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JACK MCCAIN INTERVIEW
JOHN MCCAIN: FOR WHOM THE BELL TOLLS
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JACK MCCAIN
Son of John McCain
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TITLE

Meet Jack McCain

QT: 01;00;11;01

JACK MCCAIN:

I'm Jack McCain. I think my name technically is John Sidney McCain the 4th, I go by Jack in a long family tradition.

QT: 01;00;18;12

JACK MCCAIN:

I'm a lieutenant in the United States Navy, I'm a helicopter pilot by trade.

QT: 01;00;22;20

JACK MCCAIN:

I fall fourth in a line of John McCain's. John McCain Sr., 'Slew' was the first. John Sidney McCain Jr. was also a Navy Admiral like his father before him and my father John Sidney McCain III is my father, and I'm his son. I also have a ten-month old baby, who is John Sidney McCain V, so.

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QT: 01;01;01;20

JACK MCCAIN:

My siblings are, I have an older sister Meghan, I have a younger brother, Jimmy, James, and I have a younger sister Bridget.

QT: 01;01;11;04

TITLE

On growing up in Arizona

QT: 01;01;14;03

JACK MCCAIN:

What it was like growing up in Arizona; Arizona's a wonderful place to grow up, mostly because it is a big city but it feels small and you can go about 20 miles in any direction and hit pure landscape. In Arizona you have things like the Grand Canyon, you have the limitless beauty of places like Canyon Deshay so anything outdoors, hiking, horseback riding, all that kind of outdoorsy stuff you can do pretty easily. So I have nothing but warm memories about growing up in Arizona minus the heat, it's very hot in Phoenix.

QT: 01;01;51;16

JACK MCCAIN:

I grew up in Central Phoenix. Went to grade school in Phoenix, went to high school in Phoenix, left when I was 18 years old.

QT: 01;01;58;16

JACK MCCAIN:

We spent weekends up in—we called it a ranch I guess in Northern Arizona just north of Cottonwood, in between Cottonwood and Sedona. If you haven't been there, it is one of the prettiest places in the country. You have beautiful Red Rock, you have kind of this Spartan beauty that is Arizona. It's a great place to be.

QT: 01;02;21;04

TITLE

The McCain ranch in Sedona, Arizona

QT: 01;02;25;08

JACK MCCAIN:

So to describe the kind of daunting entry to our family ranch, you're on 89A, a highway in Phoenix, excuse me, in Arizona, and there is almost nothing to see. It's—has a little bit of rolling hill, a lot of scrub brush. But it's not very pretty and as you turn off the highway, you turn onto kind of a smaller road, drive just a little bit, and then you drive onto a dirt road which looks like it is going into the middle of nowhere and that road is very windy and can be treacherous especially when it's wet which thankfully isn't very often. But you drive a couple of miles down and then all of the sudden the road drops off and you see this patch of green, almost as if it was a mirage, and as you get closer, you start to see these soaring Cottonwood trees, you start to see this almost brown chocolate river run through the property.

QT: 01;03;25;13

JACK MCCAIN:

So it is a place obviously I'm very fond of because I grew up there but it's hard to believe when you first see it because it's this desolate landscape and all of a sudden this oasis of green in the middle of it.

QT: 01;03;40;01

TITLE

Sedona is a sanctuary for his father

QT: 01;03;45;05

JACK MCCAIN:

He loves going down that road because he loves the place, so it's sort of his—his initial penance to get there is the treacherous drive down the road.

QT: 01;03;53;03

JACK MCCAIN:

when my father's in Sedona, it is the one place in the world that he is truly relaxed. He is a very high energy, high pressure person. So he is constantly working wherever he is whether it's reading a book, responding to a message, taking phone calls, he is almost never off except for in Sedona. When he goes, he's able to care about things like his birds. He's able to care about the landscape; he has spent a significant portion of his life shaping it to what he had envisioned for both him and for the family, so he's very, very happy there and very—the only place he can really relax.

QT: 01;04;39;16

TITLE

Chores on the ranch

QT: 01;04;43;13

JACK MCCAIN:

When we were younger, I definitely did my shares of summers doing yardwork. I planted a couple of the trees there so we were—we were very engaged. More importantly he, in an effort to help keep the property safe from floods and kind of channel the water where he wanted to go, personally moved stones from one area of the river to another to help divert water flow; and these are not little stones, these are big rocks to help dam up a little bit of the river and create a bit of a space where the water wasn't quite as fast. So he was always engaged in some way, whether it was his own manual labor or ours; we were always happy to help kind of shape the place but at the end of the day, it's truly what he wants it to be.

QT: 01;05;33;21

TITLE

His father loves to grill

QT: 01;05;39;03

JACK MCCAIN:

Does my father like to grill? That is probably his favorite activity. He is very good at it, but he—his rib recipe has become both famous and infamous but that's his calm activity, is to sit down and have all of his family and whoever has come up to join us for that particular weekend, treat them to the ribs. So he's probably most relaxed at that activity.

QT: 01;06;06;11

TITLE
On sports

QT: 01;06;11;07

JACK MCCAIN:

How was it as a kid not seeing my dad half the week? So despite the distance, he was very engaged, he was always constantly interested in what we were doing, how we were doing. He was very interested, especially in sports. He wanted us to play a sport regardless of what we were doing so every year I was either in grade school or high school, I was always playing some sort of sport and whenever we talked to him on the phone or whenever we saw him, that would be the first thing he asked about. "Ok, how was baseball this season?" Or, "How's wrestling going this year?" And whenever he was home, he made time to come see us, whether it was a wrestling match which he made a few of or whatever the sports were, he was very keenly interested in keeping engaged.

QT: 01;06;56;15

JACK MCCAIN:

I was a wrestler in high school, I played football, and then at the naval academy I did power lifting and was on the competition pistol team for a little while.

QT: 01;07;05;19

JACK MCCAIN:

Did my brother and I play sports together? We did not play the same sport but whenever we were in Sedona or had time off, there was always some sort of sporting activity whether it was your basic hide and go seek, or on into our

later years whether it was hunting, we spent quite a bit of time together engaged up in Sedona.

QT: 01;07;27;11

TITLE

How they spend family time

QT: 01;07;33;16

JACK MCCAIN:

So when we're together as a family in Sedona, generally it involves, what's the food doing? So whether he's grilling or we're—we're having lunch together, whatever it is, it kind of revolves around the particular meal. He spends an inordinate amount of time reading, that's one of his favorite activities to do up there. We will all do the same. Because we live in different parts of the country, and none of us really live co-located with our parents, we spend a lot of time just talking because it takes a lot of catching up.

QT: 01;08;08;17

TITLE

His father's love of reading

QT: 01;08;12;09

JACK MCCAIN:

I think my father really impressed upon us the importance of reading. I know it drives my wife insane the number of books I keep on the shelf but I watched him growing up read everything from Tolstoy to Kissinger. He constantly has a book in his hand or is telling me about the book he's reading. And that impressed upon me the importance of reading, whether it's history or fiction, even science fiction, I remember him reading to us when we were young, the—Ray Bradbury's Martian Tales and one of the more memorable experiences of my life. But it's a fiction book. But he made sure to impart the

lessons on us, why it was important, why he felt it was important, so we all have taken a—believe in the importance of reading.

QT: 01;09;07;08

TITLE

Growing up with his dad in DC

QT: 01;09;11;06

JACK MCCAIN:

When my dad was in DC, it was mostly my mom. We had a nanny for a little while just to kind of help my mom out with the effort of raising four kids but yeah, it was my mom who took on a significant amount of the childcare duties.

QT: 01;09;25;09

JACK MCCAIN:

My mom, when she puts her mind to it can be very, very stern. She has a very kind demeanor generally but when the mom needs to come out, she will. But depending on how—how lengthily we had misbehaved or how much we had misbehaved, it was always the threat of, “Alright, well I’m going to call your father.” And that was the—the worst thing that can happen, is, “Oh, she’s calling dad, we must’ve really done something wrong here.” So he was kind of the—the enforcer when he needed to be.

QT: 01;10;00;02

JACK MCCAIN:

It never took anything more than him talking to us. He isn’t really the person to yell and scream or scamper or anything but he knows just what to say to diffuse whatever the argument was or whatever the problem was, he has the ability to out-argue or outthink any member of our family which is very frustrating when you’re young.

QT: 01;10;25;16

TITLE

Traveling as a family and to the places his father and grandfather fought

QT: 01;10;30;05

JACK MCCAIN:

One of the things that my family did well or was lucky enough to have happen was we traveled quite a bit, whether it was traveling with him for a congressional delegation which happened infrequently or a family vacation. One of the places we loved to go was a small island in Fiji called Turtle Island, it's kind of our—our holiday happy place. We have a friend that runs the island and we would fly in about once every other year just to relax. One of the other vacations though that really has had an impact on my life was while I was about 12 or 13 through until the time I left for the naval academy at 18, we traveled throughout the pacific seeing the places that his father and grandfather had fought.

QT: 01;11;21;23

JACK MCCAIN:

Places like Espiritu Sintu, places—even like Midway, which—there's really nothing on Midway right now, but seeing these places that connected him to his father and grandfather and me to him were the most impactful and it's something I carried on when stationed in the pacific. I tried to see every battlefield, see every place that they're—the Navy or the Marine Corps had landed, was even proud enough to have been in some old Japanese hangars when I was on a Marine Corps base in Japan, so that has kind of driven a lot of my desire to see both the pacific and those other places because of that family connection.

QT: 01;12;06;06

TITLE

Traveling to Vietnam with his father and the Hanoi Hilton

QT: 01;12;10;12

JACK MCCAIN:

When I was 14, my dad took me on a trip to Vietnam, it was with the Today Show. Matt Lauer, who was very gracious at the time. And this was the first time I had been to Vietnam, it was not the first time he had been back. He had

been back several times which kind of in itself says a lot about him as a person but he thought that it was time for me to see that part of his history. So we went to his memorial, which is a small kind of statuette right next to the lake where he got shot down at and to this day he's still angry that it says United States Air Force instead of US Navy. He points that out every time he sees it. But we visited there and as importantly, we visited the Hoa Lo Prison, the Hanoi Hilton. And seeing the conditions he was under and the way he talked about it which is not as—you would almost have thought it was a vacation there.

QT: 01;13;12;19

JACK MCCAIN:

He—he holds no malice in his heart about it. He can speak very frankly about his experiences but seeing it helped shape my perception of him as a man because tiny cells, the—the shackles that they kept them in, these are things that they—implements that they used on my father, that's very—to see it, smell it, taste it, feel it was a very impactful experience for me.

QT: 01;13;41;22

JACK MCCAIN:

The cell that he was in and it's best described in a picture that sits on my wall in Phoenix and it's me standing in a cell holding my arms out touching both walls. It was a tiny, squalid, isolated cell with almost no light in it, and the bed was just boards. So seeing that really gives you an impression of just the—the general depravity of life that went on at the Hanoi Hilton.

QT: 01;14;13;22

TITLE

On his father's experience as a POW

QT: 01;14;17;21

JACK MCCAIN:

I think I've probably gotten more about his experiences from being surrounded with some of the other prisoners of war that were there with him. Mostly because, he doesn't talk about the experience out of any sort of shame or ill feeling or out of a sort of grudge that he holds. He speaks of it in

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such a way as if it were just a chapter of his life that had happened and has now passed. If you ask him about it, he will tell you but it's a short, frank, "Ok, well what was it like?" "It wasn't great." "What did they feed you?" "Well they fed me cabbage soup." In—so that kind of gives you a sense of his character that he holds no malice at all. I have asked him about it just to get a general sense, especially after having gone through the Navy Survival School which is supposed to simulate that experience myself and that brings a little more perspective but I've probably learned more from the people around him and the way it was described in his memoirs than specifically from him.

QT: 01;15;24;04

TITLE
Halong Bay

QT: 01;15;27;17

JACK MCCAIN:

It is one of the prettiest places in the world. We went as a family when I was probably about 16 years old.

QT: 01;15;35;16

TITLE
Christmas as a child

QT: 01;15;39;22

JACK MCCAIN:

So if we were home in Phoenix and we were all together which sometimes the family was not all together, even when we were young. But when we spent Christmas in Phoenix, the whole family would wake up pretty early in the morning and in our bed clothes, pajamas, whatever we had on, and we would all gather around the Christmas tree and it would be my father who would basically control the chaos. He would pick out one gift to give to each person so he was the holder of all the gifts and in some ways, you know, he would use it to create a little chaos himself. He'd give three gifts to one kid and leave the other one out and just to kind of watch us smile. Christmas

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was—controlled chaos is probably a good way to describe it. With four kids and ya know, a family that's always apart a little bit. It was a wonderful experience.

QT: 01;16;41;07

JACK MCCAIN:

He loved being the dolor of the presents. Yeah, he—just, he—he liked being the one that you know, presented everything to the kids.

QT: 01;16;53;16

TITLE

Traits he shares with his father and the value of service

QT: 01;16;59;00

JACK MCCAIN:

What traits of my father do I see in myself? It's a hard question to answer because when you th—when I—even when I think about him, he is almost a living legend, he is somebody that's very hard to emulate just because of his character, his integrity, the way he carries himself, the way he thinks. If there is one trait that I think was imparted on me or at least hammered into me is that service to something greater than yourself is the highest ideal, that regardless of what you do, you have to continue to serve and he—he does it every day and I make a joke, my families not very creative, we all go to the Naval Academy and we all serve in the Navy but that was—if there is one trait that I could say, it's that I—I believe very similarly to him that service is the highest ideal, and try to do the best that I can with that.

QT: 01;17;56;16

TITLE

His mother, her charitable activity and her role in the family

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QT: 01;18;00;00

JACK MCCAIN:

My mother's a very kind person and she also has a lot of emotional intelligence. She has the ability to make anyone feel at ease. I try to do that, sometimes fail to do so. But I find myself trying to emulate her very much in that.

QT: 01;18;16;05

JACK MCCAIN:

Oh I see my mom as you know, mom. So she's probably the most kind hearted person I've ever met. And she has a very similar desire just like my father in order to give back as much as she can. So she has spent much of her life trying to either find a way to give back or find an organization that she believes can—can really make an impact. She's had a couple of causes that she's championed, Operation Smile being one of them, most notably because my adopted sister came to the United States with a severely cleft pallet. But more recently with the McCain Foundation she has tried to combat human trafficking as much as she can. She sees that as a scourge upon the earth and wants to do everything she can to help—help fight that, so that really tells you what you need to know about Cindy McCain and that she continues to try to give back in every way she can.

QT: 01;19;18;17

JACK MCCAIN:

When—when we were young, she did a fair majority of the cooking while we were at home. There are a couple of recipes that I remember; chicken noodle soup was one of her specialties, meatloaf as well which actually I've taken on myself. I like cooking as much as I can. But not necessarily a hobby, her—her father's company, Hensley & Co. is kind of her heart and soul as well. Her father started it from nothing and she spent much of her life continuing her father's tradition in running that business in Arizona.

QT: 01;19;55;15

TITLE

On being the fourth John McCain

QT: 01;19;59;05

JACK MCCAIN:

I've—I find myself trying to emulate what I think a McCain should be. But when I was very young, especially when I got to the Naval Academy, and I kind of was faced with this choice. Do I attempt to live as a John McCain or do I try to do everything I can to make my own way and be worthy of that name but also make it my own.

QT: 01;20;28;00

JACK MCCAIN:

So pressure is only as much as you let it get to you. So if you choose not to let that—that overbearing pressure or that kind of legacy dominate your existence, then you're going to let it dominate your existence. If you think about it as a way of helping shape your identity but also making it your own, then you can take it and really have it be a contributor to your life as opposed to a detractor. So I have always tried to do that. I can't say that I'm perfect at it and I can't say I'm always free from pressure or stress but at the end of the day, I look at the McCain name as a boon much more than it is a curse.

QT: 01;21;14;15

TITLE

What a McCain should be

QT: 01;21;19;11

JACK MCCAIN:

What should a McCain be? A McCain should serve in some way; not just because we're not very creative people but because at the end of the day, we have been taught or at least has been impressed upon us that the nation has given us a lot. It has helped make us who we are and giving back is everything that we should do and that my brother and I have chosen military

service because it seemed the most appealing to us but we've also seen through my mother there's other ways that we try to give back. So a McCain should be selfless, a McCain should try to have integrity, a McCain should hopefully have a sense of honor and yeah, that's—I think—other than that, a McCain should be their own person.

QT: 01;22;16;04

TITLE

The Navy was a foregone conclusion

QT: 01;22;23;22

JACK MCCAIN:

Was the Navy inevitable? I would love to say no the Navy wasn't inevitable but I remember one of my earliest experiences and interfaces with the Navy were really two things. One was, I was brought to a Naval Academy graduation when I was very young, I think I was maybe six. And so that's one of my earliest memories of the Navy, was these new officers throwing their hats in the air and the blue angels flying over. And the second experience was the commissioning of the USS McCain. And although I think I was only five, the experience of seeing my name on a boat, on a Navy ship was really impactful and gave me a sense that, hey there's something bigger than just my name.

QT: 01;23;15;02

JACK MCCAIN:

So did it create a sense of inevitability? I think yeah, a little bit. And I—I think when I first got to the naval academy, I struggled with that a little bit, that hey, am I—is this really my choice or is it somebody else's? But I was able to quash it pretty quickly and I—both graduating from the Naval Academy and—and serving in the navy as a pilot have been the most rewarding experiences of my life. So I'm very happy it was somewhat inevitable.

QT: 01;23;48;05

TITLE

On rebelliousness and the Naval Academy

QT: 01;23;51;19

JACK MCCAIN:

I actually was asked by my students this several times in teaching a leadership class at the Naval Academy and having to explain that's not the easiest thing to do. I don't think I was necessarily as rebellious as my father. I think because the—the tolerance for that kind of rebellion is a little less now at the Naval Academy but I also had some groups of people because of my last name kind of gunning for me. That's not to say I didn't have my fair share of—of a good time, and I freely admit that I was not the best midshipman. I was not a fantastic student while I was there, I didn't take my academics as seriously as I should have but yeah at the end of the day I don't think I was quite as rebellious but I definitely had my fair share of—of pushing back.

QT: 01;24;45;06

TITLE

His father's advice on the Naval Academy

QT: 01;24;49;02

JACK MCCAIN:

I remember very specifically being dropped off by him at the Naval Academy. We drove from DC to Annapolis which is really only about an hour drive and I remember we talked some about his experiences and he essentially said, you know, "Whatever happens, keep your honor and do the right thing." And I tried to do my best to live up to those words every day I was there.

QT: 01;25;18;18

TITLE

Jack's plebe year at the Naval Academy

QT: 01;25;23;20

JACK MCCAIN:

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I remember specifically I had a few midshipmen whether it was in my company or just kind of in the general population of the Naval Academy that really wanted to make an impression on me, and it usually meant it was negative. I remember specifically one Kyrgyzstani exchange midshipman who was very close to me much of my time there and not in a good way. I also found that whatever action I took whether it was positive or negative generally got spun very negatively and would kind of spin out of control from there. The rumor mill at the Naval Academy is pretty—pretty impressive.

QT: 01;26;06;14

JACK MCCAIN:

I did not have the hardest plebe year of anybody at the Naval Academy. I had my fair share of people that wanted to make an impression on me but at the end of the day it helped make me who I am. And it also helped me learn the lesson that if you are taking out on somebody the fact that you're having a bad day, that you're doing it wrong, you should never pass a negative experience forward onto somebody else just because it happened to you.

QT: 01;26;37;17

JACK MCCAIN:

During your plebe year at the Naval Academy, you're handed—basically the first thing you do when you get through the door, they hand you a book called reef points, it's a very small blue book and in it is supposedly all the wisdom that you need to graduate the Naval Academy. So they would make you read passages such as Teddy Roosevelt's man in the arena, the qualifications of a naval officer by John Paul Jones or even something as simple as the rank structure of the Navy, Air Force, Army and Marine Corps. So you'd have to write—memorize it and then repeat it while under stress, let's put it that way. It's a good memory game but it's not the most pleasant experience to have.

QT: 01;27;18;03

TITLE

The McCain name follows him everywhere he goes

QT: 01;27;22;22

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JACK MCCAIN:

Not only at the Naval Academy but every subsequent duty station I have ever been to. My—my namesake precedes me, not always to the negative. It is—everything is what you make of it but at the Naval Academy, they definitely knew I was coming, they knew exactly who I was. I was even put in the same company as my father which I don't know if that was intentional or just happenstance but I like to think it was intentional.

QT: 01;27;49;00

TITLE

His brother joined the Marines at seventeen

QT: 01;27;54;07

JACK MCCAIN:

Jimmy did not go to Annapolis, no.

QT: 01;27;56;03

JACK MCCAIN:

So in—with my brother, in very McCain fashion, there was a war going on and my brother as soon as he was able at 17 years old, he had to have both parents sign his paperwork to join the Marine Corps. Joined, signed up as an infantryman which is—you're—you're going to be as close to or on the frontline and deployed as soon as possible to Iraq, so he was in very true McCain fashion. And I remember a conversation between my mom and dad about it and I—I know my mom was a little hurt that Jimmy had asked and that my dad was perfectly ok with it. And she said, "Why would you let him sign up? You know, why couldn't you have at least waited?" And he said, "Because I understand where he's coming from, I know he wants to go get to the fight." So I—he—I took a slightly different path, he went as soon as he possibly could.

QT: 01;28;52;11

TITLE

Jack's career in the military

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QT: 01;28;57;18

JACK MCCAIN:

After the Naval Academy, I graduated in 2009; I left to go to flight school. I actually spent about nine months in Oklahoma training with the Air Force and then started flying helicopters in Pensacola shortly thereafter. And at the beginning of 2011, January of 2011, I went to learn to fly H60's in San Diego and then left to go to Guam for about three and a half years. I did three deployments while I was there; two with the Marine Corps, and then one on an aircraft carrier in the Persian Gulf and did a huge amount of search and rescue while I was there as well which of all things I've ever done, I think pulling somebody out of the water to save their life was the best.

QT: 01;29;46;09

TITLE

What he flies

QT: 01;29;50;05

JACK MCCAIN:

An H60, fly the MH60 Sierra which is an Army Blackhawk with a Navy sticker on it essentially.

QT: 01;29;59;01

TITLE

His Naval Academy graduation

QT: 01;30;02;16

JACK MCCAIN:

it was a very powerful experience for me. At the time, this was 2009; the election had ended, the 2008 election had ended really just a couple of months prior and I was handed my diploma by President Barack Obama and

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I—I kept getting asked a lot of questions about that. Like, “How do you feel that the guy that beat your dad in the election is giving you your diploma?” And I said, “The President of the United States handed me my diploma and my commission. I—I cannot ask for anything else.” And my dad had a very similar mentality.

QT: 01;30;40;23

JACK MCCAIN:

He congratulated me obviously. He said he was surprised I made it through which, so was I, and he said that he was very happy that I was going to go follow him in his footsteps as a naval aviator; that’s what he did, that’s what my great grandfather did, and he said, “Try not to crash as many planes as I did.”

QT: 01;31;02;06

TITLE

His brother Jimmy

QT: 01;31;06;11

JACK MCCAIN:

My brother Jimmy? Jimmy is two years younger than I am. He joined the Marine Corps at 17 years old, was in about four years, did two deployments; one to Iraq, and then one to—he was on what’s called a Mue(?) or a boat float basically off the horn of Africa, spent some time in Africa, and then he started college, left the Marine Corps, started his bachelor’s degree, in true McCain fashion got very bored and joined the Arizona National Guard and deployed to Afghanistan a couple of years ago. So very—very similar military life path as the rest of us.

QT: 01;31;54;15

JACK MCCAIN:

Jimmy’s military experience was what really brought us together. We were good friends when we were growing up but when I was getting ready to graduate high school, when I left for the Naval Academy, we had grown apart a little bit just because life circumstance and he joined the Marine Corps and

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after his first deployment, I was one of the first people to see him when he got back which I was very happy for.

QT: 01;32;22;04

JACK MCCAIN:

And I think that experience really brought us together because now we had something we could relate to. We had a little bit of a shared experience that we could now talk to and look to and that really has carried on till today.

QT: 01;32;39;08

JACK MCCAIN:

One of the things I did not do though was push and be intrusive. I understand that he had had an experience that I hadn't, I understood that he had seen things that I had not experienced but I knew that he needed somebody to talk to, somebody to open up to because I understand how he feels. So at the end of the day, I—I made an effort and he ended up opening up to me which was good for both of us I think, to help him assimilate that experience and help me learn from it. So yes, I have—if you ask him, I think he'll tell you I was there for him.

QT: 01;33;16;02

JACK MCCAIN:

I believe we're both doing the best we can to carry on the tradition, carry on the name and except for my younger brother who was a Marine so it's a little outside the family purview but we won't blame him for it.

QT: 01;33;30;04

TITLE

On military advice from his dad

QT: 01;33;34;02

JACK MCCAIN:

I do as often as I can. Throughout flight school I had, ya know, good questions for him, you know, how do I get through this, what should I choose, what should I do as a career? He was an attack pilot; I'm a helicopter pilot. I think it took him a little while to understand my reasons for doing that. But he has

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been there as both kind of a coach and mentor for me as a military officer since the time I was a midshipman until now. Whenever I moved duty stations, whenever I—I go somewhere else to train, he’s always keenly interested in what I’m doing, what I think about it and has a propensity to kind of fit it into how he’s seeing whether it’s legislation or seeing military officers come speak before his committees, he kind of helps assimilate his experience and then gets a little bit of a different perspective. I don’t want to say the truth but—

QT: 01;34;34;00

JACK MCCAIN:

He gets a little different perspective from me.

QT: 01;34;35;23

TITLE

His relationship with his dad

QT: 01;34;39;11

JACK MCCAIN:

He has been there as a model, as a way for me to kind of seek what the right thing to do is but in terms of emotion, that’s more—that’s more mom’s department.

QT: 01;34;54;06

TITLE

His dad’s personality

QT: 01;34;58;12

JACK MCCAIN:

Have I seen him let his guard down? Absolutely. It’s hard to be somebody’s son and not—not see them let their guard down. But it’s not the type of—he doesn’t get emotional at what you would imagine he does. I have seen him tear up listening to the national anthem at a baseball game. I have seen him tear up reading a book about World War I. I have seen him get emotional—he

was emotional at my wedding but probably the most stirring speech I've ever heard him give when it comes to the military was one that he gave at my graduation from flight school.

QT: 01;35;40;00

JACK MCCAIN:

And you could tell that he was kind of harkening back or feeling all the emotion of what it was like to be young and be an aviator, so those are the emotions that I see from him and that's when I see him let his guard down. He—he was always a genuine person but his demeanor is a little stiff until you get to know him.

QT: 01;36;02;19

TITLE

His graduation from flight school and his dad's speech

QT: 01;36;07;04

JACK MCCAIN:

So in January of 2011, I graduated flight school. They call it getting your wings and they had asked if he could come give the speech. I of course obliged because I would just love to have heard him speak in the first place on this subject matter 'cause I always hear about foreign policy, I never hear what it was like to be an aviator. So he gave—it was maybe only about a 30-minute speech but he had everybody in the room just remembering how important it is the job that they do and how amazing the future experiences that these pretty young naval aviators are going to have in life and it really brought out some of the best in him because he kept—somebody at the dinner they had afterwards had said you know, "Thank you for being a fighter pilot." And he kind of bristled up and said, "I wasn't a fighter pilot, I was an attack pilot." So it's some of that, that maverick navy pilot to use somebody else's phrase, really came out that day. And I had seen it before but I had never been able to put it in the context that way.

QT: 01;37;19;22

TITLE

On crashing planes

QT: 01;37;25;17

JACK MCCAIN:

Have I had any crashes? So, I've been in a helicopter mishap. I was not flying though, I was actually in a civilian helicopter being flown by a civilian flight instructor and we essentially crashed in the Arizona desert. I was fine but it was not the first time I've been in some sort of wreck so while a pretty harrowing experience, I have not crashed any military aircraft yet.

QT: 01;37;56;03.

TITLE

His wedding

QT: 01;38;00;03

JACK MCCAIN:

My wedding took place in San Francisco in June, which it's hard to find a prettier place in the United States than that. My wife is from the Bay area and her father is a little infirm and we wanted to make sure that he could make it to the wedding, so we—we had it at Grace Cathedral in San Francisco. My dad was there and he was annoyed that we made him wear a black tie. We sort of made that decision for that very decision. But he—he loved being at the wedding, you could tell he's very happy to see it. And the reception was held in a—at the California Academy of Sciences, which is a very pretty building and to get into the actual reception, you went through a dome inside that's a rainforest and he spent about half the time in there looking at the birds, you know, looking at all the animals and insects that they have in that particular rainforest dome because that's what he's interested in. And he—he made a very gracious speech at our wedding. We had one big long table and he stood up and thanked everybody for being there and said he hoped they enjoyed the world's longest dinner table so he had a good experience and I think—my wife and I will obviously never forget it.

QT: 01;39;29;21

JACK MCCAIN:

He said that he expected Renee and I to have at least six grandchildren for him.

QT: 01;39;35;22

TITLE

Jack's wife and the wedding

QT: 01;39;40;19

JACK MCCAIN:

My wife Renee Swift is a Major in the US Airforce. She actually outranks me right now so that creates some interesting inter-service rivalry. We met while I was stationed in Guam and we got married about two and years later in San Francisco. Renee's from the Bay area so we decided it was the best place to have a wedding was her home town. San Francisco in June is also one of the prettiest places in the United States so it was well worth having our wedding there. My father was overjoyed to be there and we had the reception—excuse me, the ceremony in Grace Cathedral in downtown San Francisco and then had the reception at the California Academy of Sciences where in order to get to the actual reception, you had to go through a rainforest dome and in it my dad spent about half his time at the wedding staring at birds and butterflies and everything that was in there so he gave a wonderful toast while we were there, hounded Renee for being air force and said that he expected about six grandchildren out of all of us.

QT: 01;40;59;04

JACK MCCAIN:

My father danced, very poorly I might add, with my mom. Just about everybody got up that night which was wonderful.

QT: 01;41;08;07

TITLE

His father's qualities

QT: 01;41;12;21

JACK MCCAIN:

I think tenacity is probably what is number one when it comes to my mind and drive to just continue everything that he can. He has limitless energy. He makes me look like the old one in the relationship because he can outpace me every day of the week. I'd also say he has incredible integrity which gets him into trouble sometimes because he has to be true to himself and true to what he thinks the right thing to do is and that can put him in conflict with some of his friends, that can put him in conflict with some of his party. But at the end of the day, it is him being true to himself and maintaining the integrity and honor that he has. That's most important to him.

QT: 01;42;03;00

JACK MCCAIN:

He is very competitive. Not in a kind of bully, detractor way but in a way that he wants to be constantly in the action. He wants to be sometimes the center of attention but also the—the mover and shaker behind events, that's his drive.

QT: 01;42;20;17

TITLE

His dad refuses to sit still

QT: 01;42;24;11

JACK MCCAIN:

My dad's energy and activities on vacation have kind of become almost a family joke because he refuses to sit still, so as a family we have to constantly be doing something whether it's on the particular island in Fiji, it's, "Ok, we're gonna go swim." or, "We we're gonna go snorkel, we have to—have to do this." You know, we—there's very little downtime so sometimes you need a vacation from vacation after that. And he still has not slowed down. The last time we were there, it was the same drill. It was, we're going to either snorkel or hike in between meals. You know, during meals we'll spend time together but really it's the activities that matter.

QT: 01;43;09;07

JACK MCCAIN:

There—there's very little downtime in the McCain household.

QT: 01;43;12;12

TITLE

On food and the difficulties of notoriety

QT: 01;43;17;03

JACK MCCAIN:

My dad really enjoys food. It's kind of a family problem almost. He likes dining in downtown DC. It has become a little harder as he's gotten older and kind of more famous or infamous because people have a tendency to ask and want pictures which he's always very happy to do. If there's one thing he kind of impressed on us, it was that, "Look, you may not want to stand around and pose for pictures but at the end of the day this is somebody reaching out to you so it's something you should feel honored to have happen." I tried to carry that with me as well.

QT: 01;43;54;00

JACK MCCAIN:

His—his perfect dinner would be ribs in Sedona if he had a choice. If he had to dine in downtown DC, there are a couple of restaurants that he likes to go to; he enjoys seafood and steak, but it's more about the company that he's with that drives where he goes to dinner.

QT: 01;44;12;00

TITLE

His dad's sense of humor

QT: 01;44;17;09

JACK MCCAIN:

Dad has a very sarcastic, almost bristly sense of humor. I think some people kind of don't quite get that he's joking. He never takes himself seriously and he imparts that with his staff, his friends, he does a really good job with— with making sure that he remains both sarcastic and that he's self-deprecating.

QT: 01;44;42;13

JACK MCCAIN:

He—he loves to tell generally when he gets up in front of a crowd or even a family gathering, he’s usually one of either the first or last to speak. And every single time he stands up and says, “Ok, I have a 45-minute speech on the North Korean nuclear buildup prepared and that always draws a terrible groan from the crowd or the family. And you can tell how dated it is, North Korean Nuclear buildup.

QT: 01;45;09;20

TITLE

His father’s appearance

QT: 01;45;14;10

JACK MCCAIN:

My father is slightly shorter than I am, he’s about 5’8. He is—wiry is probably the right word. Not overly thin but kind of like a coiled spring. He—because of his injuries he has kind of an awkward stance almost. He moves very stiffly but he has a set of eyes that are very intense and when you talk to him they can almost kind of bore into you. He has a boxer’s nose, having been a boxer and had it broken several times, he still has that mark and he is constantly moving. Whatever it is, whether he’s sitting down, he’s still moving. Whether he’s walking; he walks at a pace that would give Usain Bolt a run for his money. And he has the capacity for kind of limitless learning. He’s always seeking something whether it’s reading, talking, he’s always trying to learn from his experiences and the environment around him.

QT: 01;46;26;11

TITLE

His father’s driving style

QT: 01;46;30;19

JACK MCCAIN:

I’ll say that he drives like he flew, that’s the most I can give you.

QT: 01;46;35;16

TITLE

Behind every great man is a great woman

QT: 01;46;39;19

JACK MCCAIN:

So the—the old adage that behind every great man is a great woman or greater woman, I think that holds very true with my mom. My mom wa—gave him the ability to—to run for Senate. It was her home state, Arizona where he was first elected to Congress and much of that was through her efforts, her connections so in essence he owes his career to my mother. She has been the rock of support throughout multiple congressional campaigns, several senatorial campaigns and two presidential campaigns which, I don't know if it's some kind of record but it's a significant amount and that's having your entire life, every mistake, every misstep, every wrong word, every interview, every newspaper article ever written about you peeled apart, analyzed and then thrown back at you. So just bearing up under that level of stress and maintaining the family as a whole and keeping herself composed, I don't really know how she's done it.

QT: 01;47;48;19

TITLE

His grandmother Roberta and the McCain legacy

QT: 01;47;53;08

JACK MCCAIN:

My grandmother Roberta who I still refer to as the great lady gave my father first and foremost I think besides his tenacity—she's 104 years old right now so it gave him a sense of perspective and history. My grandmother's history is very important to her. And if you've ever been to her apartment, she has pictures of her with Chiang Kai-Shek, she has—her house is littered with the trappings of a life that was spent at the center of events in the United States and he—you can tell took that on board and really helps to live his life that

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way, as with a sense of history and purpose, she is a lady with also boundless energy still and also when he was young, his father left for World War II and he was gone really the entire time. I think he came home once or twice. It was his mother Roberta that really kept everyone and everything together and this was a time without Facebook or internet or without any means of rapid communications so she really had no idea how her husband was doing.

QT: 01;49;15;06

JACK MCCAIN:

And he was a sub-mariner at the time which was one of the most dangerous jobs in the military, second only I believe to the 8th Air Force and that's the type of environment she lived in. And not only did she bare it easily but she bore it with grace and raised a son that went on to try to live his father's legacy the same way.

QT: 01;49;38;10

JACK MCCAIN:

The great lady always had a lesson that she was trying to impart. She always—she doted on us obviously but from a time I was very young, she was constantly reminding me who her husband was, who her son was, who my great grandfather was. She had portraits of my grandfather and great grandfather that hang on her wall that she introduced me to when I was very young so her wife as the wife of a navy officer and navy admiral I think was her foundational experience. She continued to try to impart that on me. She always told me I need to go to the naval academy as well. And she was always—tried to impress upon me the importance of academics, that you've gotta study hard if you're gonna—you have to work hard and study hard if you're going to be successful.

QT: 01;50;34;07

TITLE
The Navy

QT: 01;50;38;05

JACK MCCAIN:

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The navy is a service kind of apart from the rest. War or peacetime, the navy is all over the world, all the time. That entails both the difficulty of that, the romance of that, it demands a home life and a family that can bare up under those circumstances with whoever it is, the husband or the wife gone for long periods of time and knowing that you're about to leave but it also to me, my wife—my wife may dispute this, is one of the most noble pursuits. Whether it's aviation or whether it's ship driving, it's a service that knows its history, that knows itself and uses its traditions to improve the organization.

QT: 01;51;30;06

JACK MCCAIN:

It is not a perfect master. The navy like all services have its faults but at the end of the day, it to me is the most noble pursuit that I've ever been involved with.

QT: 01;51;44;21

TITLE

The presidential campaigns in 2000 and 2008

QT: 01;51;48;19

JACK MCCAIN:

The 2000 campaign I was involved with more than I was the 2008 campaign. At the end of the day I was really just window dressing, but the 2008 campaign I was really only around for—for three events because I was at the Naval Academy and they obviously were not going to let me out to do very much. One was during the summer; I went to South Carolina for a rally. The second one was for the Republican National Convention and the last one was for election night itself.

QT: 01;52;20;02

JACK MCCAIN:

During the 2008 Republican National Convention, there was a great sense of importance. The crowds were big and excited and elated, but for me I was struggling to put all of this into perspective because it is very overwhelming. It's easy to get caught up in the event and only pay attention to kind of the tactical what's happening to you in the moment as opposed to trying to put it

in perspective. I really tried to think about this as a whole instead of just taking events in series. I—I saw my father at his—he was speaking his best. He was doing—you know, working himself at a pace that none of his staffers could keep up with but I wouldn't trade the experience for anything else. It was—helped shape me as a person because being involved in those types—in that type of event I couldn't trade anything for, I would never be able to have that experience again.

QT: 01;53;30;18

TITLE

Election night 2008 and his dad on the next day

QT: 01;53;34;19

JACK MCCAIN:

The night of the election, I was in Phoenix. I had flown in from the naval academy, I think I had only gotten election night and the next day off before I had to go back to school, and so I flew in late and the—there was no elation, there was no—there was just a sense of, “Ok, this is the night. What’s going to happen is going to happen and then after that, we’re going to work with what we’re given.” I wouldn’t call it sedate but there was just a great sense of—they weighed the importance and were basically just waiting for the result in essence.

QT: 01;54;19;03

JACK MCCAIN:

When the result came in, I will never forget that morning not because of my disappointment at all but I came out of my room that morning, I was sleeping at home for the first time in a longtime and I saw my dad on the couch sitting with his three closest advisors and he said, “Ok, we’re going to work. The election is now over, we are back to the Senate and we’re gonna work as hard as we can to continue serving.” That was it. There was no self-pity, there was no woe is me, just alright, back to work.

QT: 01;54;58;11

JACK MCCAIN:

I think he was happy to be rid of the—not that he didn't like the secret service but he hates pretention and he hates kind of having events dictated for him so he was very happy to get Starbucks on his own.

QT: 01;55;12;23

TITLE

Jack's relationship with his half siblings

QT: 01;55;17;16

JACK MCCAIN:

Andy works at the family company right now and I saw him just a few months ago and I've known him as long as I've been alive. My half-brother Doug was also a navy pilot and he was at my winging where dad spoke so—and he—it was incredible to have him there because not only had he gone through that experience but he had gone through it a little more recently and he handed me his wings that he had worn when he was a navy pilot which I still wear today so I was happy to have him there.

QT: 01;55;57;16

JACK MCCAIN:

And Sidney, my—probably my fondest memory of Sidney was we went on a rafting trip down the Grand Canyon, I think I was probably about 15 years old and I spent the majority of my time talking with Sidney just about life and her experiences because I didn't grow up with her as much as I had Doug and Andy and so it was an incredible kind of getting to know you again or getting to know you really for the first time. So I—I do have a relationship with all three of my siblings.

QT: 01;56;32;00

TITLE

His adopted sister Bridget

QT: 01;56;36;14

JACK MCCAIN:

When I was young, Bridget kind of just appeared one day. I didn't know the story, I was also too young to really appreciate it but in essence, my mom came home to the house holding a baby and said, "This is your sister." Ok, fair enough. Knowing the story now though having been—having seen both the footage and having her—the picture of her with Mother Theresa, be in Bangladesh, seeing two children that weren't going to survive without intervention on her part and—and bringing them home. You can't write that, you can't—if it were a fiction story, nobody would believe it. So it was kind of her kindness and her heart embodied in such a way that she was willing to make a child a part of her family knowing that she didn't tell my dad, she didn't tell any of us, she just made the decision on her own because she thought it was the right thing to do.

QT: 01;57;37;14

TITLE

Lessons from his father

QT: 01;57;41;21

JACK MCCAIN:

Character, truth, and bravery. He taught me that the best way to maintain those traits as a person is to live them daily. He never told me you have to be brave. He just was brave. He never told me you had to be a person of integrity, he just was. So if there's one overarching lesson, it's that by being the person that you want to be, by embodying the traits that you want to see in others and yourself every day, that's how you live a life of integrity, that's how you live a life of character and bravery.

QT: 01;58;18;16

JACK MCCAIN:

He mentioned—he—he would talk about things like character traits, talk about what he thought it meant to be a citizen, what he thought it meant to serve, but at the end of the day, it was his example that we follow or try to follow as his children to the best of our abilities.

QT: 01;58;37;04

TITLE

On learning his father's diagnosis

QT: 01;58;41;07

JACK MCCAIN:

I had just checked into a new—a new command. I had really only been there a couple of days and I got a phone call from my mom that said, “Jack, you’re going to see some stuff in the news. Your father has brain cancer. I’m with him right now, he knows his diagnosis and he’s the same as he’s always been, he said, “Alright, let’s push forward.”” So it was—I don’t want to say underwhelming but it was just sort of—adversity has never been something that my dad has—has been without, so it was just another component of life adversity for him.

QT: 01;59;26;13

JACK MCCAIN:

He called me about a day later. I knew the kind of flood of phone calls he was gonna be taking. The first phone call was a little short. Not because he was worried or anything, it was just short because he had a lot of phone calls to make but the more important phone call came about five days later when he had a chance to kind of sit down and actually have some time. And he said, “Jack, the outlook is not good. This is an aggressive form of cancer. I will fight it every single day, however at the end of the day, I have lived an incredible life. There is nothing that I could’ve asked for that I could do more of.” That he really believes that he has lived a good life and has lived it to the fullest. So he told me that he, if the worst does come, he leaves with not a regret in the world.

QT: 02;00;31;12

TITLE

How he’s dealing with his father’s diagnosis

QT: 02;00;36;18

JACK MCCAIN:

I feel very similar to he does—to the way he does in that I know that he could not have asked for anything else. His life has been lived not just to the fullest but he has accomplished more than anybody else could ask for. The best thing that I can do is to continue to live by his example, to continue to serve as much as I can but to embody those traits that he taught me to live.

QT: 02;01;10;15

TITLE

How his mother's dealing with the diagnosis

QT: 02;01;14;16

JACK MCCAIN:

Next to presidential elections and—and senate campaigns and all that, I think that this is probably the hardest thing that she's had to deal with. Again, it's not a—it's not a positive diagnosis so—but she has always been his emotional support and she has always been the emotional center of our family so I don't think that this is easy on her but she is—is dealing with it in the best way that she knows how, and that's being there for him and being there for all of us.

QT: 02;01;49;09

TITLE

Jack's view of life and death

QT: 02;01;53;16

JACK MCCAIN:

How am I feeling? That's a good question. I have almost had my own life end on a couple—probably more than a couple of occasions probably—probably a few. And I look at life very similarly to the way my dad does, that every day that you have on earth is a chance to do something great and is a cha—is a gift. Do I know that the end will come? Absolutely. I—he's my father, he's been—he's been the—kind of the center of my existence for a long time. He's the person I have attempted generally poorly to emulate as much as possible

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but I always know that someday the end will come. The best thing that I believe I can do is try to honor him by being the best person I can be. So yeah, I—I know the end will come at some point and nobody wants to lose their father but I can't be prouder of the person that he is and try to live as best as possible as I can by—by that example.

QT: 02;03;15;08

TITLE

What he'll miss when his dad's gone

QT: 02;03;20;07

JACK MCCAIN:

I will miss being able to look—to see the news or see him doing something that he believes in and say, "Hey, you know, that's my dad." I think if he were able to live 500 years, he would continue fighting to do what he thinks is right and I think that I will miss that most about him.

QT: 02;03;49;10

TITLE

On his dad's legacy

QT: 02;03;53;05

JACK MCCAIN:

I want him to be remembered as a man of integrity. I want him to be remembered not as some paragon of virtue but as a human being that lived the best way he knew how. That he spent every day that he had in service to this country. Yeah. I hope that's how he's remembered.

QT: 02;04;23;19

TITLE

Burma the dog

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QT: 02;04;27;10

JACK MCCAIN:

Burma is my dad's Chesapeake Retriever. He loves that dog. Ya know, he will spend hours either throwing a tennis ball or they now have a tennis ball launcher that I personally think is a little lazy but he will—he loves watching—ya know, Burma retrieve, he loves the relationship that he has. He even loves the history of course behind the Chesapeake Bay Retriever. He talks very fondly of how Chesapeake Bay Retriever's can break ice with their chests, although I don't think Burma's ever done that with Arizona.

QT: 02;05;05;02

TITLE

His son and the family tradition

QT: 02;05;10;13

JACK MCCAIN:

I would love to sit here and say I want my son to be his own person and I absolutely do. I will encourage him as best as I can to—to see the Navy as a profession that he may want to join. I'll never force anything but provided I live the example that I try to live and provided that I expose him when I have him make his own choice but I want to help him a little bit along with making that choice.

QT: 02;05;49;08

TITLE

Commissioning of the USS McCain

QT: 02;05;54;02

JACK MCCAIN:

I was probably, it was either four or five. I was very, very young.

QT: 02;05;58;23

JACK MCCAIN:

I remember bits and pieces about the commissioning about the McCain. I remember watching the ship slide into the water, I remember them breaking the champagne glass. I remember being taken on a tour of it when I was—I was very small and I kind of remarked because they hadn't really filled it with much and it was very empty and I remember, as I said, seeing my name on the ship and at first being a little confused and then my grandmother was actually the one that explained it to me. You know, "Hey, this is the ship honoring your grandfather and great grandfather. This is the second USS McCain." And she was very proud of that.

QT: 02;06;40;06

TITLE

When the USS McCain struck another ship

QT: 02;06;44;02

JACK MCCAIN:

When I heard the—the McCain had struck another ship, I can't say I was annoyed; I had operated in the same ocean for three years with the USS McCain. It had come to Guam a little over a year before it had struck—my first worry was for the sailors on board because hell, some of 'em were my classmates and I had hoped that it had not been another USS Fitzgerald, that everybody on board was going to be ok but the Navy's in a very dangerous business so I kind of hope for the best and prepared for the worst in essence but the McCain has always been this kind of thread in my family.

QT: 02;07;29;04

JACK MCCAIN:

We're always wondering what's the USS McCain doing? Is it a good ship, is it a bad ship? So seeing that, especially seeing the footage of the hole in the side, it was almost like watching one of my family members get hurt, so I can't say I was annoyed. I was saddened and—and fearful for the sailors on board.

QT: 02;07;52;05

TITLE

Hiking the Grand Canyon with his dad

QT: 02;07;56;21

JACK MCCAIN:

So when I was a junior at the Naval Academy, this was right before kind of the height of the election. He was running but he wasn't running in earnest. This was before kind of the campaign collapse. And my father took me on a rim to rim hike of the Grand Canyon which if you haven't done it, first of all, it's strikingly beautiful but he was in his 70's, his mid-70's at this time. This is an arduous hike. It was ya know, in the—in the—I think tens of miles per day first downhill, then across the canyon and then back up. I watched him on the way down, he has no cartilage in his knees, he was in excruciating pain. I have never seen him show pain on his face except for that experience.

QT: 02;08;55;10

JACK MCCAIN:

I watched him slow down and—and really be affected by how painful it was. I can only imagine what level of pain that is and we—I was very nervous, I said, "Ok, well now we're at the bottom of the Grand Canyon, we have to get back out. Wha—what are we going to do, is he going to be ok?" And I asked him and he looked at me and said, "No, I will be fine. I sure as hell am not gonna get evacuated out of here on a helicopter." So we—we took the night, he took—the next morning, he wrapped his knees with ace bandages and took two ibuprofen and walked the rest of the way across the Grand Canyon and the next day walked out of the Grand Canyon.

QT: 02;09;44;02

JACK MCCAIN:

Ya know, that says a lot about his character doing that but during the experience, I could tell and he—as we were talking, spending 16 hours hiking together that what he really wanted to do when he got there was to take in the beauty of the Grand Canyon. He's—he loves Teddy Roosevelt and he kind of wanted to have his own Roosevelt experience so it was really just us two and we were with a Parks Service guy to make sure we didn't get lost in the wilderness. And he kept remarking at how beautiful everything was, how pretty the sky was at night and how the different layers of rock in the Grand Canyon really give each area its own personality. So I—if I were to ask him

where he thinks the most beautiful place in the world is, he would probably either say Ha Long Bay or the Grand Canyon at night. So I would not trade that experience for anything else in the world.

QT: 02;10;46;08

TITLE

McCain's soft side

QT: 02;10;50;04

JACK MCCAIN:

He finds beauty everywhere which really doesn't make sense 'cause his exterior's very—almost prickly. Yeah, he is a person that can see the beauty in just about anything which is not a quality that most people would attribute to him. I think most would attribute just the fact that he's hard-nosed. But exactly, when you see him talk about his ranch in Sedona, when you see him talk about the bird population in Sedona and here's this—here's a hawk's nest and you can't wait for the summer because it's going to turn green again. You really get a sense of the depth of soul that's in him.

QT: 02;11;32;04

TITLE

On running for political office

QT: 02;11;37;03

JACK MCCAIN:

I'll say that a lot of the people that I know that have been kind of seeking office their whole life, they—I knew several of them at the Naval Academy. They knew they wanted to leave, they wanted to serve for a little bit, they wanted to go run for Congress. They have a tendency to forget to live. They also have a tendency to treat people as tools, as stepping stones to their own aggrandizement. I don't think really think that's a way to live and I also have found sometimes in the United States there's an entitlement to political office, that because I am of a certain family or a certain group or I come from

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a certain place, that therefore I am entitled to some sort of office and I think that is one of the most un-American things that I can imagine.

QT: 02;12;29;15

JACK MCCAIN:

That nobody—Everybody can run in this country. Anybody can be president; anybody can be a senator or a congressman and that is one of the great things about this nation. Nobody is entitled to political office and maybe someday but right now I'm a Navy Lieutenant, there's a lot that I have to worry about. I—that's far too—well far gone for me to worry about right now and if I did, I wouldn't be doing my job right.

QT: 02;13;00;15

TITLE

His father and his son, John Sidney McCain V

QT: 02;13;04;20

JACK MCCAIN:

The first time dad held Mac, John Sidney McCain V, he was giddy. Now, it is very hard to imagine him as giddy. In fact, I have really only seen it a couple times in my life and even then it was hard to remember. He was giggling, he was so happy to see this—this little baby and every time he gets around him, he laughs, he lights up, we saw him just a couple of days ago and we brought the baby with us and it—you could tell it did a world of good; he's just happy as can be around him. I think he gets a kick out of the fact that we named him John V, I'm very happy for that but there you can really see the human side of him come out, when he's around his grandson.

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