

Obama Lacks Experience to Be Commander-in-chief

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As an open minded conservative I sometimes see some logic and common sense in the writings of a liberal columnist, but never in any column written by syndicated columnist Bill Press. He is one of those liberals whose writings are laden with sarcasm and distortion of facts.

His weekly column appears in one of my local newspapers, the most recent headlined, "General has forgotten who is commander-in-chief." Press believes President Barack Obama is a superior military commander than General Stanley McChrystal, but his writings overlook a few facts. President Obama and Bill Clinton are the only presidents who have served during the last 64 years who never wore a uniform. I don't even think they were boy scouts.

Obama's youth and inexperience do not qualify him to be commander-in-chief.

We entered the Vietnam War about the time Obama was born, so he cannot be expected to be aware of our strategies there ... unless ... he read a history book that accurately portrayed our presence.

Our politicians, intimidated by demonstrations of peaceniks on college campuses, directed our generals, who were not permitted to employ good military strategies. We lost the war!

Press, old enough to know better, has not learned from history and wishes to repeat tactics that lose wars.

A January 1951 Gallup Poll showed that 49 percent of Americans felt that sending troops to Korea was a mistake and 66 percent said we should abandon Korea. President Harry S. Truman, a Democrat, courageously ignored the polls. South Korea is now a successful democracy with a thriving economy. Thus, 54,000 of our military died for a good cause.

President John F. Kennedy, a Democrat, said, "Let the world know that we will bear any burden and pay any price for freedom," as he courageously dispatched more troops to Vietnam. Sadly, 58,000

Americans died in vain because our generals were not permitted to fight a winning war.

What has happened to the Democratic Party that is supposedly so compassionate and wanting to help the downtrodden? There are no Harry Trumans or John F. Kennedys in today's Democratic Party. They were Americans first and democrats second.

Press concluded, "President Obama hired Gen. McChrystal. He can fire him, too. And should."

I think American voters should fire Obama in 2012 and my local newspaper should fire Bill Press.



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