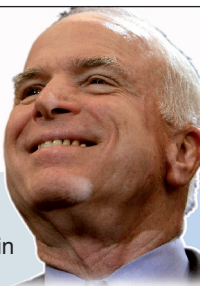


John McCain

Republican
nomination for
U.S. president



■ **Born:** Aug 29, 1936. If elected, 72-year-old McCain will be oldest U.S. president to take office – three years older than Ronald Reagan in 1987

■ **Early days:** Son and grandson of four-star admirals. Graduated as pilot from U.S. Naval Academy in 1958

■ **Vietnam War:** POW from 1967-73. Awarded Silver Star, Bronze Star, Legion of Merit, Purple Heart, and Distinguished Flying Cross

■ **Politics:** Representative from Arizona, 1983-1987; Arizona senator, 1987-present. Lost contest with George W. Bush for nomination in 2000. Supported Iraq war, pioneered **McCain-Feingold Act** on campaign finance reform

■ **Family:** Twice married, to Carol Shepp in 1965, and Cindy Hensley in 1980. Four sons, three daughters
Religion: Episcopalian

