

"ROBERT E. LEE WAS THE GREATEST AMERICAN  
GENERAL THAT HAS EVER LIVED"  
BY PAT/SALTY

I SAY SO BECAUSE HE WAS.  
THE GREATEST AMERICAN GENERAL OF ALL.

SOME MIGHT BELIEVE IT WAS GEORGE WASHINGTON.

THE REASON I DON'T SAY SO IS TWOFOLD;

# 1) AMERICA - DURING THE REVOLUTION -  
WAS NOT REALLY AN INDEPENDENT  
NATION DURING ITS REVOLUTION, IT WAS  
A BRITISH COLONY IN REVOLT AGAINST  
GREAT BRITAIN, FIGHTING FOR INDEPENDENCE,  
AND OCCUPIED BY BRITISH FORCES, AND;

# 2) DURING THE LATTER PART OF THE  
REVOLUTION - AND AT ITS CONCLUSION - GEORGE  
WASHINGTON HAD, AS HIS ~~ARMY~~<sup>ALLY</sup>, THE SECOND  
GREATEST POWER - FRANCE - AT HIS SIDE.

GENERAL ROBERT E. LEE NEVER - AT ANY  
TIME DURING HIS COMMAND - NEVER HAD  
SUCH AN ADVANTAGE AS THAT (AS WASHINGTON  
HAD FROM FRANCE AND FROM FRENCH ARMS  
AND FRENCH SUPPLYS AND FRENCH TROOPS - AT  
YORKTOWN, FOR INSTANCE).

NO - NOT AT ALL;

ROBERT E. LEE - BY ALL ACCOUNTS  
AT THE TIME AND SENSE - FOUGHT AND  
COMMANDED AND LED HIS FORCES  
BRILIANTLY (AND THIS FROM ALL ACCOUNTS!)  
FROM 1861 UNTILL THE CONFEDERACY  
FELL IN 1865 AND HE ALWAYS HAD TO  
FIGHT OUTNUMBERED, OUTSUPPLIED, AND  
OUTMANNED - AS THE ULTIMATE MILITARY  
UNDERDOG - EVERY DAY HE COMMANDERED.  
NOT SO WITH GEORGE WASHINGTON. →

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NOT SO WITH ULISIS S. GRANT.  
NOT SO WITH GENERAL SHERMAN.  
NOT SO WITH GENERAL PERSHING IN WWI.  
NOT SO WITH GENERALS MCARTHUR OR PATTON  
OR EISENHOWER OR BRADLY OR ANY OTHER  
AMERICAN GENERAL OF EITHER WORLD  
WARS ONE OR TWO.

NOT SO OF WESTMORLAND OR ABRAHMS  
IN VIETNAM. OR OF "STORMIN' NORMAN"  
SHWARTSKAUF IN THE FIRST GULF WAR.  
NOT SO - IN OTHER WORDS - OF ANY  
AMERICAN GENERAL EXCEPT FOR THE  
ONE AND ONLY GENERAL ROBERT E. LEE.  
ONLY FOR HIM.

THATS WHY ANY ARGUMENT OR DEBATE  
OR DOUBT ABOUT JUST EXACTLY WHO  
WAS - OR IS - THE GREATEST AMERICAN  
GENERAL THAT EVER LIVED, IS SILLY.  
IGNORANT AND SILLY, CONDUCTED BY THE MISINFORMED.  
BECAUSE NO OTHER AMERICAN GENERAL,  
SUCH AS THE FOREMENTIONED GENERALS  
LISTED ABOVE, EVEN COMES CLOSE.  
BECAUSE IF ANY OF THEM HAS ATTAINED  
THEIR FAME BY WAGING THEIR WARS  
WHILE COMMANDING LESS TROOPS AND  
LESS SUPPLIES THEN THEIR OPPONENTS, I  
-SALTY- WOULD SAY YES - THEY WOULD AT  
LEAST BE IN THE DISCUSSION OF WHICH  
AMERICAN GENERAL WAS THE GREATEST,  
BUT THEY DIDN'T, SO I CAN'T. ONLY  
GENERAL ROBERT E. LEE DID. FOR  
4 YEARS HE DID THAT. FOUGHT AS THE  
OVERWHELMING MILITARY UNDERDOG AND  
FOUGHT & LED BRILIANTLY, ONLY LEE DID THAT. →

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ONLY LEE FOUGHT his WHOLE WAR AGAINST OVERWHELMING ODDS FROM BEGINNING TO END. NONE OF THE OTHER FAMOUS AMERICAN GENERALS EVER DID. THEY NEVER HAD TO. LEE HAD TO.

Oh, sure; some can - and do - say and write how this or that American general pulled off this or that particular battle - or war - brilliantly, or got out of this or that encirclement or battle, sure, some - unable to except the obvious - might self

deludedly see themselves as great debate enders by saying "But Robert E. Lee ended up - when all's said and done - ended up losing his war!"

Such individuals only prove their own ignorance by saying, or writing, or believing, such statements; (as if proof were

needed) in reality Lee never lost that war at all (in fact, throughout Lee lost very few battles during the civil war)

Lee was - of course - on the losing side - with the confederacy - and Lee did - in the end - have to surrender

the forces under his command - But Robert E. Lee never lost the war.

In the end, the confederacy and the forces it had left could simply not go on. They were outgunned, outmanned, outsupplied and out of luck. Their people were starving, even Lee's

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OWN FORCES WERE REDUCED TO HUNGER AND RAGS; DUE TO 4 THINGS;

- #1) THE NAVAL BLOCKADE OF THE NORTH
- #2) THE ATTRITION RATE OF THE WAR;
- #3) THE DEVASTATION OF SOUTHERN SUPPLY SUCH AS WAS BROUGHT ABOUT BY SHERMAN'S MARCH TO THE SEA, AND,
- #4) THE SOUTH'S FAILURE TO SECURE AN OVERSEAS ~~ALLY~~ ALLY SUCH AS GREAT BRITAIN OR FRANCE (SUCH AS WASHINGTON SECURED WITH FRANCE DURING THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION)

THESE FOUR REASONS ARE WHY LEE WAS FINALLY - AFTER 4 YEARS - FORCED TO SURRENDER AND NONE OF THE 4 REASONS HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH ROBERT E. LEE'S GENERALSHIP OR LEADERSHIP - AT ALL.

SO ALLOW ME - PAT/SALTY - TO REPEAT ONE MORE FINAL TIME, FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE UNINFORMED, THE CLUELESS, THE IGNORANT, AND ALL THEIR FOLLOWERS AND ILK; SOUTHERN GENERAL ROBERT E. LEE WAS INDEED THE GREATEST AMERICAN GENERAL WHO HAS EVER LIVED.  
END OF STORY.

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