

Look to Tomorrow

On one of the darkest days of the Iraq war, when U.S. casualties were at their highest, General David Petraeus shared with his top staff an anecdote from the U.S. Civil War.

“Grant literally has his back to the river – the whole army has its back to the river. He’s in the rain, because the only place with shelter was full of wounded people who were obviously crying out. The rain’s dripping off his hat, and he’s got this soggy cigar, as he always did.

“Sherman comes up and says, basically, ‘Well, we had a tough day today, Grant.’ And Grant says, ‘Yup. Lick ‘em tomorrow, though.’”

Good leaders never give in to despair, no matter how dark the storm clouds that surround them.

As John Kotter, a professor at Harvard Business School, has said: “We should always look at difficult situations not just as difficult situations but as an opportunity to launch some changes that will make you stronger in the future.”

That advice certainly applies to the work of Life Care, Century Park and Life Care at Home.

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