

George S. Patton

Quotes

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The object of war is not to die for your country but to make the other bastard die for his.

~George S. Patton

If everyone is thinking alike, then somebody isn't thinking.

~George S. Patton

I don't measure a man's success by how high he climbs but how high he bounces when he hits bottom.

~George S. Patton

May God have mercy for my enemies because I won't.

~George S. Patton

I am a Soldier, I fight where I am told, and I win where I fight.

~George S. Patton

A good plan violently executed now is better than a perfect plan executed next week.

~George S. Patton

Give me an Army of West Point graduates and I'll win a battle... Give me a handful of Texas Aggies and I'll win a war.

~George S. Patton

A leader is a man who can adapt principles to circumstances.

~George S. Patton

Better to fight for something than live for nothing.

~George S. Patton

Never tell people how to do things. Tell them what to do and they will surprise you with their ingenuity.

~George S. Patton

Lead me, follow me, or get out of my way.

~George S. Patton

Fear kills more people than death.

~George S. Patton

It is foolish and wrong to mourn the men who died. Rather we should thank God that such men lived.

~George S. Patton

The highest obligation and privilege of citizenship is bearing arms.

~George S. Patton

You cannot be disciplined in great things and undisciplined in small things.

~George S. Patton

If you tell people where to go, but not how to get there, you'll be amazed at the results.

~George S. Patton

Accept the challenges so that you can feel the exhilaration of victory.

~George S. Patton

No good decision was ever made in a swivel chair.

~George S. Patton

The test of success is not what you do when you are on top. Success is how high you bounce when you hit bottom.

~George S. Patton

When in doubt, observe and ask questions. When certain, observe at length and ask many more questions.

~George S. Patton

Make the mind run the body. Never let the body tell the mind what to do. The body will always give up.

~George S. Patton

Do not try to make circumstances fit your plans. Make plans that fit the circumstances.

~George S. Patton

An active mind cannot exist in an inactive body.

~George S. Patton

Always do more than is required of you.

~George S. Patton

Fixed fortifications are a monument to the stupidity of man.

~George S. Patton

The soldier is the Army. No army is better than its soldiers. The Soldier is also a citizen. In fact, the highest obligation and privilege of citizenship is that of bearing arms for one's country

~George S. Patton

Keep going, someone must be on top, why not you?

~George S. Patton

Good tactics can save even the worst strategy. Bad tactics will destroy even the best strategy.

~George S. Patton

The supreme measure of a man, is what he would risk his life for.

~George S. Patton

I do not have to tell you who won the war. You know, the artillery did.

~George S. Patton

Do your damndest in an ostentatious manner all the time.

~George S. Patton

All men are timid on entering any fight. Whether it is the first or the last fight, all of us are timid. Cowards are those who let their timidity get the better of their manhood.

~George S. Patton

Courage is fear holding on a minute longer.

~George S. Patton

Pressure makes diamonds

~George S. Patton

If a man does his best, what else is there?

~George S. Patton

Attack rapidly, ruthlessly, viciously, without rest, however tired and hungry you may be, the enemy will be more tired, more hungry. Keep punching.

~George S. Patton

Plans must be simple and flexible....They must be made by the people who execute them.

~George S. Patton

You need to overcome the tug of people against you as you reach for high goals.

~George S. Patton

Often I have encountered in life that great disappointments have proved to be the road to future successes.

~George S. Patton

When there is fear of failure, there will be failure.

~George S. Patton

A civil servant is sometimes like a broken cannon - it won't work and you can't fire it.

~George S. Patton

The most difficult thing about being humble is not being able to brag about it.

~George S. Patton

In case of doubt, push on just a little further and then keep on pushing.

~George S. Patton

Never let the enemy pick the battle site.

~George S. Patton

Take calculated risks. That is quite different from being rash.

~George S. Patton

You're never beaten until you admit it

~George S. Patton

You must be single minded. Drive for the one thing on which you have decided.

~George S. Patton

Success is how high you bounce when you hit bottom.

~George S. Patton

In case of doubt, attack.

~George S. Patton

There is no such thing as a successful defense.

~George S. Patton

There are three ways that men get what they want: by planning, by working, and by praying.

~George S. Patton

To be a successful soldier, you must know history.

~George S. Patton

Nobody ever defended anything successfully, there is only attack and attack and attack some more.

~George S. Patton

The most vital quality a soldier can possess is self-confidence.

~George S. Patton

Be willing to make decisions. That's the most important quality in a good leader.

~George S. Patton

Moral courage is the most valuable and usually the most absent characteristic in men

~George S. Patton

Prepare for the unknown by studying how others in the past have coped with the unforeseeable and the unpredictable.

~George S. Patton

Watch what people are cynical about, and one can often discover what they lack.

~George S. Patton

Wars may be fought with weapons, but they are won by men. It is the spirit of men who follow and of the man who leads that gains the

victory.

~George S. Patton

A man must know his destiny. if he does not recognize it, then he is lost.

~George S. Patton

Wars are not won by fighting battles; wars are won by choosing battles

~George S. Patton

Always advance. Never dig in.

~George S. Patton

There's only one way for a professional soldier to die. That's from the last bullet of the last battle of the last war.

~George S. Patton

Perpetual peace is a futile dream.

~George S. Patton

In war nothing is impossible, provided you use audacity.

~George S. Patton

Human beings are made up of flesh and blood, and a miracle fiber called courage.

~George S. Patton

Battle is the most magnificent competition in which a human being can indulge.

~George S. Patton

Duty is the essence of manhood.

~George S. Patton

No bastard ever won a war by dying for his country. He won it by making the other poor dumb bastard die for his country.

~George S. Patton

Infantry must move forward to close with the enemy. It must shoot in order to move.... To halt under fire is folly. To halt under fire and not fire back is suicide. Officers must set the example

~George S. Patton

Anyone in any walk of life who is content with mediocrity is untrue to himself and to American tradition.

~George S. Patton

You fight like you train.

~George S. Patton

A good battle plan that you act on today can be better than a perfect one tomorrow.

~George S. Patton

War is simple, direct, and ruthless.

~George S. Patton

You shouldn't underestimate an enemy, but it is just as fatal to overestimate him.

~George S. Patton

The only way you get on in this profession is to have the reputation of doing what you are told as thoroughly as possible.

~George S. Patton

Never draw a gun on a man unless you intend to kill him. And believe me, if you do intend to kill him he will already know it. Then he will feel the cold breath of the tomb.

~George S. Patton

We herd sheep, we drive cattle, we lead people. Lead me, follow me, or get out of my way.

~George S. Patton

There is no proof nor yet any denial. We were, we are, and we will be.

~George S. Patton

There is no such thing as luck, merely opportunity meeting preparedness. George S. Patton Jr.

~George S. Patton

continue to advance until you run out of ammunition. Then, dig in.

~George S. Patton

Officers must be made to care for their men. That is the sole duty of all officers.

~George S. Patton

Always do everything you ask of those you command.

~George S. Patton

A pint of sweat, saves a gallon of blood.

~George S. Patton

Battle is an orgy of disorder.

~George S. Patton

My men don't dig foxholes. I don't want them to. Foxholes only slow up an offensive. Keep moving. And don't give the enemy time to dig one either.

~George S. Patton

A man is not measured by how much he can take and stand but by how fast he regains once fallen.

~George S. Patton

Let us not mourn that such men died, but rejoice that such men lived.

~George S. Patton

Remember praise is more valuable than blame.

~George S. Patton

I'd rather have a German Division in front of me than a French one behind.

~George S. Patton

Americans play to win at all times. I wouldn't give a hoot and hell for a man who lost and laughed. That's why Americans have never lost nor ever lose a war.

~George S. Patton

War is the supreme test of man in which he rises to heights never approached in any other activity.

~George S. Patton

In war the only sure defense is offense, and the efficiency of the offense depends on the warlike souls of those conducting it.

~George S. Patton

It is only by doing things others have not that one can advance.

~George S. Patton

Success demands a high level of logistical and organizational competence.

~George S. Patton

Don't fall victim to what I call the ready-aim-aim-aim-aim syndrome. You must be willing to fire.

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A man must know his destiny.

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The publicity I have been getting, a good deal of which is untrue, and the rest of it ill considered, has done me more harm than good.

~George S. Patton

If I do my full duty, the rest will take care of itself.

~George S. Patton

When in doubt, ATTACK!

~George S. Patton

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