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Oh these testosterone squirts in their big-talk dramas. And our president, who slithered in shadows while his peers slugged it out in Viet Nam.

Oh come on, George W. This brave talk of backbone—when you couldn't even handle being a week-end warrior.

You never saw babies shredded by shrapnel, never bled on useless missions. Yet, you talk the talk—strut about in stacked-heeled boots.

Big, bad George, all swagger and thunder. Captain of your gravy boat. Sailing to your biggest blunder.