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Robert Edward Lee (1807–1870)

Introduction

After graduating from West Point, Lee was commissioned into the Engineering Corps, later earning distinction for his reconnaissance that contributed to Scott's victories at Contreras and Churubusco and Chapultepec Castle in 1847.

After his first field command, Lee worked as an advisor to the President in 1862, with authority for the military. He later created the Army of Northern Virginia, using successful defensive tactics to win several major campaigns. In 1865 Lee was named General in Chief of Confederate Armies but he struggled with a weakened army and surrendered to Union General in Chief U S Grant in 1865. Before his death, he was President of Washington College in Lexington and was restored to full citizenship by an act of Congress in 1975.

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