

EXPANDING NATIONAL SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

SENATOR MCCAIN BELIEVED THERE WAS NO HIGHER PURSUIT THAN TO SERVE A CAUSE GREATER THAN ONESELF. HE WORKED THROUGHOUT HIS CAREER TO EXPAND NATIONAL SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES AND ENCOURAGE YOUNG PEOPLE TO DONATE THEIR TIME, ENERGY AND RESOURCES TO IMPROVING THEIR COMMUNITIES.

National Call to Service Act and Veteran National Service

In 2002, Senator McCain championed legislation supporting programs to provide active duty service members the option to transition into civilian national service programs, such as the Peace Corps and AmeriCorps.

Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act

The [Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act](#), signed into law in 2009, advanced landmark national service opportunities for Americans across the country. As an original cosponsor of the bill, Senator McCain championed the expansion of national service programs for young people, veterans, and seniors to engage in their communities and develop valuable work skills.

21st Century Conservation Service Corps Act

In 2015, Senators McCain and Michael Bennett first introduced the [21st Century Conservation Service Corps Act](#), legislation that would expand opportunities for young people and veterans to serve. Specifically, the bill would enable certain federal departments and land management agencies to effectively work with youth service organizations to carry out their important missions, such as protecting, restoring and enhancing the great outdoors in Arizona and around the country.