

## *A VETERAN REMEMBERS AND WONDERS*

*Old enough to have experienced the great depression and World War II, and then as a professional soldier to serve in the Korean and Vietnam wars, too-a place in my heart and mind eternal salves my soul and my pride shows. Recently I was honored again via the Honor Flight program at the Saenger Theatre(Mobile)as well as participation in Veterans Day programs at the Foley High School, and Daphne. My cup was full.*

*My wonder concerns the future of our country as this President suffered repudiation at the midterm elections. It seemed to be a referendum on his policies, the good, the bad and the ugly. As usual he was eloquent and good in appearance, bad in the sense of his rationale for defeat, and ugly in suggestion of 'tweeking' the national health care bill, as many argue for repeal of the 2000 page monster whose tentacles may alter the world's best health care, debilitate the influence of Doctors, and drive costs to astronomical limits. He seemed to say that 'the public was afraid', that they did not understand the moment and perhaps he moved too fast. Does this President really get it?*

*Many find Obama as an enigma, hard to fathom: Recall Dorothy Rabinowitz who suggests his sense of identification lies elsewhere, in profound ways unlike ours, and argues he is no FDR whose leadership in peace and war exemplified the American spirit. Krauthammer faults his 'self-flagellating apologetics and moral equivalences' as he visited Europe and the Mideast. And George Will tells us 'the progressive agenda is actually legitimized by the incomprehension and anger it elicits. That people must progress up from their backwardness. ....and need to be pulled toward the light by a government composed of the enlightened.'*

*This writer humbly agrees with the aforementioned and has written of the troubled economy, the lack of a job*

*program, the horrendous debt building, and perhaps in the silence of his lonely room, the most insidious fact: the failure of this President to define the enemy as Islam, its religion, ideology and the nation-like thrust towards a world of Islam. Covert and overt Islamism prevails and will continue its steady march. Unless we confront its many tentacles: Saudi money, the hatred spread in the mosques, madrassas, world-wide and the political turning of the cheek to all this, we could end up as the target of a non-compromising ideology of the same magnitude as posited by the Nazis and the Communists of Stalin's Russia...the close-call of each comes to mind. This veteran remembers.*

*Can this President change or is he, subtly the product of his experience: dreams (colonial hatred) from his father; unlove of America from a mother, the irony of the apparent good upbringing by the grandparents yet arguably in conflict via his academic pursuits drenched in liberal disgust with the status quo; 'liberation theology' of his Pastor rant, damning America and plight of black America, still in 'chains'; revolution as to an idée fixe of Alinsky, and 'Weathermen' that by action could change America and make it 'more fair and balanced'. Barack Hussein Obama is an ideologue!*

*Or is he what the Doctor ordered in a culturally moribund society crying out for this kind of hope and change. Perhaps a little dab of Clinton will do him. A move to the center, especially if the Republicans, like Newt Gingrich try to 'take over the government'.*

*As a soldier who has suffered poor leadership at times and exceptional leadership at others, I worry about this President whose lack of leadership is the Achilles Heel of our nation. As Neville Chamberlain floundered in his role as Prime Minister of Great Britain in the early days of WWII, he was informed by the opposition: "In the name of God, go!"*

*Words do not make the man, actions and character do.*