

Douglas MacArthur

Quotes

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I am concerned for the security of our great Nation; not so much because of any threat from without, but because of the insidious forces working from within.

~Douglas MacArthur

Whoever said the pen is mightier than the sword obviously never encountered automatic weapons.

~Douglas MacArthur

The soldier, above all other people, prays for peace, for he must suffer and bear the deepest wounds and scars of war.

~Douglas MacArthur

Duty, Honor, Country. Those three hallowed words reverently dictate what you ought to be, what you can be, what you will be.

~Douglas MacArthur

No man is entitled to the blessings of freedom unless he be vigilant in its preservation.

~Douglas MacArthur

Give me ten thousand Filipino soldiers and I will conquer the world.

~Douglas MacArthur

Even when opportunity knocks, a man still has to get up off his seat and open the door.

~Douglas MacArthur

For those to whom much is given, much is required. It is not whether you get knocked down, it's whether you get up. There is no substitute for victory.

~Douglas MacArthur

Have a good plan, execute it violently, and do it today.

~Douglas MacArthur

You are remembered for the rules you break.

~Douglas MacArthur

Once war is forced upon us, there is no alternative than to apply every available means to bring it to a swift end. War's very object is victory-not prolonged indecision.

~Douglas MacArthur

There is no security on this earth; there is only opportunity.

~Douglas MacArthur

Rules are mostly made to be broken and are too often for the lazy to hide behind.

~Douglas MacArthur

The enemy is in front of us, the enemy is behind us, the enemy is to the right and to the left of us. They can't get away this time!

~Douglas MacArthur

Old soldiers never die; they just fade away.

~Douglas MacArthur

We are not retreating - we are advancing in another direction.

~Douglas MacArthur

Preparedness is the key to success and victory.

~Douglas MacArthur

It is my earnest hope, and indeed the hope of all mankind, that from this solemn occasion a better world shall emerge out of the blood and carnage of the past...

~Douglas MacArthur

I have just returned from visiting the Marines at the front, and there is not a finer fighting organization in the world!

~Douglas MacArthur

Years wrinkle the skin. Giving up wrinkles the soul.

~Douglas MacArthur

Beware not the enemy from 'without' but the enemy from 'within'.

~Douglas MacArthur

I had learned one of the bitter lessons of life: never try to regain the past, the fire will have become ashes.

~Douglas MacArthur

Worry, doubt, fear and despair are the enemies which slowly bring us down to the ground and turn us to dust before we die.

~Douglas MacArthur

Americans never quit.

~Douglas MacArthur

Age wrinkles the body. Quitting wrinkles the soul.

~Douglas MacArthur

Life is a lively process of becoming.

~Douglas MacArthur

Only those are fit to live who are not afraid to die.

~Douglas MacArthur

The soldier, above all other men, is required to practice the greatest act of religious training - sacrifice.

~Douglas MacArthur

Believe me, sir, never a night goes by, be I ever so tired, but I read the Word of God before I go to bed.

~Douglas MacArthur

They died hard, those savage men - like wounded wolves at bay. They were filthy, and they were lousy, and they stunk. And I loved them.

~Douglas MacArthur

It is fatal to enter any war without the will to win it.

~Douglas MacArthur

Never give an order that can't be obeyed.

~Douglas MacArthur

War's very object is victory, not prolonged indecision. In war there is no substitute for victory.

~Douglas MacArthur

In many situations that seemed desperate, the artillery has been a most vital factor.

~Douglas MacArthur

A good soldier, whether he leads a platoon or an army, is expected to look backward as well as forward; but he must think only forward.

~Douglas MacArthur

Wars are caused by unprotected wealth.

~Douglas MacArthur

The best luck of all is the luck you make for yourself.

~Douglas MacArthur

A general is just as good or just as bad as the troops under his command make him.

~Douglas MacArthur

There are no atheists in the foxholes of Bataan.

~Douglas MacArthur

Optimism is denial, so face the facts and move on

~Douglas MacArthur

Freemasonry embraces the highest moral laws and will bear the test of any system of ethics or philosophy ever promulgated for the uplift of man.

~Douglas MacArthur

Our government has kept us in a perpetual state of fear - kept us in a continuous stampede of patriotic fervor - with the cry of grave national emergency.

~Douglas MacArthur

Whether in chains or in laurels, liberty knows nothing but victories.

~Douglas MacArthur

No plan ever survives its first encounter with the enemy.

~Douglas MacArthur

I came out of Bataan and I shall return!

~Douglas MacArthur

One cannot wage war under present conditions without the support of public opinion, which is tremendously molded by the press and other forms of propaganda.

~Douglas MacArthur

However horrible the incidents of war may be, the soldier who is called upon to offer and to give his life for his country is the noblest

development of mankind.

~Douglas MacArthur

If we will not devise some greater and more equitable system, Armageddon will be at our door.

~Douglas MacArthur

Part of the American dream is to live long and die young. Only those Americans who are willing to die for their country are fit to live.

~Douglas MacArthur

I have every confidence in the ultimate success of our joint cause; but success in modern war requires something more than courage and a willingness to die: it requires careful preparation.

~Douglas MacArthur

Defensive strategy never has produced ultimate victory.

~Douglas MacArthur

The world is in a constant conspiracy against the brave. It's the age-old struggle: the roar of the crowd on the one side, and the voice of your conscience on the other.

~Douglas MacArthur

Expect only 5% of an intelligence report to be accurate. The trick of a good commander is to isolate the 5%.

~Douglas MacArthur

The object and practice of liberty lies in the limitation of government power.

~Douglas MacArthur

Old soldiers never die, they just lose their grip on reality after traumatic brain injuries.

~Douglas MacArthur

In my dreams I hear again the crash of guns, the rattle of musketry, the strange, mournful mutter of the battlefield.

~Douglas MacArthur

In war there is no substitute for victory.

~Douglas MacArthur

Men will not fight and die without knowing what they are fighting and dying for.

~Douglas MacArthur

The world is in a constant conspiracy against the brave.

~Douglas MacArthur

I will defend Korea as I would my own country-just as I would California.

~Douglas MacArthur

There is not one incident in the history of humanity in which defeatism led to peace which was anything other than a complete fraud.

~Douglas MacArthur

Nine times of ten an army has been destroyed because its supply lines have been severed

~Douglas MacArthur

Training distinguishes an army from an armed mob.

~Douglas MacArthur

The inescapable price of liberty is an ability to preserve it from destruction.

~Douglas MacArthur

WE HAVE HAD OUR LAST CHANCE. THE PROBLEM NOW IS BASICALLY THEOLOGICAL, AND INVOLVES SPIRITUALITY AND IMPROVEMENT OF human CHARACTER. IT MUST BE OF THE SPIRIT IF WE ARE TO SAVE THE FLESH.

~Douglas MacArthur

Never ask age of a woman.

~Douglas MacArthur

Security lies in our ability to produce.

~Douglas MacArthur

We must offer the world leadership designed to advance the goal of universal progress and enduring peace.

~Douglas MacArthur

In no other profession are the penalties for employing untrained personnel so appalling or so irrevocable as in the military.

~Douglas MacArthur

I have returned. By the grace of Almighty God, our forces stand again on Philippine soil.

~Douglas MacArthur

The scale and grandeur of the Russian effort mark it as the greatest military achievement in all history.

~Douglas MacArthur

The nations of the world will have to unite for the next war will be an interplanetary war. The nations of Earth must some day make a common front against attack by people from other planets.

~Douglas MacArthur

On the fields of friendly strife are sown the seeds that on other days, on

other fields will bear the fruits of victory.

~Douglas MacArthur

I see that the flagpole still stands. Have your troops hoist the colors to its peak, and let no enemy ever haul them down.

~Douglas MacArthur

To dilute the will to win is to destroy the purpose of the game. There is no substitute for victory.

~Douglas MacArthur

I came through and I shall return.

~Douglas MacArthur

I can recall no parallel in history where a great nation recently at war has so distinguished its former enemy commander.

~Douglas MacArthur

We have known the bitterness of defeat and the exultation of triumph, and from both we have learned there can be no turning back. We must go forward to preserve in peace what we won in war.

~Douglas MacArthur

It was close; but that's the way it is in war. You win or lose, live or die - and the difference is just an eyelash.

~Douglas MacArthur

In war, as it is waged now, with the enormous losses on both sides, both sides will lose. It is a form of mutual suicide.

~Douglas MacArthur

I address you with neither rancor nor bitterness in the fading twilight of life, with but one purpose in mind: to serve my country.

~Douglas MacArthur

The chickens are coming home to roost, and you happen to have just moved into the chicken house.

~Douglas MacArthur

In war, indeed, there can be no substitute for victory.

~Douglas MacArthur

A soldier plods and groans, sweats and toils, he growls and curses, and at the end he dies.

~Douglas MacArthur

No army has ever done so much with so little.

~Douglas MacArthur

I realize that advice is worth what it costs--that is, nothing.

~Douglas MacArthur

There is no security. Only opportunity.

~Douglas MacArthur

I'll come back as soon as I can with as much as I can. In the meantime, you've got to hold!

~Douglas MacArthur

A better world shall emerge based on faith and understanding.

~Douglas MacArthur

It must be of the spirit if we are to save the flesh.

~Douglas MacArthur

Like the old soldier of the ballad, I now close my military career and just fade away, an old soldier who tried to do his duty as God gave him the light to see that duty. Goodbye.

~Douglas MacArthur

In war, when a commander becomes so bereft of reason and perspective that he fails to understand the dependence of arms on Divine guidance, he no longer deserves victory.

~Douglas MacArthur

The great question is, can war be outlawed from the world? If so, it would mark the greatest advance in civilization since the Sermon on the Mount.

~Douglas MacArthur

From the Far East I send you one single thought, one sole idea - written in red on every beachhead from Australia to Tokyo - "There is no substitute for victory!"

~Douglas MacArthur

Let us pray that peace be now restored to the world, and that God will preserve it always.

~Douglas MacArthur

If I had one more division like this First Marine Division I could win this war.

~Douglas MacArthur

I've looked that old scoundrel death in the eye many times but this time I think he has me on the ropes.

~Douglas MacArthur

Could I have but a line a century hence crediting a contribution to the advance of peace, I would yield every honor which has been accorded by war.

~Douglas MacArthur

I am of Virginia and all my professional life I have studied of Lee and Jackson

~Douglas MacArthur

The hated system of land tenure, so contributory to general unrest in Asia, has been abolished. Every farmer is now accorded the right and dignity of ownership of the land he long has tilled.

~Douglas MacArthur

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