

MITCH MCCONNELL SENATE MAJORITY LEADER

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A cargo ship connected to Kentucky Senator Mitch McConnell was recently stopped and searched before departing from Colombia. During the search, Colombian Coast Guard agents seized roughly 90 pounds of cocaine. The drugs were found on the Ping May, which is a vessel operated by the Foremost Maritime Corporation, a company owned by Mitch McConnell's in-laws, the Chao family. This connection is not only relevant because of the family connection, but also because the Chao family has often made large donations to McConnell's campaigns. In fact, the Chao family has been funding McConnell since the late 1980s. Years later, in 1993, McConnell married Elaine Chao and secured the Chao family as one of his primary sources for investments. A gift worth somewhere between 5 and 25 million dollars from the Chao Family made McConnell one of the richest senators in the country in 08. The Foremost Maritime Corporation is currently operating 16 dry bulk cargo ships, most of which are currently still in service.

What makes this case even more interesting is that McConnell is well known as a staunch prohibitionist. In 1996, McConnell sponsored "The Enhanced Marijuana Penalties Act" a bill designed to increase the mandatory minimum sentencing for people caught with marijuana. Luis Gonzales, an official with the Colombian Coast Guard in Santa Marta told The Nation that the Ping May's crew were questioned as part of the of the investigation, but that they have yet to file any charges in the case.



[Mitch McConnell's Freight Ties to a Shadowy Shipping Company](#)

After drugs were found aboard the Ping May, a vessel owned by his wife's family's company, Colombian authorities are investigating.

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The war on drugs is an insult to the intelligence of the people. There are mountains of evidence proving that the biggest importers of harmful, addictive, mind diminishing street drugs is the government. The drug laws that exist do not apply to the government agencies that bring these substances to our country. They are only designed to keep everyone else from this extremely lucrative business and give the establishment another reason to oppress people. .@McConnellPress is one of the #MostCorrupt Members of Congress. See who else made the list <http://crewsmostcorrupt.org> via @CREWcrew

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In the wake of the VA scandal, a letter to Mitch McConnell

Host Melissa Harris-Perry sent an open letter to Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell concerning the Senate GOP's own role in the VA hospital scandal. [msnbc.com](http://www.msnbc.com)

Jesse Benton, the campaign manager for U.S. Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, will resign his post as a bribery scandal from the 2012 presidential campaign threatens to envelop Benton and become a major distraction for McConnell's campaign. Read more here:

<http://www.kentucky.com/news/politics-government/rand-paul/article44507697.html#storylink=cpy> AUGUST 29, 2014 5:58 PM



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Host Melissa Harris-Perry sent an open letter to Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell concerning the Senate GOP's own role in the VA hospital scandal. Msnbc.com 05/31/14 02:17 PM—UPDATED 05/31/14 02:39 PM

Dear Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell:

It's me, Melissa.

You were [quick to praise](#) the resignation of Secretary Shinseki yesterday, and that's fine. Sometimes the face of an institution needs to change so that the institution itself can change. But I'm more concerned with your approach to our veterans a few months back.

Now I get it. When you look at [the numbers](#) associated with taking care of our veterans, it can be daunting. The number of veterans right now in the United States is almost 22 million. Nearly 9 million veterans are currently enrolled in the VA health care system, and that system includes more than 1,270 VA vet centers, hospitals and outpatient clinics. Now, according to the VA inspector general's report, [42 of those facilities are under investigation](#) for possible neglect to veterans' care.

Which is why, Sen. McConnell, I want to bring you back to this moment – this year's State of the Union address in January and [the standing ovation](#) for Army Ranger Sgt. First Class Cory Remsburg, who was severely injured by a roadside bomb during [his 10th deployment](#). A standing ovation from everyone. Democrats. Republicans. As divided as our politicians in Washington are, it was a moment that made us feel at least on this point, at least on the point of supporting our veterans, as though we had unity.

But then, nearly one month later, you and your Republican Senate colleagues opposed [a bill](#) introduced by Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, chairman of the Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs: a \$20 billion bill that would have helped to care for and educate our military men and women.

I don't think our veterans want their programs to be enhanced if every penny of the money that's going to enhance those programs is added to the debt of the United States of America.

"A bill that was not considered in committee and greatly expands spending without any realistic offset and would vastly overwhelm the veterans administration health care system."

Overwhelm the veterans administration health care system?

Sen. Sanders's bill is designed to expand veterans' health programs, give veterans in-state tuition rates at all schools across the country, and provide advanced appropriations for the Department of Veterans Affairs. But Sen. McConnell, as you well know, the bill never even had a chance, because you and your Republican colleagues [blocked it](#) with a procedural move, garnering 41 votes to prevent the funding for veterans from getting an up-or-down vote.

But I want to come back to General Shinseki. When the VA scandal broke and exposed the neglect our veterans faced one of your early comments on the story was this:

"Well, it's certainly been an embarrassing period for the VA... It has been a stunning period of dysfunction."

There is one thing we can agree on, Senator. It has been a stunning period of dysfunction and an embarrassment. But not just for the VA—for the entire country—and yes, Senator, for the Congress. It is not enough for Congress to stand and applaud a wounded veteran in its midst. Congress must use its power of the purse to provide the support and resources our vets need and deserve and have earned.

Will it cost money, senator? Yes. [But aren't our veterans worth it?](#)

Sincerely,

Melissa



[Trump's Latest Cabinet Pick Sets Up a Conflict-of-Interest Extraordinaire](#)

President-elect Donald Trump has chosen Elaine Chao as his transportation secretary. Chao served as secretary of labor from 2001 to 2009, under President under President George W. Bush.

Elaine Chao's family runs a global shipping business, and she is Mitch McConnell's wife. How cozy is that!

The appointment of Chao to this position is striking for at least one major reason: her family owns a major international shipping company. Chao's father, James Chao, is the chairman of the Foremost Group, which he founded in 1964. Elaine Chao's sister Angela is currently the deputy chairman of the company. Chao's father began donating to McConnell in the 1980s. In 2008 he gave Chao and McConnell \$5 million to \$25 million, giving a huge boost to McConnell's personal worth. Foremost purchases vessels and coordinates the shipment of commodities throughout the globe. In 2014, the Nation's Lee Fang reported that 90 pounds of cocaine was seized by the Colombian Coast Guard from a vessel owned by Foremost. Fang reported that:

The firm...leaves a faint online trace. Foremost's website FMCNY.com is blank. Records and court documents obtained by The Nation show that the ownership of the company's vessels—with names such as Ping May, Soya May, Fu May and Grain May—is obscured through a byzantine structure of tax entities.

A 2014 report from the Louisville Courier revealed that Chao registers his ships in Liberia to avoid paying taxes in the United States.

One of the agencies under control of the Transportation Department is the United States Maritime Administration. Alternet.org



[In Leaked Tape Mitch McConnell Admits The Koch Brothers Are Running The Republican Party](#)

In a leaked audio tape of the Koch brothers top secret June 2014 retreat, Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-KY) not only admitted that the Republicans would be lost without ... [politicususa.com](#)

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<http://edition.cnn.com/2014/08/27/politics/mitch-mcconnell-kentucky-race/index.html>

Mitch McConnell

Koch Network donations since 2000: \$1,503,516

McConnell is longtime recipient of Koch funding who fronts as a populist while kowtowing to the Kochs' big business interests.

McConnell co-hosted special sessions at Koch's summit to further strengthen the rights of money as free speech, such as Citizens United.

MITCH MCCONNELL MILITARY RECORD

Mitch McConnell was classified 2-S ("Registrant deferred due to activity in study") on August 8th, 1962, and remained as such until May 4th, 1967.

He enlisted in either March 1967 or in July 1967 and served at Fort Knox in the 100th Division (Training) of the U.S. Army Reserve until August 15, 1967. He was assigned Selective Service number 15-131-42-44. Alan Lynch, a Lexington Postal Clerk, served in the 100th Army Reserve Unit, Louisville, Kentucky. He was in another unit in 1964 but the Army did a consolidation of units and he was transferred to the 100th in 1965 or 1966. He performed several duties while he served in the military as a postal clerk and personnel officer. Mr. Lynch has a remarkable story about the summer of 1967. In the summer of 1967 Lynch reported for his summer active duty in the 100th Training Unit Army Reserve. The Unit did their summer active duty at Ft. Jackson, South Carolina. Lynch worked for S-1, the administrative arm of any army unit. Lynch worked for a Major, who was the assistant Adjutant and new to the unit. During his active duty in August of 1967 Lynch remembers coming into the office and noticed that the major was upset. He asked him what was going on and the Major told him the following: .A new member of the 100th Army Reserve Unit in Basic Training at Ft. Knox was arrested in the barracks for sodomy. The guy is getting out of the military and the excuse will be due to an illness, an eye disorder. At the time the Major told Lynch the name of the soldier but the name didn't stick to his brain. .Lynch said frankly it was not important at the time because the name McConnell meant nothing to him. It was not until the issue was raised in McConnell's senate race of 1990 that he remembered the incident. Lynch provided the information to reporters with the Courier Journal and Herald Leader but they did nothing with it.

[.http://www.theleftcoaster.com/cgi-bin/mt-comments.cgi?entry_id=2141 ...](http://www.theleftcoaster.com/cgi-bin/mt-comments.cgi?entry_id=2141...)

There is an interesting inconsistency with McConnell's public Army record.

In particular, there is a differing answer to a section of his records titled “Transcript of Court Martial.” While every other section of McConnell’s records without information simply “n/a”. This particular section uniquely states, “not on file.” Does that mean a McConnell court martial file exists? Only the Senator knows.

The Strange and Possibly Sordid Story of Mitch

McConnell's Military Service

I saw a tweet today that startled me: Ohio Citizen @OhioCitizen I don't know if Judd is running but McConnell is going to have a hard time. His court martial for sodomy in 67 will be huge. Natura... m.dailykos.com



US Officials Go Public on McConnell’s Threat To Obama If He Exposed Russia Before Election

As you’ve no doubt heard by now, the CIA released a report with information proving that Russia interfered with the US Presidential election

to help Donald Trump win. What is also coming to light ...

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MITCH MCCONNELL'S
wife is Trump's Transportation Secretary.
Her family's wealth appears to come from
COCAINE TRAFFICKING.
Now you know why Mitch won't do his job.

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By Lee Fang Twitter October 30, 2014

Trump transportation secretary's family caught in drugs trafficking investigation



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90 pounds of cocaine was found on a cargo ship that was owned by Mitch McConnell. He's a U.S. Senator with a strong anti-drug stance.



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