who had no experience in the outside world and very little in government. So I had little choice. That election would have had less republican votes, if it was not for Palin being on the ticket.

Listening to all the people who criticized him for years, fawn over him in insincere eulogies was, to say the least, nauseating. Sen. McCain would have done himself and the country a great service if he supported Trump in border security. He carried weight when it came to national security and protecting our country. But, instead he allowed his petulance to override his patriotism.

So long Senator and thanks for your service. You deserved the accolades for serving your country.

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