

THE PEN IS MIGHTIER THAN THE SWORD

As we greet the New Year, my mind began to wander and wonder what portends. Since my mind often betrays me via age and memory games I will rest it, temporarily, and pass on thoughts of two recent articles in the Register: one on memories of an infantry soldier during the Battle of the Bulge, and the other a good run-down on the Chicago politician, Obama.

I know Richard Gile. Richard Gile is a friend of mine. We met as fellow writers, and were honored by our selection on Southern Alabama Honor Flight Two. Richard is now involved with an off-shoot of the Tea Party, a citizens group with patriotic and political implications – an honorable undertaking.

I do not know Forrest Hunter, but he writes well and took this writer to task over his analysis of our President recently. But, in defense, I would have to say “he doesn’t know the forest for the trees”- with no pun intended. Perhaps I deserved what he said, but, it is obvious he has not followed any of my writings about this subject, in rhyme and verse, and in brief, the good, bad and ugly. Mr. Hunter may be an avid writer and thinker but unless I am senile(some of that rubs off), or too verbose, or whatever, this is the first I have seen of him. We deserve more to insure our being fair and balanced.

First, in short, I defended Obama at his inauguration as it was a historical moment and he drew from Lincoln and Kennedy. Later I credited him with being a sincere and honorable man...and as I have done many times treated him with tongue in cheek, suspecting all the things I mentioned in the article. I have found him as Krauthammer and Rabinowitz so adroitly wrote: ‘faulting his moral equivalencies and self-flagellating apogetics’ and ‘his sense of identification lies elsewhere, in profound ways unlike ours’. An ideologue in garb.

As I have written many times I fault him com-

pletely as a leader, a lack of the art of persuasion and example for others, the accepting of what his administration does or does not do, like the military leader who knows the parameter. He has been unable to find Islam as the major enemy and his accomplishments have been almost nil as you alluded to. Lame duck led by a myopic leader whose grasp is negligible.

Like old soldier Gile, I go back to my many years as a soldier and ruminates with those for whom I have much respect. Some of your stuff is quite good, but the thrust leaves me questioning your anger and logic. In my quest to be a good soldier, and sometimes leader a continuous search for the Christian life, I lay my case for the jury public. I would hope we could meet and share some thoughts.

Let me remind Hunter and refresh Gile with past musings:

“Mr. President we are in an undeclared war, our borders are porous, loyalty of our Muslims and many illegal citizens are suspect, the fight against the Taliban an al-Qaeda insurgents, has picked up, appears endless, the roadmap to peace between the Jew and the Palestinian seems to have detoured, the threat of rogue-acting powers seeking nuclear weapons is real and our military is stretched thin, and unable to confront any new threat, and you are in the midst of what we (many of us) believe is quasi-Socialism in the Roosevelt mode with hope of success, but eternal debt and inflation a certainty, and unemployment growing and rampant.”

Chicago, Mr. Hunter, is an anomaly, part of the Obama psyche, but his beliefs, despite an intellectual quagmire complicating his ideology, are still an enigma, with no recompense.

