

Curtis LeMay

Quotes

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If you are going to use military force, then you ought to use overwhelming military force. Use too much and deliberately use too much; you'll save lives, not only your own, but the enemy's too.

~Curtis LeMay

If you kill enough of them, they stop fighting.

~Curtis LeMay

There are no innocent civilians, so it doesn't bother me so much to be killing innocent bystanders.

~Curtis LeMay

If we maintain our faith in God, love of freedom, and superior global air power, the future looks good.

~Curtis LeMay

I don't have time to distinguish between the unfortunate and the incompetent.

~Curtis LeMay

I don't mind being called tough, since I find in this racket it's the tough guys who lead the survivors.

~Curtis LeMay

If we'd lost the war, we'd all have been prosecuted as war criminals.

~Curtis LeMay

Don't like to do anything half-heartedly, even if it is a wicked and self-destructive avocation like smoking cigars

~Curtis LeMay

We're at war with Japan. We were attacked by Japan. Do you want to kill Japanese, or would you rather have Americans killed?

~Curtis LeMay

Today, shooting wars are won or lost before they start. If they are fought at all, they would be fought principally to confirm which side had won at the outset.

~Curtis LeMay

You've got to kill people, and when you've killed enough they stop fighting.

~Curtis LeMay

My solution to the problem would be to tell the North Vietnamese Communists frankly that they've got to draw in their horns and stop their aggression or we're going to bomb them into the stone age.

~Curtis LeMay

I don't want to hear of any of you men getting into any fights with the British. But if you do, you'd better not get whipped.

~Curtis LeMay

I'd like to see a more aggressive attitude on the part of the United States. That doesn't mean launching an immediate preventive war.

~Curtis LeMay

Killing Japanese didn't bother me very much at that time... I suppose if I had lost the war, I would have been tried as a war criminal.

~Curtis LeMay

Sometime in the future - 25, 50, 75 years hence - what will the situation be like then? By that time the Chinese will have the capability of delivery too.

~Curtis LeMay

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