

# A Eulogy for Robert D. Trent

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## Bob Left Us

Bob Left Us.

Bob left us with a great Team.

Bob left us with the will to be winners and succeed.

Bob left us with a sense of accomplishment.

Bob left us all a little better than we were before he brought us into the NwHIN Program.

Bob left us with the memories of a great leader, who was cool, wise, and decisive under pressure.

Bob left us, knowing that everything he had in his hands in was BETTER because he was involved.

Bob left us with a better understanding of Leadership.

Bob left us, knowing that we had delighted the Customer and helped the Department of Veterans Affairs gain considerable ground in its efforts to design and implement the world's best Electronic Health Records Management System.





This is what I wrote about Bob on September 19, 2011:

Anyway, after more than 30 years in the industry, I can tell you that Bob, this Team, and CACI are all uncommonly excellent and have all the necessary ingredients and track record so far, for a successful program that will continue to merit your confidence and the customer's confidence. And it will be something that CACI can use as a blueprint for repeatable successes in the not-too-distant future, if CACI can continue to win contracts like this. Furthermore, Bob is such a strong, excellent leader, with great technical capabilities, experience, vision, integrity, intuition, and people skills, that I would work with Bob in ANY situation (from ditches to donuts), and enjoy it, and feel good about it. Indeed, leaders like Bob are so uncommon that I think they may only come around once in a career, and for me, that once appears to be now. I am extremely grateful for it. There is only one Bob Trent for this time and this Team. We are all blessed to get to work with him and support him. Thank you, Gene, Elliott, and Bob for finding me and providing this rare, extraordinary opportunity at success and service on this amazing program with this high performance Team.

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I am grateful that we had the opportunity to know and work with Bob Trent. I am also grateful that I had the opportunity to write those things about him while he was still with us, so that he clearly understood how strongly we felt about him. And finally, I grateful that Bob had the support, love, and understanding of his family, for I know it was them for which he worked so hard and from whom he drew his strength and inspiration.

God, thank You, for loaning us Bob Trent for as long as we had him here with us. We are all better people for having had Bob as our friend, leader, and family member.