

Yankee Steve's Column
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Silence John McCain

I can't think of any one who loves war more than Senator John McCain [R-AZ]. Boots on the ground, that's what he likes, military boots everywhere, Iraq, Afghanistan, Libya.

Mars, the Roman god of war, has nothing on McCain.

When the admiral's son was released from a POW camp in Vietnam, for some unknown rationalization, he seemed to become a whoremonger. In the process he lost a faithful wife. Has he been cured of his womanizing?

What has not been cured is his warmongering. Of that I am certain. He loves war so much he has stepped across the aisle and joined forces with the left. This is not the first time, and it won't be the last. McCain along with Senator John Kerry [D-MA] are trying to garner support for President Barack Obama's action in Libya. And what is he doing? He is wastefully spending tax dollars and spilling blood.

Just the other day McCain told Christiane Amanpour of ABC news that America has interests in Libya. When asked what those interests were he replied, "American values." In other words we are the world's policeman. We must invade every town, village, and hamlet until there is not a dictator left standing. What McCain fails to recognize is that in the process we become dictators, too.

Assuming that we know only little about history, McCain said that the Republican Party "has always had a strain of isolationism in it." In other words those Republicans who want us to mind our own business and who are making their voice heard in Congress are the Party's obscurantists, but are they?

What history books has he been reading? Doesn't he know that the neocons, the warmongers of the Republican Party, are a recent and unwanted addition to the GOP? Conservative Republicans know that World War I, WW2, Korea, and Vietnam began when Democrats were in the White House. Only Iraq and Afghanistan were wars begun by George W. Bush who turned out to be a left-leaning liberal like his father and his father before him.

It seems McCain lies awake nights conjuring up ways to embroil us in another foreign war. "If only I were commander-in-chief," he dreams, "I could quadruple the defense budget and start another military conflict!" Thankfully we will never have to face that prospect.

McCain admitted the other day that narcissism is a family trait, "but not so much that

I would make another run for the White House.” Narcissism, familial or not, is forgivable but we can’t say the same for warmongering. That leads to soldiers not coming home, while others return with body parts missing, and often it leads to coming home but never being able to pick up the pieces of their life.

Go Away, Man!

I am tired of hearing from this darling of the left. Why doesn’t McCain quit the government and take up golf? Does he really believe that we value his opinion?

Can we forget that he joined forces with Ted Kennedy and George W. Bush in an attempt to hoodwink the American people? If they had succeeded, illegal aliens would have been given blanket amnesty. How can the American workers compete with people who will work for a pittance?

The Economy

When running for the presidency in 2008 McCain said that he didn’t “know much about economics,” but you don’t have to know much to realize that war is not good for the economy. This means that if we pursue the course the neocons have laid out for us the economy will never improve.

War is good for arms manufacturers, for those who produce tanks, airplanes, and bombs, but when it comes to the overall economy it is not beneficial.

Wars must be paid for which always leads to an increase in taxes. Our actions in Libya will need to be paid for by tax-paying citizens whose funds could have been better spent. Since our economy is 70% consumer-driven, McCain should be silent.

Ever yours,

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