

HE MR JOHN KERRY

United States Senator from Massachusetts

Senator Mr Kerry is Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, the 2004 Democratic Nominee for President of the United States, a five-term US Senator, and a decorated Vietnam veteran.



After graduating from Boston College Law School in 1976, he went to work as a top prosecutor in Middlesex County, Massachusetts. He took on organized crime, fought for victims' rights and created programmes for rape counselling. And, upon graduating from Yale, Kerry volunteered to serve in Vietnam. He was decorated with a Silver Star, a Bronze Star with Combat V, and three Purple Hearts. On return home to the United States, Kerry spoke out against a policy he felt protected politicians in Washington while soldiers bore the real burden. Later, he accepted another tour of duty – to serve in America's communities.

John Kerry was elected Lieutenant Governor in 1982. Two years later, he was elected to the United States Senate. He has won re-election four times since. He has fought to improve public education, protect our natural environment, and strengthen our economy.

From his ground-breaking work on the Iran-Contra scandal to his leadership on global AIDS, he has distinguished himself as one of our nation's most respected voices on national security and international affairs. He worked on a bipartisan basis to craft the American response to 9/11 and has been a leading voice on American policy in Iraq and Afghanistan, counterterrorism, and Middle East politics and peacemaking.

Kerry now chairs the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, the very committee he testified before in 1971. In his 24 years on the Committee, Kerry has chaired the Asia and Middle East subcommittees and authored and passed major legislation on international drug trafficking, global AIDS, international money laundering, humanitarian aid, and climate change – and negotiated the



UN's genocide tribunal to prosecute war crimes in Cambodia's Killing Fields. Today, Senator Kerry is the fourteenth-most senior Senator. He holds senior positions on the Finance, Commerce, and Small Business Committees.