



SENATOR MCCAIN CALLS ON SENATOR KERRY TO APOLOGIZE TO AMERICAN TROOPS

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ALEXANDRIA, VA – Senator John McCain made the following statement in response to Senator John Kerry's comments at Pasadena City College on Monday:

"Senator Kerry owes an apology to the many thousands of Americans serving in Iraq, who answered their country's call because they are patriots and not because of any deficiencies in their education.

"Americans from all backgrounds, well off and less fortunate, with high school diplomas and graduate degrees, take seriously their duty to our country, and risk their lives today to defend the rest of us in Iraq, Afghanistan, and elsewhere.

"They all deserve our respect and deepest gratitude for their service. The suggestion that only the least educated Americans would agree to serve in the military and fight in Iraq, is an insult to every soldier serving in combat, and should deeply offend any American with an ounce of appreciation for what they suffer and risk so that the rest of us can sleep more comfortably at night.

"Without them, we wouldn't live in a country where people securely possess all their God-given rights, including the right to express insensitive, ill-considered and uninformed remarks."

Senator McCain will be holding press availability with Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels at the Indiana Statehouse in Indianapolis at 1:15 p.m. EST.

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