

Is Barack H. Obama the Most Poorly Prepared President Ever?

79% of Presidents had prior service in the Military or served as a Cabinet Defense Secretary

(3 Defense Secretaries: John Adams, Taft and FDR; 30 officers, all but 7* were

Maj/LCDR or above; 1 enlisted: Buchanan; most saw combat)

BHO never served a day in uniform or as a Defense Secretary or Asst Secretary.

41% had been State Governors, which includes being Commander in Chief of State Guards

BHO never held a State executive position of any kind

33% had been Vice Presidents before ascending to the Whitehouse

BHO never was VP of anything important

32% had been Legislative leaders (Speaker, Majority/Minority Leader, Committee Chair, ...)

BHO never held any significant legislative leadership post

26% had been Cabinet Secretaries or Assistant Secretaries in previous administrations

BHO never held any Federal executive branch post

BHO is the **only** President who had **none** of the executive experiences listed above.

*The seven company-grade Officers who later became President

Tyler – Captain, in Virginia Volunteers, The War of 1812

Lincoln – Captain, Illinois Militia, Black Hawk Wars

Kennedy – LTJG, USNR, WWII P.T. Boat Captain

Carter – LT, USN, Cold War, Submarine Service

Regan – Capt, USA Reserve, Air Corps, WWII

Bush 41 – LTJG, USNR, WWII Naval Pilot

Bush 43 – 1st Lt, Texas NG, Vietnam Era

Most of officers held senior ranks (O-4 & up)

*7 were Company Grade Officers

11 were Field Grade Officers

12 were General Officers

No one was an Admiral

None was a Marine

Those who never served:

John Q. Adams

M. Van Buren

G. Cleveland

W. Wilson

W. Harding

C. Coolidge

H. H. Hoover

William Clinton

Barack H. Obama

Cleveland and Clinton

could be seen as draft dodgers.

Van Buren, Cleveland, Wilson, Coolidge

and Clinton were Governors/CinC State Guards,