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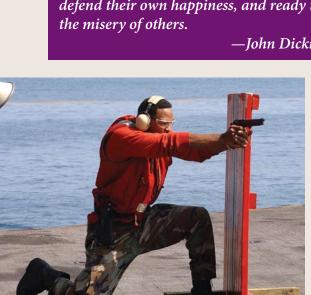
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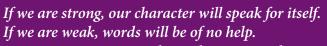
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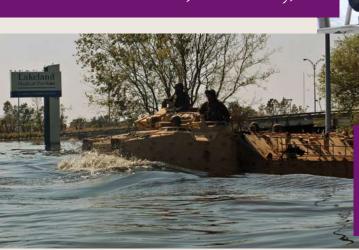


Their blood and their toil, their endurance and patriotism, have made us, and all who come after us forever their debtors.

—President Theodore Roosevelt, 1903



—President John F. Kennedy, 1963



In a free society it is impossible to protect against every possible threat. And so the only way to defend our citizens where we live is to go after the terrorists where they live.

—President George W. Bush, 2005