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War Is Hell
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Those in the United States who are vigorously opposing the war in Iraq are stooping to new lows in manipulating the mother of one Pfc. Casey Sheehan and using her as their current pawn to embarrass the administration, and will just as quickly discard her when her usefulness has waned. Cindy Sheehan's son Casey died a tragic death in Iraq, some say a heroic death, while doing his duty as a volunteer American soldier. No one wants or likes it when anyone is killed or wounded in fighting for the freedom of their country, but millions of Americans over the centuries have died doing just what Casey Sheehan did.

Casey's mom, unfortunately, has allowed herself to be used by those anti-war activists who would have us withdraw all troops from any conflict throughout the world and try to negotiate with our current enemy who has sworn an oath to see all infidels eradicated from the face of the earth if they do not accept Islam as their religion and Mohammad as their Prophet. That's you and me folks... like it or not. Someone out there very badly wants to kill you and they will continue trying until they succeed or are destroyed trying.

Ms. Sheehan, who has been an anti-war activist long before Casey was killed, is now using her son's memory shamelessly to further a political agenda her son was purportedly against. If she has not gone over the edge as a grief-stricken mom, then she has knowingly taken this road of attacking the President and the war at the price of sullyng Casey's heroic deeds.

She has stated all she wants is for President Bush to meet with her and answer some questions she has for him. President Bush has already met with Ms. Sheehan, along with other mothers of deceased soldiers, and he has expressed his sorrow and regrets at all their deaths. Ms. Sheehan has stated she has other questions to ask him all of which, by the way, he has answered time and again through the media, but she is demanding another face to face meeting for the sole purpose of embarrassing him and his administration.

Ms. Sheehan currently has her own website, which I would be willing to bet is not paid for by her, and every section of the site is geared at asking the President and Mrs. Bush to do things they have already done many times. One such request is for the President to attend a prayer rally for the troops at a location determined by Ms. Sheehan and her handlers. I dare say the President already prays for all the troops and the war each day and given the nature of those encouraging Ms. Sheehan in this obvious political ploy, I'm sure his prayers are offered with more sincerity than those who are organizing this sideshow.

Here's a couple of the questions Ms. Sheehan says she wants the President to answer her directly:

Q-1) Why did we go to war? Who out there hasn't heard the President say exactly the purpose for the war?

A-) Regardless of the tripe Michael Moore put together in a movie, there was reliable intelligence from several countries, including Russia, Britain and others, there was a very good chance that there were existing Weapons of Mass Destruction within the country and we wanted to take possession of them before terrorists or Saddam himself could use them, as he did earlier against his own people. The other reasons, and in my opinion a greater reason for going in, were to topple Saddam and his own terrorist regime and liberate millions of Iraqi citizens and prevent further mass executions of Iraqis.

Q-2) Mr. President, why won't you bring all the troops home? Again, how many times must someone give the answer?

A-2) There is no way we can leave the people of Iraq to the hands of Saddam's former henchmen by pulling out our troops until such time as we have trained and equipped enough of the Iraqi citizens to secure their own country. You can't be any clearer than that.

There are many more ridiculous questions Ms. Sheehan wants to ask the President but the one which I will answer here for her is this one:

Q-3) Mr. President, why did you kill my son?

A-3) My answer for Ms. Sheehan... President Bush did not kill your son Ms. Sheehan, no more than President Roosevelt killed the 407,000 plus American troops who were killed in WWII fighting, primarily, the Japanese who did attack us and Germany, who did not. It was the Germans who killed over 6,600 American troops on D-Day in Normandy in just a few hours and many several more hundreds of thousands in the months to follow. And for those who have forgotten, we still have troops in Germany.

War is hell and it's dirty. People get wounded and killed everyday. It's not what we want to happen but it does. Many other mothers have had their children killed in this war and they still grieve. However, for the most part they agree that the sacrifice their sons and daughters made for the cause of freedom for the Iraqis and ultimately us was something their child would think worthwhile and noble. We are sorry your son is gone, but don't continue to drag his name through the mud as you are doing for a cause that has nothing but political ends associated with it.

Tell those who are using you for their agenda to pack up their tents and allow you to continue to grieve your son in a manner in keeping with the goals for which your son was fighting.

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