

Statement on John McCain regarding his time as a POW/MIA

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It is apparent I think little of John McCain. Yes, he served this country, was a POW and for that I am very sorry. It was the POW/MIA issue that got me really questioning the government back in 1985 and I was ashamed that I had paid so little attention up to that point. But, that **does not excuse McCains actions** while sitting unlawfully in the U.S. Senate that have contributed to the destruction of this republic - especially his voting to give illegals a free pass and continue this massive invasion. John McCain's constant and massive effort to give amnesty to 20 MILLION illegal aliens is beyond shameful. Additionally: captivity is not a qualification for president of these united States of America.

However, I always believe in truth and fairness. About three years ago, I **posted**, not quoted, an article **written by Ted Sampley** from the U.S. Veteran Dispatch. On October 3, 2007, I received an email from a truly great American, Colonel Bud Day. I have known who Col. Day is for a long, long time and have the greatest respect for him. Col. Day took great exception to what Sampley said in his article and provided me with his first hand knowledge of McCain's captivity. I told Col. Day that I would publish his email and here is his accounting and dispute of Sampley's article:

"I was just forwarded the article where you quote Ted Sampley from the U.S. Veteran Dispatch about John, and I guess that you are quoting Sampley when you comment in the second paragraph of your article that John met with Vo Nguyen Giap and Francois Chalais. The clear tenor of this article is that John McCain had some choice in these meetings. He did not. He was a prisoner..locked up in a Commie jail, and the Commies completely controlled where John was located, and who came to meet him. I repeat..he had no .. zero ..nada choice in this...and John did not meet anyone..they came to the hospital or the prison to meet him. John had no choice about who came to see him.

"So, because I have personal knowledge of these meetings..let's start with Francois Chalais. Chalais was a French newspaperman who was there to do a pro-commie news release about John's condition, and to let the U. S. to know that John was horribly broken up, but he was alive. The place..the hospital where John was lying on a hospital gurney. He was in intense pain. His right arm had been fractured in 3 places, his right knee was fractured, his left arm was jerked out of the socket, and he had been bayoneted in the left leg. NEED I mention that they were not passing out pain pills or injecting morphine and painkillers in his legs or arms????? Isn't it instantly clear that this is the story of Commies exploiting a very badly injured prisoner?? Extortion?? Abuse?? Against the Geneva convention???

"As all of us with massive fractures, John hurt like hell, and John was in intense pain. Just the slightest jiggle created unbearable pain. Just before the Commies brought Chalais to the prison to interview John, they put him in a botched up

huge body cast in early-mid November 1967 which was unlined, and which while stabilizing the bones..also ate some huge ulcers on his right arm. I can comment on these issues from absolute personal knowledge because I too was all broken up..3 fractures of my right arm, shrapnel wounded in the right leg, gunshot wounded in the left leg and hand, and had been hung by the arms..which paralyzed my hands, and I was John's first roommate. I was shot down about 6 weeks before John...and had almost identical injuries. I was still in intense pain in late October when John got shot down. I was in a big ugly cast. There was no Tylenol, Aleve, aspirin, morphine, or any painkillers for us. It was just plain gut it out.

"The pain from these fractures does not instantly go away...ask any one who has had a broken arm, or leg, or ribs..and they will tell you that the pain persists for weeks. I was still having serious pain when John was moved into my room in early December 1967. John was almost totally immobile when he came into my room. He could not use either arm, and could not feed himself.

"John had also been systematically starved by his guard..who was feeding John, but also eating most of his soup. Major Norris Overly and I were the first American pilot prisoners to see John McCain after he got out of the hospital, and he was on the absolute verge of death from starvation and wounds. I did not believe that he would live until the following morning. This was the first week of December 1967, roughly 5 weeks after John had been shot down. I was still limping from the gunshot wound and the bail-out injury to my right knee.

"John could not get off of the wooden slab without Overly or me assisting him into the sitting position..and his ability to walk was very minimal..and only then with great pain.

"Now..after these factual descriptions....let's get to the guts of the slander about John McCain. Francois Chalais was a Frenchman. McCain was NOT in violation of the Code of Conduct in speaking with him. McCain did not speak against his country or any of our allies..which is what the Code prohibits. The news of his shoot-down was not a military secret, and in fact had been published by the U. S. Navy, just as all combat losses were reported. John McCain did not say anything to Chalais that was improper.

"The claims by the U.S. Veteran Dispatch is just plain bull. No factual basis. I know because I was there and saw these things personally.

"But, not only did I know this..so did many others. In the cell next door to us on one side were Captain Larry Carrigan and Major Mo Baker. Also on the other side were Captain Guy Gruters and Captain Bob Craner. Just adjoining us, but able to see most of what was going on were AF Major Jack Van Loan, Lt, Reed McCleary, and Charley Plumb. There are probably 15 other persons in that camp who can also personally verify the statements that I have made in my Email to you. They will all deny that John McCain violated the Code of Conduct by talking to Chalais or by having Vo Nguyen Giap come and look into John's hospital cell.

"Further, there was no meeting with any Spanish psychiatrist from Cuba. The Cubans had a delegation in Hanoi who were exploiting prisoners...one of whom (xxxx xxxxx) was tortured out of his mind by a Cuban we called Fidel. John mentions in his book Faith of My Fathers that the prison authorities brought a Cuban delegation by his room. John refused to talk with them. What they wanted was Communist propaganda. They didn't get it.

"P.S. I was John's commander for roughly 2 years after we first got separated in early May 1968. He was tortured. Tortured several times. None of the people who claimed he wasn't were not there in Hanoi. I was! They LIED."

Yours truly:

Colonel Bud Day Medal of Honor – Air Force Cross, DSM, Silver Star, DFC, Purple Heart 3 clusters, Bronze Star 3 clusters WW II, Korea, Viet Nam; Senior Air Force Member – Code of Conduct Review Board, 1975

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