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# Obama triumphs, will be first black US president

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WASHINGTON (AP) Barack Obama was elected the nation's first black president Tuesday night in a historic triumph that overcame racial barriers as old as America itself.

The son of a black father from Kenya and a white mother from Kansas, the Democratic senator from Illinois sealed his victory by defeating Republican Sen. John McCain in a string of wins in hard-fought battleground

states — Ohio, Florida, Virginia and Iowa.

A huge crowd in Grant Park in Chicago erupted in jubilation at the news of Obama's victory. Some wept.

McCain called his former rival to concede defeat — and the end of his own 10-year quest for the White House. "The American people have spoken, and spoken clearly," McCain told disappointed supporters in

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# The youth vote in Election 2008 Young voters help put Obama over the top Eventually Name of the content of t

### BACK FROM IRAQ

Two students share their experiences in war and adjusting to college life



Photo courtesy of JARRAD WEIKEL and JERRY CHRONISTER Jarrad Weikel, pictured left, in his Marine dress blues; Jerry Chronister, pictured right, in Iraq.

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When a citizen makes the decision to become a soldier and willingly moves from the tranquility of a regular life to a situation where every day could mean life or death, the effect is ultimately a life changing experience. Often, the media reports on the status of a war, but it is difficult to put the magnitude of such a change into context without personally

knowing a person who has served and hearing their story. Yet when it is all over, and it is time to return to a normal life, soldiers have to face the struggle of making another significant transition in life

To meet a veteran, many would need to look no further than the classroom. Several students at Penn State Harrisburg have made the transition from the battlefield to school and faced every obstacle that appears along the way.

At age 27, Penn State Harrisburg

student Jarrad Weikel is considered a young man by the standards of modern society, but after serving two terms as a member of the United States Marine Corps in the war in Iraq, Weikel has lived through countless experiences that most people will never know. Weikel left for Iraq first in June 2005 and returned home to stay at the end of 2006. This is the first semester for Weikel since

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