

**From:** [Don Poss](#)  
**To:** [Poss Don L.](#)  
**Subject:** Poem - Ship of Fools  
**Date:** Monday, September 1, 2014 7:53:18 AM  
**Attachments:** [2014 Danang K-9's and F-9's - The Untold Story.docx](#)  
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[2014 Obama Incompetence.docx](#)  
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Thank you,

Don Poss  
Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Donald Jones" <[bearpaw05@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bearpaw05@sbcglobal.net)>  
**Date:** June 30, 2014 at 7:30:59 PM PDT  
**To:** "Don Poss" <[dposs@dposs.com](mailto:dposs@dposs.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: Ship of Fools

Don,  
I've attached two "War-Stories" for starters. I'll work on others down  
the road until I become brain dead.  
Don J

*Donald Jones*  
*King 6F61*  
*VSPA #426*

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**From:** Don Poss [<mailto:dposs@dposs.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 30, 2014 1:47 PM  
**To:** Donald Jones  
**Subject:** Re: Ship of Fools

Don, Sorry' that. My right eye is causing me problems now. Limited PC time. I am  
saving your ramblings and plan to post them.

How about a comment on Obama ignoring the Supreme Court and usurping the  
Congress?

Thank you,

Don Poss  
Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 30, 2014, at 11:11 AM, "Donald Jones" <[bearpaw05@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bearpaw05@sbcglobal.net)> wrote:

Don,

Never received a reply on the bullet points below that I sent some time back regarding your invitation to War-Stories. If you prefer that I don't pursue it, that's ok and I understand.  
DJ

*Donald Jones*  
*King 6F61*  
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**From:** Donald Jones [<mailto:bearpaw05@sbcglobal.net>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 12, 2014 10:56 AM  
**To:** 'Don Poss'  
**Subject:** RE: Ship of Fools

Don,

I like your idea and appreciate your invitation to War-Stories. I have a few questions.

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The B-57 Crash.

Yes I was there. I was on the opposite end of the runway than you. Our K-9 group was approaching the runway waiting for clearance to cross. I saw the B-57 approaching and suddenly saw sparks fly. It looked like the front landing gear collapsed, but I'm not sure. It was clearly in serious trouble and our group ran back away from the runway and watched it crash and burn as it veered off the runway on the opposite side. It sounded like 20mm rounds cooking off and then I think a bomb exploded. That was the worst crash I saw while I was at Danang. You wrote an exceptionally good article about it. In fact, that's how I learned about VSPA. I was having an email discussion with someone about a plane crash in LA somewhere. I was going to describe the B-57 crash, but I wasn't sure exactly how to spell

Canberra, so I Googled it. I saw your article, and as I began to read it, I realized that I was there and saw the same crash. Then I saw that you wrote it and that proved it, as I remembered you. That's when I contacted VSPA and ultimately became a Life Member. You have done an amazing job with VSPA, and with War-Stories. And who would have thought we would have connected after all these years. But for your article, and for VSPA, I might not have ever connected with most of our Danang group.

Thanks,  
Don

*Donald Jones*  
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**From:** Don Poss [<mailto:dposs@dposs.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 12, 2014 8:05 AM  
**To:** Donald Jones  
**Subject:** Re: Ship of Fools

Don

I agree about VSPA not being the best platform for any political editorial. I want to post them at [War-Stories.com](http://War-Stories.com) where there are no restrictions. WS gets twice the daily hits as VSPA. Your topical satire and humor is a great style, and frankly I agree with what you write. You would not have to defend anything as I would not list your email. Whenever a topic stirred your interest your article would appear under a section called Opinion. You would not be obligated to write anything at all. Only invited writers may post there, and it will not be fair and balanced, just telling it like it is.

Do you remember the B-57 crash on take off? Were you and King on waiting to cross the runway with several other K9 as it was waiting for clearance?

Thank you,

Don Poss  
Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 11, 2014, at 9:25 AM, "Donald Jones"  
<[bearpaw05@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bearpaw05@sbcglobal.net)> wrote:

Don,  
Thanks for your comments.

I wouldn't mind if you were to print my comments, as a short editorial, though at this stage in my life I wouldn't want to be committed to write articles on a particular schedule or timeline. I could imagine writing an editorial regarding my experience (very positive) with the VA regarding my treatment for Hairy Cell Leukemia and Prostate Cancer under the "presumptive rule" for AO exposure. That's probably relevant these days, given the current VA issues. I might come up with other ideas over time. I tend to comment with satire and humor more than on serious subjects.

While I imagine the vast majority of our VSPA members are conservative, I expect some significant percentage have a liberal leanings, so there may be some pushback regarding this particular article, and my viewpoint. What I wouldn't like to be involved in is ongoing combative politically oriented reply's, partly because I don't particularly like politics that much, and partly because in order to defend my position I would probably need to do more research that I'd like, as I'm admittedly not very politically astute.

I'll leave it up to you whether it's worth pursuing your idea. I'm definitely not on an editorial writing kick, but would consider it on a limited basis, of course with your option to publish or not to publish.

Hope you eye is improving. I can relate to that somewhat. I've had two laser treatments for Glaucoma, and I'm on three different eye drops to control optical pressures. Follow the advice of your Ophthalmologist; your second eye isn't a spare. In 1965 we were the picture of health. A lot can happen after 49 years.

Don

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**From:** Don Poss [<mailto:dposs@dposs.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 09, 2014 11:52 AM  
**To:** 'Donald Jones'  
**Subject:** RE: Ship of Fools

Don,

I always like reading your editorial—they are right-on.

Would you care to write a weekly or monthly or ad hoc editorial for [War-Stories.com](http://War-Stories.com)? Your reviews will be as-is and not edited by anyone.

We could come up with a title for your comments.

Don Poss

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**From:** Donald Jones  
[<mailto:bearpaw05@sbcglobal.net>]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 9, 2014 11:30 AM  
**To:** Donald Jones  
**Subject:** Ship of Fools

The sum total of Obama's record of disgraceful decisions, actions and incompetent leadership is so apparent that, if some of them don't meet the technical criteria for impeachment, they should put him and his supporters on notice that there's a Tsunami of patriots in our country who will likely unite to vote him and his Democratic supporters out of office in upcoming elections, for the good of the country, and for the preservation of our historical values, minus political correctness, and minus social engineering. We all understand that many political decisions and actions are not always absolutely straight forward, clear and indisputable. When they're in dispute, it's the rationale for the actions that drives controversy. Differences in rationale views lie in the root of social and political values. The misuse of political power also drives controversy. Are many members of the House and Senate complicit in our mounting governmental failures - absolutely, and they're not limited to Democrats.

Look at some of the people who surround Obama in his administration, and look back at some of the controversial decisions that they've made - Eric Holder, Kathleen Sibelius, Chuck Hagel, Harry Reid, Nancy Pelosi - to name just a few. In my opinion Obama can best be characterized as Captain of the "Ship of Fools". My hope is that his administration will be voted out by thinking and informed voters. My hope again is that their votes won't be cancelled out by the large community of unthinking and uninformed voters who have no clue, and no concern, about the direction that our country is heading.

Concerned Don

***Donald Jones***  
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