

Chester W. Nimitz

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God grant me the courage not to give up what I think is right even though I think it is hopeless.

~Chester W. Nimitz

They fought together as brothers in arms; they died together and now they sleep side by side. To them we have a solemn obligation.

~Chester W. Nimitz

Leadership consists of picking good men and helping them do their best.

~Chester W. Nimitz

We shall never forget that it was our submarines that held the lines against the enemy while our fleets replaced losses and repaired wounds.

~Chester W. Nimitz

When you're in command, command.

~Chester W. Nimitz

It is the function of the Navy to carry the war to the enemy so that it will not be fought on U.S. soil.

~Chester W. Nimitz

A ship is always referred to as 'she' because it costs so much to keep one in paint and powder.

~Chester W. Nimitz

Luck can be attributed to a well-conceived plan carried out by a well-trained and indoctrinated task group.

~Chester W. Nimitz

If you're not making waves, you're not under weigh.

~Chester W. Nimitz

The U.S.'s major strength factor and weapon is its economy. If you cripple it, you cripple the military.

~Chester W. Nimitz

Some of the best advice I've had comes from junior officers and enlisted men.

~Chester W. Nimitz

I have just taken on a great responsibility. I will do my utmost to meet it.

~Chester W. Nimitz

Among the men who fought on Iwo Jima, uncommon valor was a common virtue.

~Chester W. Nimitz

I felt that it was an unnecessary loss of civilian life... We had them beaten. They hadn't enough food, they couldn't do anything.

~Chester W. Nimitz

The best that science can devise and that naval organization can provide must be regarded only as an aid, and never as a substitute for good seamanship.

~Chester W. Nimitz

Hindsight is notably cleverer than foresight.

~Chester W. Nimitz

The Japanese had, in fact, already sued for peace. The atomic bomb played no decisive part, from a purely military point of view, in the defeat of Japan.

~Chester W. Nimitz

The enemy of our games was always Japan, and the courses were so

thorough that after the start of World War II, nothing that happened in the Pacific was strange or unexpected.

~Chester W. Nimitz

Our present control of the sea is so absolute that it is sometimes taken for granted.

~Chester W. Nimitz

We must not again underestimate the Japanese.

~Chester W. Nimitz

Through the skill and devotion to duty of their armed forces of all branches in the Midway area our citizens can now rejoice that a momentous victory is in the making.

~Chester W. Nimitz

No other island received as much preliminary pounding as did Iwo Jima.

~Chester W. Nimitz

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