

# James Mattis

## Quotes

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Be polite, be professional, but have a plan to kill everyone you meet.

~James Mattis

You are part of the world's most feared and trusted force. Engage your brain before you engage your weapon.

~James Mattis

Find the enemy that wants to end this experiment (in American democracy) and kill every one of them until they're so sick of the killing that they leave us and our freedoms intact.

~James Mattis

PowerPoint makes us stupid.

~James Mattis

I don't lose any sleep at night over the potential for failure. I cannot even spell the word.

~James Mattis

Demonstrate to the world there is "No Better Friend, No Worse Enemy" than a U.S. Marine.

~James Mattis

The most important six inches on the battlefield is between your ears.

~James Mattis

If in order to kill the enemy you have to kill an innocent, don't take the shot. Don't create more enemies than you take out by some immoral act.

~James Mattis

No war is over until the enemy says it's over. We may think it over, we may declare it over, but in fact, the enemy gets a vote.

~James Mattis

There are hunters and there are victims. By your discipline...you will decide if you are a hunter or a victim.

~James Mattis

You've been told that you're broken. That you're damaged goods ... there is also Post-Traumatic Growth. You come back from war stronger and more sure of who you are.

~James Mattis

You can overcome wrong technology. Your people have the initiative, they see the problem, no big deal ... you can't overcome bad culture. You've gotta change whoever is in charge.

~James Mattis

There are some people who think you have to hate them in order to shoot them. I don't think you do. It's just business.

~James Mattis

You cannot allow any of your people to avoid the brutal facts. If they start living in a dream world, it's going to be bad.

~James Mattis

Nothing keeps me awake at night. I keep other people awake at night.

~James Mattis

Ultimately, a real understanding of history means that we face NOTHING new under the sun.

~James Mattis

I would happily storm hell in the company of these troops ... how strongly they have demonstrated to the world that free men and women can fight like the dickens.

~James Mattis

Be the hunter, not the hunted: Never allow your unit to be caught with its guard down.

~James Mattis

It is mostly a matter of will. Whose will is going to break first? Ours or the enemy's?

~James Mattis

A country that armed Stalin to defeat Hitler can certainly work alongside enemies of al-Qaida to defeat al-Qaida.

~James Mattis

An untrained or uneducated Marine ... deployed to the combat zone is a bigger threat to mission accomplishment ... than the enemy.

~James Mattis

There is nothing better than getting shot at and missed. It's really great.

~James Mattis

Fight with a happy heart and strong spirit.

~James Mattis

Treachery has existed as long as there's been warfare, and there's always been a few people that you couldn't trust.

~James Mattis

We can kill lots of people. We do kill lots of people. We can destroy virtually anything we choose to destroy.

~James Mattis

In a country with millions of people & cars going everywhere, the enemy is going to get a car bomb out there once in a while.

~James Mattis

General [James] Mattis's primary experience - indeed, his only experience - is as a member of the United States Marine Corps, where he served for 41 years. That's his experience.

~James Mattis

The first time you blow someone away is not an insignificant event.

~James Mattis

Actually, it's a lot of fun to fight. You know, it's a hell of a hoot.

~James Mattis

It's quite fun to fight them, you know. It's a hell of a hoot. It's fun to shoot some people. I'll be right up front with you, I like brawling.

~James Mattis

I think the core problem is much closer to recognizing where force is of value, where it is useful, and to distinguish that from situations in which war is not useful or is indeed counterproductive.

~James Mattis

There is no corporation in the world that would, in a competitive environment, try and concentrate all decisions at the corporate level.

~James Mattis

What would you do differently as defense secretary to compensate for this record in which the greatest military in the world, as we are constantly told, doesn't get the job done?

~James Mattis

I think, broadly speaking, the US military's role - US military activism in various parts of the Islamic world over the past several decades has been counterproductive.

~James Mattis

We have the most skillful, firecest, and certainly the most ethical ground forces in the world... I'm not saying we have to commit right now, but certainly don't pull it off the table.

~James Mattis

We do everything humanly possible, consistent with military necessity, taking many chances to avoid civilian casualties, at all costs.

~James Mattis

Congressman [Mike] Pompeo said he believes the intelligence agencies' claims that Russia hacked the US election.

~James Mattis

We face now an era where we're going to be fighting the terrorist threat. I mean, that's simply a reality we are going to have to address that one.

~James Mattis

I don't see lethality as the problem. I mean, the lethality of US forces is quite remarkable.

~James Mattis

Our strategy right now is to accelerate the campaign against ISIS. It is a threat to all civilized nations.

~James Mattis

We do not draw red lines unless we intend to carry them out. We have made very clear that we are willing to work with China, and we believe China has tried to be helpful.

~James Mattis

We are going to have to continue to keep the pressure on the enemy. There is no room for complacency on this.

~James Mattis

Right now, Russia's future should be wedded to Europe. Why they see NATO as a threat is beyond me. Clearly, NATO is not a threat.

~James Mattis

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