

Monday, July 31, 2006

## **Hezbollah**

Opinion by Stephanie Heck  
Hezbollah has been described as a "state within a state," a Shiite Muslim sub-government in southern Lebanon with very close ties to Iran and Syria, however in reality there are a huge segment of the Lebanese people who are Christian by faith in Lebanon. Most disputes in the middle east go back to religion and the current round of fighting in Lebanon is no exception. This may well explain why Lebanon's small Christian dominated army has not deployed itself against the Israeli military invasion that is killing unarmed civilians, in addition to killing a large number of militant Muslim Hezbollah fighters. The Lebanese army is deployed in Northern Lebanon and is NOT responding with any measure of force to the Israeli invasion that is intended to crush Hezbollah. It appears that the christian elements of the Lebanese government are sitting on their posterior and allowing the Jewish Israeli army to kill off Militant Muslim Hezbollah fighters who are operating a highly armed Hezbollah militia in violation of Lebanese law, and to some degree international law. If this was not true then the official Lebanese army would have entered the battle by now in response to the Israeli invasion / incursion into Lebanese territory. I have come to the conclusion that pacifism is deemed a professional virtue in the Lebanese Army. The Government of Lebanon has failed to order it own army into the battle and has therefore failed to uphold it own sovereignty and secure its own borders. The Hezbollah militia forces appear to be receiving no help whatsoever from the Lebanese Army ( but possibly from Syria and Iran ) because the Lebanese army's problem ( Hezbollah militia ) is being attacked by a foreign force. Hezbollah has what has been estimated to be 6-8,000 guerrilla fighters arrayed along the border between between Lebanon and Israel. It is these militant Hezbollah fighters that the Army of Israel has engaged in battle. Hezbollah has been estimated to have somewhere between 10000 and 12000 Katyusha rockets. It is estimated that 2300 Katyusha rockets have been fired at Israel by the Hezbollah militia since the fighting started. Hezbollah has been firing Katyusha rockets into northern Israel for over a year and the Israeli government is tired of the Katyusha rocket attacks, and has retaliated. I feel that Israel was provoked by Hezbollah and the Katyusha rocket attacks by Hezbollah are a problem to the military security of the Jewish nation. However, I feel that the response to the initial provocation now has gone far beyond a reasonable punitive counterattack and a cease fire is now in order to give the diplomats a chance to look for non military options. I feel that dialogue between the U.S. and Syria and possibly Iran may well be in the best interest of the stability of the entire middle east. Stephanie Heck  
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Posted by Huntington West Virginia in National Politics at 23:54

Friday, July 28, 2006

## **John Raese**

I have recently gone to the HNN Huntington News web site to see the latest absurd ads for John Raese and his silly effort to get people to take him seriously in his efforts to get rid of Senator Byrd. John Raese has political ads all over the HNN website. On the front page of HNN there is a political ad picture of John Raese with a shotgun slung over his shoulder saying "West Virginia Needs A New Gun in Washington". John Raese does not have the intellectual depth to understand that the old "Byrd Gun" is still very accurate and still has the capacity to nail a few Republican varmint's in the course of upholding the Constitution and the rules of the Senate. I am trying to figure out if John Raese is smart enough to figure it out that his gun-toting ad carries several different potential meanings to the intelligent observer. The first thing that comes to mind is the photograph of Hiram Lewis sitting in Saddam's throne with a rifle in hand. These pictures of gun toting Republican Senate candidates gets very old, very quick, after being bombarded with Hiram Lewis's self professed war hero status during the primary. Is John Raese following Hiram's media style lead due to a lack of imagination in his own staff? Some would see this John Raese advertising faux pas as a blatant appeal to the hillbilly stereotype of the "Jed Clampett" mentality that is alleged to be factual by those political miscreants outside of this beloved state of West Virginia who very wrongly attempt to promote propoganda conveying the allegation that Senator Byrd as an over-educated redneck. Senator Byrd is a law school graduate. This gun toting political ad reminds me of something Hiram Lewis or Don Blankenship would do. Some would see John Raese in this shotgun toting political ad, as doing a Charlton Heston style NRA impersonation in this political ad. This would indicate to the intelligent voter that John Raese is vastly out of political touch with the modern political landscape in West Virginia. John Raese has made admission that he is a Reagan style Republican and that he freely admits that he has no modern role mode for his politics, and that his closest political role model is from the politics of 25 years ago. If John Raese has a West Virginia role model for his politics in election 2006, he certainly has not gone public with it. I believe his model to be himself. I remember how West Virginians did without during the Reagan years and I perceive the Raese camps Retro-conservatism to more of a threat to the constitutional rights and economic progress of Americans than any other school of thought. Democrats acknowledge that Senator Robert C. Byrd IS THE ROLE MODEL for several generations of West Virginia democrats and election 2006 is not going to change that. Senator Robert C. Byrd is not a wealthy man and John Raese is very wealthy. You don't get rich in public service for 60 years. John Raese has mote money than Senator Byrd has ever owned because the service of the state and nation is all that Bob Byrd has ever done. As I look at that absurd gun toting political ad on the HNN website, I see a rich guy playing armed hillbilly with a gun. In the act of appealing to negative stereotypes, John Raese is inadvertently becoming the stereotype. My mind wanders back in media history to another era where I clearly see the precedent for John Raese candidacy, There was once a Reagan era family values TV show called the Duke's of Hazard and John Raese reminds me of a big money version of "Boss Hogg". Maybe this armed ad on the HNN website is John Raese's way to trying to remind us of of the time VP Chaney shot one of his lawyer buddies on a hunting trip? Republican politicians should not play with guns in close proximity to lawyers according to the bar association instruction manual for evading buckshot. Is this indicative of the candidates position on tort reform? Will someone please tell John Raese to get a clue and learn that gimmick ads and guns don't mix. John Raese needs to lay off the gimmicky ads and stick to statements of substance. John Raese should seriously contemplate learning to play the fiddle...and he might go somewhere.

Posted by Huntington West Virginia in West Virginia Politics at 17:53

Wednesday, July 26, 2006

### **Good ole 25701**

Here in Huntington West Virginia, otherwise known as 25701, we are having an extremely hot summer. I am thinking in terms of record heat. Those that deny the existence of global warming and side with those in the Bush Administration who dismiss global warming as junk science should spend the summer here in 25701 before going straight to hell.

Posted by Huntington West Virginia in 25701 at 20:30

### **search engine optimization**

A little note on my effort in the field of Computer Technology. I have been doing a lot of search engine optimization work recently (SEO). This is where I take a web page with little or no traffic and optimize it for the search engines to be more visible to the intended audience. It is a sub specialty of webmaster work which I am widely known for. If you need this done for your website contact me and we will see what you need to get the traffic you deserve.

<http://feeds.feedburner.com/huntington>

Posted by Huntington West Virginia in Computer Technology at 20:19

Wednesday, July 12, 2006

### **Huntington West Virginia Blog Update**

A Local News and Political Commentary Blog in Huntington West Virginia, Politics and political news in Cabell County Huntington West Virginia WV 25701, Blogging in Huntington West Virginia. News on Election 2006 211 I have changed this Huntington West Virginia blog a little bit, I will be blogging more about politics and political news about the West Virginia politics of election 2006 in West Virginia, I have a great interest in the politics of election 2006, especially the race between that right wing loon John Raese and the senior legend of the Senate Robert C. Byrd. Election 2006 should be interesting from a political point of view. There should be a lot of local news on that race over the next few months. I am just a West Virginia blogger with a West Virginia website with an interest in putting a little politics and political commentary on my blog web site. Cabell County blogs are rare and scarce commodities even to a webmaster and computer programmer like myself. I will be writing on the topics of Huntington West Virginia News on Election 2006 from the middle of good old 25701. Hopefully business will pick up in the aftermath of the election 2006 politics here in Huntington West Virginia.

Posted by Huntington West Virginia in West Virginia at 11:50

Tuesday, July 4, 2006

### **North Korea Missile**

It seems that North Korea has today test launched a long range Missile, and several other short range missiles. They launched these missiles today within a few minutes of the U.S. launch of the Space Shuttle. North Korea has definite possession of long range missile technology, and North Korea is suspected by numerous weapons expert to have a very small number of nuclear weapons. I feel that North Korea is a far more dangerous threat to the United States security than any potential threat posed by Muslim Terrorists. Leader Kim Jong IL is the paranoid leader of a Stalinist type communist country, and North Korea as a country runs more like a cult than a nation. Leader Kim Jong IL of North Korea is more like a cult leader than a head of state. Leader Kim Jong IL of North Korea is so far out in left field, that he makes other dictators look mild in contrast.

Posted by Huntington West Virginia in Global Politics at 23:17