



HERE ARE A FEW BLOGS
YOU MIGHT HAVE MISSED.

**Do You Remember the
Oklahoma City Bombing?**

Last month, we conducted a teambuilding program in Oklahoma City for the U.S. District Court. The class was just across the street from the Oklahoma City National Memorial & Museum—an awe-inspiring site that honors the victims, survivors, rescuers...

**Leadership: Loving Your
Own Style**

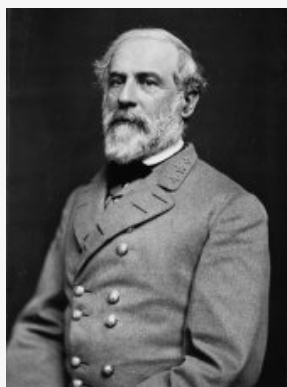
How many times have you “kicked” yourself for not liking parts of your job? In a recent blog, “Stuck Inside Myself,” by author, Mary Gottschalk, my college friend Mary wrote about how she hated marketing her books. The more time she spent on marketing strategies, the grumpier she got...

**Booker T. Washington on
Lincoln as Role Model**

“In his rise from the most abject poverty and ignorance to a position of high usefulness and power, he taught the world one of the greatest of all lessons. In fighting his own battle up from obscurity and squalor, he fought the battle of every other individual and race that is down...

**What Would Churchill Do?
Russia and the Ukraine**

We often turn to the lessons of history and ask what a great leader from the past might say about today’s crises. And we



Eisenhower Defends Robert E. Lee

We thank our friend, Bolling Williamson, historian / banker / instructor, for sharing this insightful letter from one of our favorite historic role models about another great role model from history.

President Dwight Eisenhower received this letter from Leon W. Scott, a dentist in New Rochelle, New York.

August 1, 1960

Dear Mr. President:

At the Republican Convention I heard you mention that you have the pictures of four (4) great Americans in your office, and that included in these is a picture of Robert E. Lee.

I do not understand how any American can include Robert E. Lee as a person to be emulated, and why the President of the United States of America should do so is certainly beyond me.

p> The most outstanding thing that Robert E. Lee did was to devote his best efforts to the destruction of the United States Government, and I am sure that you do not say that a person who tries to destroy our Government is worthy of being hailed as one of our heroes.

Will you please tell me just why you hold him in such high esteem?

*Sincerely yours,
Leon W. Scott*

Below is Eisenhower's response, written on White House letterhead.

August 9, 1960

Dear Dr. Scott:

revere most great leaders as models for our actions today. In fact, that concept is the basis for our leadership training...

Eleanor Roosevelt: A Flexible and Purposeful Leader

Leaders are able to show flexibility, to change with circumstances while continuing to move toward their larger vision. They do it by looking for opportunity and avoiding distractions. Eleanor Roosevelt counseled patience and courage...

Yes, There Were Women Leaders Even In Ancient Times

Every year, women get the month of March to celebrate their history — 31 days to squeeze in all the stories of how astounding female leaders saved the world. That's impossible, so let's take a look at a sampling from ancient times. The star lineup, after the fall of Rome and before the printing press, turns out to be largely saints or holy women...

General Lee Explains Why He Lost the Battle of Gettysburg

Oftentimes people ask what is the one decision I would change if I had the opportunity and without hesitation I always respond that I would have waited until late August or early September to initiate the Army of Northern Virginia's second invasion of the North...

Respecting your August 1 inquiry calling attention to my often expressed admiration for General Robert E. Lee, I would say, first, that we need to understand that at the time of the War Between the States the issue of Secession had remained unresolved for more than 70 years. Men of probity, character, public standing and unquestioned loyalty, both North and South, had disagreed over this issue as a matter of principle from the day our Constitution was adopted.

General Robert E. Lee was, in my estimation, one of the supremely gifted men produced by our Nation. He believed unswervingly in the Constitutional validity of his cause which until 1865 was still an arguable question in America; he was thoughtful yet demanding of his officers and men, forbearing with captured enemies but ingenious, unrelenting and personally courageous in battle, and never disheartened by a reverse or obstacle. Through all his many trials, he remained selfless almost to a fault and unfailing in his belief in God. Taken altogether, he was noble as a leader and as a man, and unsullied as I read the pages of our history.

From deep conviction I simply say this: a nation of men of Lee's caliber would be unconquerable in spirit and soul. Indeed, to the degree that present-day American youth will strive to emulate his rare qualities, including his devotion to this land as revealed in his painstaking efforts to help heal the nation's wounds once the bitter struggle was over, we, in our own time of danger in a divided world, will be strengthened and our love of freedom sustained.

Such are the reasons that I proudly display the picture of this great American on my office wall.

Sincerely,

Dwight D. Eisenhower

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