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WHERE WAS GEORGE W. BUSH IN 1972 ??? AMERICAN VETERANS HAVE A RIGHT TO KNOW!!!

Last May, the Boston Globe reported that from May 1972 to May 1973, **George W. Bush** performed **ZERO hours of duty** for his commitment to the **Texas Air National Guard**, even though all National Guard members are required to serve one weekend a month and perform fifteen active duty days a year.

After that first newspaper story, a few of us from across the country discussed it in an online forum as we waited to learn more. During the presidential primaries, we all watched as Bush “surrogates” questioned John McCain’s record in Vietnam, where McCain was held as a P.O.W. for six years. Still we waited for answers to the real and troubling questions about Bush’s own service record. But we got no answers from the media, because

**since that story was printed, most U.S. media outlets have reported...
absolutely nothing about this story.**

It’s not because any of the questions about Governor Bush’s service record were answered, either: His responses to the Boston Globe report have contradicted his military records, standard military procedures, the testimony of his former commanding officers, and even his official biography. He has not been able to produce even one eyewitness to confirm that he reported for duty during the “missing year”.

If George W. Bush wants to be our Commander in Chief, shouldn’t we know if he was derelict in his own duty? Many of us don’t care about what George W. Bush did when he was “young and irresponsible”. We do, however, care about what he does today. Governor Bush has made “honor and dignity” and “personal responsibility” central themes of his campaign, but will not give truthful answers about his own military service. And after allowing supporters to question the honor and service of a Vet who was tortured as a P.O.W.,

WE WANT THE TRUTH!

Martin Heldt, an Iowa farmer, has done what all the print and broadcast journalists were unable or unwilling to do: he reviewed the few newspaper reports and used the Freedom of Information Act to obtain Gov. Bush's National Guard records. Mr. Heldt's research has uncovered a disturbing picture of Gov. Bush's dereliction of duty. You can see the newspaper reports, military records, and a timeline of relevant events at the following web site: <http://www.awol.gq.nu> If you do not have Internet access, your local public library probably does.

When a single concerned Iowa farmer had to do what the major media companies wouldn’t, we realized that the only way we will get an answer to this question is if we asked it ourselves. We are not a political action committee. We aren’t a “soft-money” outfit. We are simply a group of individual Citizens and Veterans, Republicans, Democrats, and Independents, contributing our own time because we believe the people deserve a straight answer to a simple question:

GEORGE W. BUSH: WHERE WERE YOU IN ‘72?