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White House attacks 'false' Atlantic story about Trump insulting dead soldiers: 'What a disgrace!'

'It's offensive & patently false'

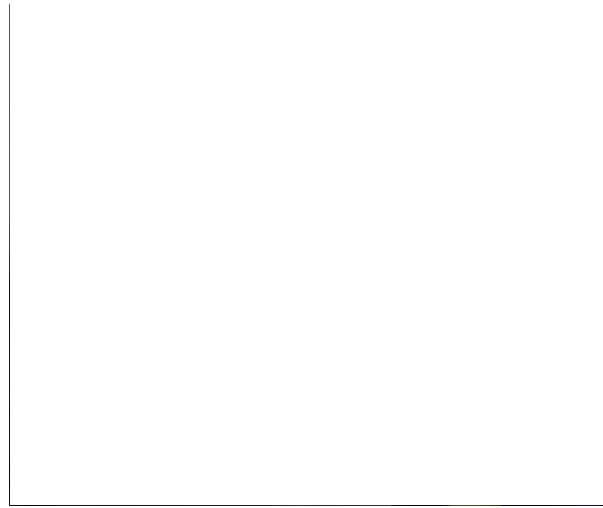
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[The White House](#) is describing an anonymously sourced article from [The Atlantic](#) as "a disgrace," claiming that it falsely accuses [President Trump](#) of insulting dead soldiers and being ignorant of who fought in [World War I](#).



"Not a soul brave enough to put their name on any of these accusations. That's because they are false," [White House](#) spokesman Judd Deere tweeted on Thursday.

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Judd Deere 
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Jeffrey Goldberg  @JeffreyGoldberg

New, from @TheAtlantic: Trump skipped a visit to an American military cemetery in France after calling the dead "losers" for getting killed: Full story here:
theatlantic.com/politics/archi...

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The Atlantic's article, written by editor-in-chief Jeffrey Goldberg, cites four unnamed sources in saying that Trump claimed the Aisne-Marne American cemetery near Paris was "filled with losers." Trump had [canceled](#) a visit to the cemetery in 2018, prompting widespread criticism in the media [at the time](#). The president claimed his helicopter couldn't fly in the rain and that the Secret Service would drive him there – claims that Goldberg says are false.

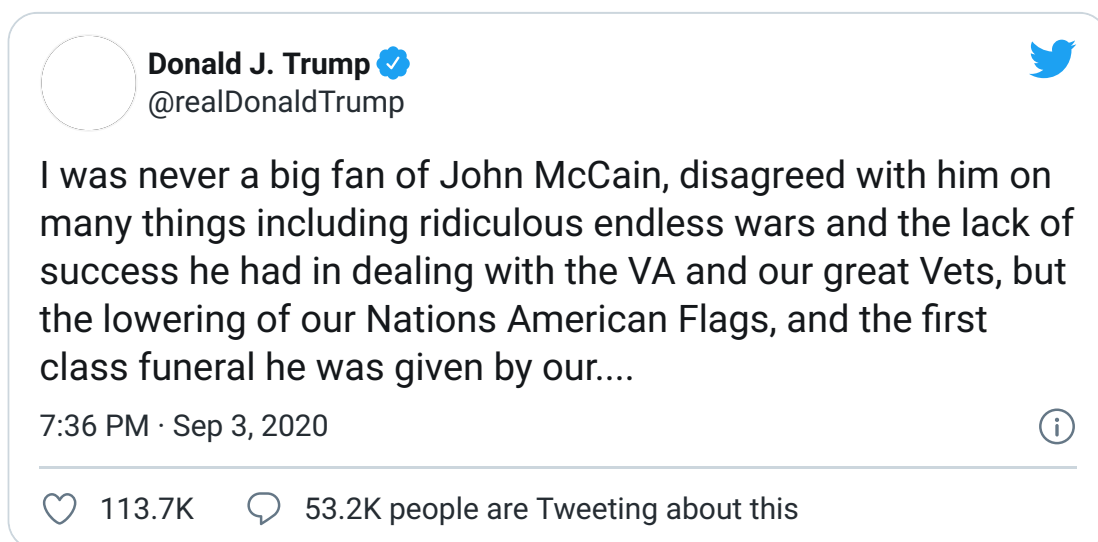
TRUMP DESIGNATES WILMINGTON A 'WORLD WAR II HERITAGE CITY' DECLARES 'WE DON'T TEAR DOWN THE PAST'




"Trump rejected the idea of the visit because he feared his hair would become disheveled in the rain, and because he did not believe it important to honor American war dead," Goldberg wrote.

Goldberg also claimed Trump labeled as losers Marines who died at the Battle of Belleau Wood during World War I. Referring to the war, Trump allegedly asked: "Who were the good guys in this war?"

"He also said that he didn't understand why the United States would intervene on the side of the Allies," Goldberg said, framing the remarks as "contempt" for American servicemembers. He pointed to how then-candidate Trump bashed former Arizona [Sen. John McCain](#) in 2015 for getting captured by enemy forces during the Vietnam War. "I like people who weren't captured," he said.



President Trump later posted a series of tweets about McCain and saying he never called fallen soldiers anything other than "HEROES."




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Replying to @realDonaldTrump

..Country, had to be approved by me, as President, & I did so without hesitation or complaint. Quite the contrary, I felt it was well deserved. I even sent Air Force One to bring his body, in casket, from Arizona to Washington. It was my honor to do so. Also, I never called..

 **Donald J. Trump**  @realDonaldTrump

....John a loser and swear on whatever, or whoever, I was asked to swear on, that I never called our great fallen soldiers anything other than HEROES. This is more made up Fake News given by disgusting & jealous failures in a disgraceful attempt to influence the 2020 Election!

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White House Communications Director Alyssa Farrah called the report "offensive & patently false," highlighting a number measures the president took in support of the military.

 **Alyssa Farah**  @Alyssafarah · Sep 3, 2020 

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 **Alyssa Farah**  @Alyssafarah

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She added: "I've watched [@realDonaldTrump](#) solemnly sign letters to the families of fallen heroes. He's honored their memories by doing more than any modern president to get us OUT of endless wars."

Goldberg didn't reply to criticisms via Twitter. In a statement provided to Fox News, Adrienne LaFrance, executive editor of The Atlantic, said: "We stand by our reporting."

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