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Washington, D.C.—Following the President's visit to Ft. Bragg today, where he addressed troops about the end of U.S. involvement in Iraq, Representative Duncan Hunter, a Marine veteran of wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, said, "the credit goes entirely to our military men and women, who carried the mission forward when others—including the President—were looking for a way out."

"When President Obama served in the Senate, he opposed the surge in Iraq—the catalyst for America's victory" said Hunter, who served in 2nd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment during the fight to reclaim Fallujah, Iraq, in 2004.

"And even now, as President, he refuses to acknowledge that victory was achieved. Today, the President might be announcing the end of the war in Iraq, but the credit goes entirely to our military men and women, who carried the mission forward when others—including the President—were looking for a way out."