

John McCain

John McCain is the son of Joe and Sally Pearl and a graduate of Wharton High School. He joined the 36th Division of the Texas National Guard in 1940.

On January 2, 1941, McCain's National Guard Company was assigned to the 193rd Tank Battalion, Second Armored Division under General George Patton.

John's service in the military included repairing and reloading battle tanks at night for tank crews to use the next day. When asked what he did in WWII, he says (with tongue-in-cheek) that he slept through it and missed the whole war (because he worked nights and slept days). His military experience allowed him to travel to several states in the United States as well as La Havre, France and Czechoslovakia.