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INTRODUCTION

In order to tell the Army story effectively, it is often necessary to find a phrase, quotation or statement that will stand out in the articles or speeches being prepared.

The United States Army Command Information Unit has compiled the attached quotations and statements on military and related subjects.

From the beginning of time, much has been written about courage, freedom, patriotism and the military services.

This selection has been compiled based on items that will retain their timeliness and on categories which are most frequently used by Army personnel, and are cross indexed by category and author.

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ARMY

I greatly admired the manner in which the American Army was formed. I think it was a prodigy of organization, of improvisation. There have been many occasions when a powerful state has wished to raise great armies, and with money and time, and discipline and loyalty that can be accomplished. Nevertheless the rate at which the small American Army of only a few hundred thousand men, not long before the war, created the mighty force of millions of soldiers, is a wonder of military history. . . . I saw the creation of this mighty force —this mighty Army— victorious in every theater against the enemy in so short a time and from such a very small parent stock. This is an achievement which the soldiers of every other country will always study with admiration and envy.

Sir Winston Churchill

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Armies can not only defend their countries- they can build them.

John F. Kennedy

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WE NO LONGER differentiate in an ultimate sense between Army, National Guard, and Reserve forces. Every energy . . . is bent to the development of the Army of the United States. Our purpose is to think only of the American citizen who is to be a soldier in that Army and to prepare him in time of peace for duties in war.

General John J. Pershing

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The army report confined itself to the single sentence: All quiet on the Western Front.

Erich Maria Remarque

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History shows that there are no invincible armies.

Joseph Stalin

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I'm glad I'm in the Army, not only for the people who are in it and for the breadth of experience which it offers, but because of the feeling I have of belonging to an outfit which really matters, one which has a mission of tremendous significance.

General Maxwell D. Taylor

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BATTLE

Nor if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?

Bible - I Corinthians 14:8

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COMMAND

Put your trust in God, my boys, and keep your powder dry!

Colonel Valentine Blacker

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Go sir, gallop, and don't forget that the world was made in six days. You can ask me for anything you like, except time.

Napoleon Bonaparte

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The man who commands efficiently must have obeyed others in the past, and the man who obeys dutifully is worthy of being some day a commander.

Cicero

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Get there first with the most men.

General Nathan Bedford Forrest

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Tonight you embark upon a combat mission for which our people and the free people of the world have been waiting for two years.

You will spearhead the landing of an American Force upon the island of SICILY. Every preparation has been made to eliminate the element of chance. You have been given the means to do the job and you are backed by the largest assemblage of air power in the world's history.

The eyes of the world are upon you. The hopes and prayers of every American go with you.

General James Gavin

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No terms except an unconditional and immediate surrender.

General U. S. Grant

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Here, soldiers, where you have first met the enemy, you must conquer or die; and the same fortune which has imposed the necessity of fighting holds out to you, if victorious, rewards than which men are not want to desire greater, even from the immortal gods.

Hannibal

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Soldiers, we are attacking. Advance as long as you can. When you can no longer advance, hold your position. When you can no longer hold it, die!

General J.C. Joffre

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Remember your regiment and follow your officers.

Captain Charles A. May

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Stand your ground! Don't fire unless fired upon!
But if they want to have a war, let it begin here!

Captain Jonas Parker

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Don't fire until you see the whites of their eyes.

Colonel William Prescott

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Hold the fort! I am coming!

General William Tecumseh Sherman

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There, my boys, are your enemies, red-coats and Tories. You must beat them-or Molly Stark is a widow tonight.

General John Stark

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Impress upon the mind of every man, from the first to the lowest, the importance of the cause and what it is they are contending for.

George Washington

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COMMUNISM

I cannot forecast to you the action of Russia. It is a riddle wrapped in a mystery inside an enigma.

Sir Winston Churchill

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From Stettin in the Baltic to Reieste in the Adriatic, an iron curtain has descended across the Continent. Behind that line lie all the capitals of the ancient states and central and eastern Europe. Warsaw, Berlin, Prague, Vienna, Budapest, Belgrade, Bucharest and Sofia, all these famous cities and the populations around them lie in what I might call the Soviet sphere, and all are subject, in one form or another, not only to Soviet influence but to a very high and in some cases increasing measure of control from Moscow.

Sir Winston Churchill

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We have for example, a pretty good idea of soviet and Red Chinese military capabilities, we know, too, what the communist leaders mean to do to us, if they can. They mean to destroy us sooner or later. But, these leaders have good reasons to know that the superior power still rests with us. Communism therefore, is now maneuvering for limited goals, as at Berlin and in Laos. Hence the fundamental problem for American intelligence at this stage of the world conquest is to determine how much risk the communist leaders may be prepared to run in seeking to exploit any given situation.

Allen Dulles

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Communism possesses a language which every people understand—its elements are hunger, envy and death.

Henrick Heine

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If the Free World should lose to communism, the loss would be total, final and irrevocable. The citadel of freedom must be preserved because there is no road back to freedom for anyone if the citadel is lost.

Robert S. McNamara

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All of us in the Free World have much to learn about counterinsurgency and guerrilla warfare operations, but learn we must if we are to meet successfully this particular aspect of the Communist threat.

Robert S. McNamara

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It is a curious paradox, as we try to apply the lessons learned from our past, that we face an enemy who tells us that the course of history is fixed . . . that our free way of life is doomed . . . that nothing we can do will alter this outcome.

The Communists are preaching this just as fanatically as Hitler prophesied the invincible rise of Nazism. They are doing everything in their power to convince men and nations that communism is the wave of the future. By so doing, they hope to undermine our resistance and pave the way for world domination.

Norman S. Paul

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(I believe that) we should battle the principles of communism and socialism and convince the world that its true happiness lies in the establishment of a system of liberty; that communism and socialism are the very antithesis of liberalism, and that only a nation conceived in liberty can hope to bring real happiness to its people or the world.

Robert A. Taft

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Now we are faced by a godless conspiracy emanating from Moscow and Peking, where belief in the power of the Almighty is being stamped out as an opiate of the people. . . . Unfortunately the only deterrent the masters of the Kremlin understand and respect is strength in every field. Our determined course then, must be to refurbish our national image in every way in all the farflung areas of the world and concurrently to devote an adequate share of our scientific and technological effort to outpointing the Reds in every field of endeavor.

General Arthur S. Trudeau

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Most active today, however, are the highly developed insurgency and guerrilla forces of Communist conspiracy—from which no emerging nation is safe. While the ambush, the raid, assassination and skillfully used propaganda are the favorite tools of this deadly trade, we know that close behind the mask of their so-called wars of liberation are hidden the naked power of Communist ground forces and the threat of their employment.

General John K. Waters

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There can really be no middle ground in the face of an international situation wherein military force is a major element of the communists' program. . . . the communists have amply demonstrated their ability to create multiple crises in widely separated world areas. There are ever increasing demands for Army ground combat power in its various forms. To thwart communists efforts and to seize opportunities for support of U. S. policy, we require strong combat ready deployed forces in or near potential trouble spots, backed up by regional reserves, and reinforced by a strong mobile central reserve positioned within the U.S. communists bloc efforts very clearly will continue to be probes, tests, exploitation of weak spots, and efforts to divide. These will probably be bold and will be backed up by impressive force. Given their careful

calculation of risks, their emphasis on keeping events under control, and their preference for a blend of political and military action, they are likely to be attracted by other and more tempting programs short of nuclear war or events leading to it. If U.S. national policy is to deal with these efforts effectively, if we are to stop them, and if we are to create opportunities from them, the Army will have to provide a counter pressure through the use of conventional forces short of situations of major attack where nuclear weapons might have to be used.

General Earle G. Wheeler

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COURAGE

The humblest citizen of all the land, when clad in the armor of a righteous cause is stronger than all the hosts of Error.

William Jennings Bryan

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In battle those who are most afraid are always in most danger; but courage is equivalent to a rampart.

Catiline

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I am well aware, soldiers, that words cannot inspire courage, and that a spiritless army cannot be rendered active, or a timid army valiant, by the speech of its commander. Whatever courage is in the heart of a man, whether from nature or from habit, so much will be shown by him in the field; and on him whom neither glory nor danger can move, exhortation is bestowed in vain; for the terror in his breast stops his ears.

Catiline

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Never take counsel of your fears. . . .

General Thomas J. (Stonewall) Jackson

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. . . . Those who test our courage will find it strong
and those who seek our friendship will find it hono-
rable.

Lyndon B. Johnson

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Stay with me, God. The night is dark. The night is
cold: my little spark of courage dies. The night is
long; Be with me, God, and make me strong.

JUNIUS (Pseudonym of the author)

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A peculiar kind of fear they call courage.

Charles Rann Kennedy

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The currency with which you pay for peace is made up
of manly courage, fearless virility, readiness to serve
justice and honor at any cost, and a heart attuned to
sacrifice.

Frank Knox

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While a bright future beckoned, they freely gave their
lives and fondest hopes for us and our allies, that we
might learn from them courage in peace to spend our
lives making a better world for others.

Abbott Lawrence Lowell

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...courage on the battlefield is the greatest single factor in the winning of battles and the waging of war.

General Raymond S. McClain

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The courageous man is the man who forces himself, in spite of his fear, to carry on. Discipline, pride, self-respect, self-confidence, and the love of glory are attributes which will make a man courageous even when he is afraid.

General George S. Patton, Jr.

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Untutored courage is useless in the face of educated bullets.

General George S. Patton, Jr.

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If all the world were just, there would be no need for valor.

Plutarch

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No man can answer for his courage who has never been in danger.

Francois Rochefoucauld

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For courage mounteth with occasion.

William Shakespeare

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Courage is resistance to fear, mastery of fear—not
absence of fear.

Mark Twain

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DEFENSE

Hemispheric defense is not limited to waiting for a hostile ship to appear over the horizon or for a hostile aircraft to violate our borders. Hemispheric defense involves defending free people everywhere by defending each Nation's right to select its own leaders and its own form of government free from subversive interference from outside. The front line of hemispheric defense is in Vietnam, South Korea or in West Germany.

Stephen Ailes

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We shall defend every village, every town and every city. The vast mass of London itself, fought street by street, could easily devour an entire hostile army; and we would rather see London laid in ruins and ashes than that it should be tamely and abjectly enslaved.

Sir Winston Churchill

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We give up the fort when there is not a man
left to defend it.

Colonel George Croghan

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The primary reason for the existence of all the U.S. Armed Forces is to provide the military power to deter war. Should deterrence fail for reasons beyond our control, then these

forces must be able to fight and win. There is no cheap way to do this. There also is no second prize in the business of war today, nor will there ever be.

General George H. Decker

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It is tragic that nations must at times resort to armed force to resolve their differences. War is destructive and it has evil consequences. But our defense posture is being designed to make war less likely and less destructive. I am not suggesting that we can make war and violence desirable. The question is whether we have a better alternative.

Alain C. Enthoven

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Our Reservists have long been a bulwark in our country's defense, and whenever freedom has been challenged, they have served -- in partnership with our active forces -- with great distinction.

John F. Kennedy

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There is no discount price on defense. The free world must be prepared at all times to face the perils of global nuclear war, limited conventional conflict, and covert guerrilla activities.

John F. Kennedy

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The only effective defense a nation can now maintain is the power of attack. And that power cannot be in machinery alone. There must be men to

man the machines. And there must be men to come to close grips with the enemy and tear his operating bases and his productive establishment away from him before the war can end.

General George C. Marshall

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It is not a field of a few acres of ground, but a cause, that we are defending, and whether we defeat the enemy in one battle, or by degrees, the consequences will be the same.

Thomas Paine

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

General George S. Patton, Jr.

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Millions for defense, but not one cent for tribute.

C. C. Pinckney

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That nation is worthless which does not joyfully stake everything in defense of her honor.

Johann Frederick Schiller

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We must be the great arsenal of democracy. For us this is an emergency as serious as war itself. We must apply ourselves to our task with the same resolution, the same sense of urgency, the same spirit of patriotism and sacrifice as we would show were we at war.

Franklin D. Roosevelt

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It may be laid down as a primary position, and the basis of our system, that every citizen who enjoys the protection of a free Government, owes not only a proportion of his property, but even of his personal services to the defense of it.

George Washington

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Our continuing mission -- our responsibility to our country -- is to defend the Nation. In today's turbulent world of protracted conflict and of exploding technology, the accomplishment of this mission and the discharge of this responsibility is more urgent and more difficult than ever before. Each of us -- of all ranks and all components -- must strive together to execute our assigned mission and deserve the confidence of our countrymen by molding an increasingly powerful, effective and ready Army.

General Earle G. Wheeler

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DISCIPLINE

Military organizations and success in battle depend upon discipline and a high sense of honor.

General Omar N. Bradley

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There is the danger that we may become so enthralled by machines and weapons systems that we will lose sight of the fact that the man—the individual soldier—is the supreme element in combat. That is the reason why the foundation of our system of discipline is the same as the very foundation of our system of government: the preservation of the dignity of the individual.

General J. Lawton Collins

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I am confident that an Army of strong individuals, held together by a sound discipline based on respect for personal initiative and rights and dignity of the individual, will never fail this Nation in time of need.

General J. Lawton Collins

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Promptness is the greatest of military virtues, evincing, as it does, zeal, energy, and discipline. The success of arms depends more upon celerity than any one thing else.

General Daniel Harvey Hill

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Men must be habituated to obey or they cannot be controlled in battle, and the neglect of the least important order impairs the proper influence of the officer.

General Robert E. Lee

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The real secret of leadership in battle is the domination of the mass by a single personality. Influence over subordinates is a matter of suggestion. Discipline acquired during peace and the power of personal example are both used to exact great sacrifices.

Maj Gen Baron von Freytag-Loringhoven

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There is only one sort of discipline -- perfect discipline. Men cannot have good battle discipline and poor administrative discipline.

Discipline is based on pride in the profession of arms, on meticulous attention to details, and on mutual respect and confidence. Discipline must be a habit so ingrained that it is stronger than the excitement of battle or the fear of death.

General George S. Patton, Jr.

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The company is the true unit of discipline, and the captain is the company.

General William T. Sherman

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Too many courts-martial in any command are evidence of poor discipline and inefficient officers.

General William T. Sherman

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Length of service or age alone will never form a military man, for after serving many years an undisciplined soldier is still a novice in his profession.

Flavius Vegetius

The necessity, therefore, of discipline cannot be too often inculcated, as well as the strict requisite in the choice and training of new levies.

Flavius Vegetius

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A free people ought not only to be armed but disciplined; to which end a uniform and well digested plan is requisite.

George Washington

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Discipline is the soul of an Army. It makes small numbers formidable; procures success to the weak, and esteem to all...

George Washington

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Discipline and Subordination add life and Vigour to Military movements.

George Washington

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DUTY

Ponder not what you might do, but what you should do, and let regard for duty control your mind.

Alaudian

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In giving battle a general should regard it as his first duty to maintain the honor and glory of his arms. To spare his troops should be but a secondary consideration. But the same determination and perseverance which promote the former object are the best means of securing the latter. In a retreat you lose, in addition to the honor of your arms, more men than in two battles.

For this reason you should never despair while there remain brave men around the colors. This is the conduct which wins, and deserves to win, the victory.

Napoleon Bonaparte

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No one will consider the day as ended, until the duties it brings have been discharged.

General Joseph Hooker

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The brave man inattentive to his duty, is worth little more to his Country, than the coward who deserts her in the hour of danger.

General Andrew Jackson

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My duty is to obey orders.

General Thomas J. (Stonewall) Jackson

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Whensoever hostile aggressions . . . require a resort to war, we must meet our duty and convince the world that we are just friends and brave enemies.

Thomas Jefferson

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Duty is the sublimest word in our language. Do your duty in all things. You cannot do more. You should never wish to do less.

General Robert E. Lee

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Let us have faith that Right makes Might, and in that faith let us to the end dare to do our duty as we understand it.

Abraham Lincoln

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The long, gray line has never failed us. Were you to do so, a million ghosts in olive drab, in brown khaki, in blue and gray, would rise from their white crosses, thundering those magic words: Duty, honor, country.

General Douglas MacArthur

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Every mission constitutes a pledge of duty. Every man is bound to consecrate his every faculty to its fulfillment. He will derive his rule of action from the profound conviction of that duty.

Giuseppe Mazzini

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

General George S. Patton, Jr.

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The strongest is never strong enough to be always master, unless he transforms strength into right, and obedience into duty.

Jean Jacques Rousseau

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I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic; a sovereign nation of many sovereign states; a perfect union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes. I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it, to support its constitution, to obey its laws, to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies.

William Tyler

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The Army and the Country have a mutual Dependence upon each other and it is of the last Importance that their several Duties should be so regulated and enforced as to produce not only the greatest Harmony and good Understanding but the truest Happiness and Comfort to each.

George Washington

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FREEDOM

I will not trade freedom for beneficence nor my dignity for a handout. I will never cower before any master nor bend to any threat. It is my heritage to stand erect, proud, and unafraid; to think and act for myself, enjoy the benefit of my creations, and to face the world boldly and say, this I have done.

Dean Alfange

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The tree of liberty only grows when watered by the blood of tyrants.

Bertrand Barere

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The real democratic American idea is, not that every man shall be on a level with every other, but that every one shall have liberty, without hindrance, to be what God made him.

Henry Ward Beecher

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And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

Bible - John 8:32

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Happy are all free peoples, too strong to be dispossessed;
But blessed are those among nations who dare to be strong
for the rest!

E. B. Browning

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The true danger is, when liberty is nibbled away, for expedients, and by parts.

Edmund Burke

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Freedom and not servitude is the cure of anarchy; as religion, and not atheism, is the true remedy for superstition.

Edmund Burke

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This is our turn to walk as sentries on the walls of freedom.

Brig General B. J. Butler

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Liberty will not descend to a people; a people must raise themselves to liberty; it is a blessing that must be earned before it can be enjoyed.

Caleb C. Colton

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On us the burden falls to lead the nations
Out of this frightful wilderness of steel;
On us depends the course of that which is
To come hereafter——whether freedom was
A stolen dream from Heaven, or is the truth
On which to found the future of mankind.

Russell W. Davenport

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Our Military Establishment is . . . more than national. The time for military isolation has passed, as we live in a new world of national interdependence. Our Military Establishment is charged with a trust for the benefit of many other nations.

John Foster Dulles

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I believe that if we think clearly enough, plan carefully enough, and work tirelessly enough, we can both save freedom and secure peace.

Dwight D. Eisenhower

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As it is an ancient truth that freedom cannot be legislated into existence, so it is no less obvious that freedom cannot be censored into existence.

Dwight D. Eisenhower

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We want a state of things which allows every man the largest liberty compatible with the liberty of every other man.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

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I gave my life for freedom — This I know;
For those who bade me fight and told me so.

W. N. Ewer

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They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty or safety.

Benjamin Franklin

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You were born to be free. You were also born with a responsibility to contribute to our common defense. For as long as a trace of avarice exists in the hearts of men, there will be a need for the defense of men and their established institutions.

General James M. Gavin

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The greatest glory of a free-born people is to transmit that freedom to their children.

William Havard

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The love of liberty is the love of others; the love of power is the love for ourselves.

William Hazlitt

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These heroes are dead. They died for liberty — they died for us. They are at rest. They sleep in the land they made free, under the flag they rendered stainless, under the solemn pines, the sad hemlocks, the tearful willows, the embracing vines. They sleep beneath the shadows of the clouds, careless alike of sunshine or storm, each in the windowless palace of rest. Earth may run red with other wars — they are at peace. In the midst of battles, in the roar of conflict, they found the serenity of death.

R. G. Ingersoll

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Equal and exact justice to all men, freedom of religion, freedom of the press, freedom of person under the protection of the habeas corpus; and trial by juries impartially selected—these principles for the bright constellation which has gone before us.

Thomas Jefferson

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(Since we are) sole depositories of the human liberty, our duty to ourselves, to posterity, and to mankind calls on us by every motive which is sacred or honorable, to watch over the safety of our beloved country during the troubles which agitate and convulse the residue of the world.

Thomas Jefferson

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If you expect a nation to be ignorant and free, you expect what never was and never will be.

Thomas Jefferson

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We are not to expect to be translated from despotism to liberty in a featherbed.

Thomas Jefferson

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Guard zealously your right to serve in the Armed Forces -- for without them, there will be no other rights to guard.

John F. Kennedy

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Our foreign policy is based on goals of freedom and justice. It is in the interest of these goals that we ask you to serve your country overseas. Your Nation depends on you and your colleagues, not just for the execution of American foreign policy, but for the embodiment of the spirit and ideals of our country.

John F. Kennedy

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Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe, to assure the survival and success of liberty.

John F. Kennedy

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In the long history of the world, only a few generations have been granted the role of defending freedom in its hour of maximum danger...The energy, the faith, the devotion which we bring to this endeavor will light our country and all who serve it -- and the glow from that fire can truly light the world.

John F. Kennedy

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In a world tormented by tension and the possibilities of conflict, we meet in quiet commemoration of an historic day of peace. In an age that threatens the survival of freedom, we join together to honor those who made our freedom possible...There is no way to maintain the frontiers of freedom without cost and commitment and risk. There is no swift easy path to peace in our generation. No man who witnessed the tragedies of the last war, no man who can imagine the unimaginable possibilities of the next war, can advocate war out of irritability or frustration or impatience...in the end, the only way to maintain the peace is to be prepared in the final extreme to fight for our country, and mean it.

John F. Kennedy

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If we do not make common cause to save the good old ship of the Union on this voyage, nobody will have a chance to pilot her on another voyage.

Abraham Lincoln

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If destruction be our lot we must ourselves be its author and finisher. As a nation of freemen we must live through all time, or die by suicide.

Abraham Lincoln

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Our reliance is in the love of liberty which God has planted in us. Our defense is in the spirit which prized liberty as the heritage of all men, in all lands everywhere. Destroy this spirit and you have planted the seeds of despotism at your own doors.

Abraham Lincoln

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There is only one cure for evils which newly acquired freedom produces, and that cure is freedom. When a prisoner first leaves his cell, he cannot bear the light of day, he is unable to discriminate colors, or recognize faces. The remedy is, to accustom him to the rays of the sun.

Thomas B. Macauley

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The only freedom which deserves the name is that of pursuing our own good, in our own way, so long as we do not attempt to deprive others of theirs, or impede their efforts to obtain it.

J. S. Mill

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Who can be at rest, who can enjoy anything in this world with contentment, who hath not liberty to serve God and to save his own soul according to the best light which God hath planted in him to that purpose?

John Milton

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These are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of his country; but he that stands it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman. Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph. What we obtain too cheap, we esteem too lightly, 'tis dearness only that gives everything its value. Heaven knows how to put a proper price upon its goods; and it would be strange indeed, if so celestial an article as Freedom should not be highly rated.

Thomas Paine

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Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom, must, like men, undergo the fatigue of supporting it.

Thomas Paine

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To have freedom is only to have that which is absolutely necessary to enable us to be what we ought to be, and to possess what we ought to possess.

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We, too, born to freedom, are willing to fight to maintain freedom. We, and all others who believe as deeply as we do, would rather die on our feet than live on our knees.

Franklin D. Roosevelt

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Democracy, the practice of self-government, is a covenant among free men to respect the rights and liberties of their fellows.

Franklin D. Roosevelt

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We believe that this country will not be a permanently good place for any of us to live in unless we make it a reasonably good place for all of us to live in. . . . Our cause is the cause of justice for all in the interest of all.

Theodore Roosevelt

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To us Americans much has been given; of us much is required. With all our faults and mistakes, it is our strength in support of the freedom our forefathers loved which has saved mankind from subjection to totalitarian power.

Norman Thomas

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The American people desire, and are determined to work for, a world in which all nations and all peoples are free to govern themselves as they see fit and to achieve a decent satisfying life.

Harry S. Truman

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Interwoven as is the love of liberty with every ligament of your hearts, no recommendation of mine is necessary to fortify or confirm the attachment.

George Washington

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The enemy's whole reinforcement is now arrived, so that an attack must, and will soon be made; the General therefore again repeats his earnest request, that every officer, and soldier, will have his arms and ammunition in good order, keep within his quarters and encampment, as much as possible; be ready for action at a moment's call; and when called to it, remember that liberty, property, life, and honor are all at stake; upon their courage and conduct rest the hopes of their bleeding and insulted country; that their wives, children, and parents expect safety from them only, and that we have every reason to expect Heaven will crown with success so just a cause.

George Washington

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Let us therefore animate and encourage each other, and show the whole world, that a Freeman contending for LIBERTY on his own ground is superior to any slavish mercenary on earth.

George Washington

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Remember officers and soldiers, that you are Freemen, fighting for the blessings of Liberty—that slavery will be your portion, and that of your posterity, if you do not acquit yourselves like men.

George Washington

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The home of freedom, and the hope of the down-trodden and oppressed among the nations of the earth.

Daniel Webster

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God grants liberty only to those who love it, and are always ready to guard and defend it.

Daniel Webster

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Liberty and Union, now and forever, one and inseparable.

Daniel Webster

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The preservation of liberty is a conquest not a spectator sport. We cannot remain on the sidelines while professionals play the game for us.

Good government is a do-it-yourself project.

Willard Wilson

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HERITAGE

The second day of July, 1776, will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward for evermore.

John Adams

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This land is your heritage. It offers you freedom, opportunity, well-being. Its Constitution and its institutions represent the finest work that man, with all his experiments in government, has yet devised. Always the haven of the oppressed, the island of hope in the sea of fear, it is today

the last fortress of freedom in the whole world. Guard it well, not only from the dark forces which menace us from afar, but from the weakness, selfishness, and disunity that threatens us near at hand.

If you, the trustees of posterity, the hope of the future, carry out in letter and in spirit your Scout Oath, we will have peace and the better life to which America is dedicated.

Bernard Baruch

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By the rude Bridge that arched the flood,
Their flag to April's breeze unfurled,
Here once the embattled farmers stood,
And fired the shot heard round the world.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

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I am an American.
My father belongs to the Sons of the
Revolution;
My mother to the Colonial Dames.
One of my ancestors pitched tea over-
board in Boston Harbor;
Another stood his ground with Warren;
Another hungered with Washington at
Valley Forge.....
Every drop of blood in me holds a
heritage of patriotism.
I am proud of my Past.

Elias Lieberman

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The Dogmas of the quiet past, are inadequate to the stormy present. The occasion is piled high with difficulty, and we must rise with the occasion. As our case is new, so we must think anew. We must disen-
thrall ourselves, and then we shall save our country.

Fellow-Citizens, we cannot escape history. We of this Congress and this administration will be remembered in spite of ourselves. No personal significance or insignificance can spare one or another of us. The fiery trail through which we pass will light us down, in honor or dishonor, to the last generation. We say we are for the Union. The world will not forget that we say this. We know how to save the Union. The world knows we do know how to save it. We—even we here—hold the power and bear the responsibility. In giving freedom to the slave, we assure freedom to the free—what we preserve. We shall nobly save or meanly lose the last, best hope of earth. Other means may succeed; this could not fail. The way is plain, peaceful, generous, just—a way which, if followed, the world will forever applaud, and God must forever bless.

Abraham Lincoln

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National honor is national property of the highest value.

James Monroe

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We in the Army accept with quiet pride the fact that the heritage of our Army is inseparable from the heritage of our Nation. From pre-Revolutionary days to the present, American patriots have chosen to serve in our Army—either as a lifetime vocation or as citizen—soldiers under the ancient concept which has been so fundamental to American life, and which continues to be fundamental as we adapt to the atomic age.

Cyrus Vance

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HEROISM

Of two heroes, he is the greatest who esteems his rivals most.

Beaumelle

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Heroes of old! I humbly lay
The laurel on your graves again;
Whatever men have done, men may, —
The deeds you wrought are not in vain!

Austin Dobson

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Humility must always be the portion of any man who
receives acclaim earned in the blood of his followers
and the sacrifices of his friends.

Dwight D. Eisenhower

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But to the hero, when his sword
Has won the battle for the free,
Thy voice sounds like a prophet's word,
And in its hollow tones are heard
The thanks of millions yet to be.

Fitz-Greene Halleck

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Heroes as great have died and yet shall fall.

Homer

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Heroism, the Caucasian mountaineers say, is endurance
for one moment more.

George Keenan

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DEAR MADAM: I have been shown in the files of the
War Department a statement of the Adjutant-General of
Massachusetts that you are the mother of five sons who have
died gloriously on the field of battle. I feel how weak and
fruitless must be any words of mine which should attempt to
beguile you from the grief of a loss so overwhelming. But I

cannot refrain from tendering to you the consolation that may be found in the thanks of the Republic they died to save. I pray that our Heavenly Father may assuage the anguish of your bereavement, and leave you only the cherished memory of the loved and lost, and the solemn pride that must be yours to have laid so costly a sacrifice upon the altar of freedom.

Abraham Lincoln

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

General Douglas MacArthur

HISTORY

Yesterday, December 7, 1941 -- a date which will live in infamy -- the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked by naval and air forces of the Empire of Japan.

Franklin D. Roosevelt

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Human history becomes more and more a race between education and catastrophe.

Herbert G. Wells

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LANDPOWER

No victory is assured until the man on the ground takes possession by his physical presence on the enemy's soil.

General Omar N. Bradley

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We have a major role in cold war operations, particularly those involving counterinsurgency. These operations require the capabilities of all the Services, but they are conducted by enemy land forces with the goal of gaining control of the land; thus, counterinsurgency is primarily a soldier's war.

General Barksdale Hamlett

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

General Douglas MacArthur

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LEADERSHIP

No man is a leader until his appointment is ratified in the minds and hearts of his men.

Anonymous

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Washington, having been asked by an officer on the morning of a battle, what were his plans for the day, replied in a whisper, "Can you keep a secret?" On being answered in the affirmative, the General added — "so can I."

Anonymous

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Fairness, diligence, sound preparation, professional skill and loyalty are the marks of American military leadership.

General Omar N. Bradley

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The United States has matured to world leadership; it is time we steered by the stars, not by the lights of each passing ship.

General Omar N. Bradley

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Unless each officer and non-commissioned officer has capabilities greatly in excess of the responsibility he holds, he is basically an unprofitable part of a military machine.

General Omar N. Bradley

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The American soldier is a proud one and he demands professional competence in his leaders. In battle, he wants to know that the job is going to be done right, with no unnecessary casualties. The noncommissioned officer wearing the chevron is supposed to be the best soldier in the platoon and he is supposed to know how to perform all the duties expected of him. The American soldier expects his sergeant to be able to teach him how to do his job. And he expects even more from his officers.

General Omar N. Bradley

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Leadership in a democratic Army means firmness, not harshness; understanding, not weakness; justice, not license; humaneness, not intolerance; generosity, not selfishness; pride, not egotism.

General Omar N. Bradley

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The greatest leader in the world could never win a campaign unless he understood the men he had to lead.

General Omar N. Bradley

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It is better to have a lion at the head of an army of sheep, than a sheep at the head of an army of lions.

Daniel Defoe

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Nothing is easy in war. Mistakes are always paid for in casualties and troops are quick to sense any blunder made by their commanders.

Dwight D. Eisenhower

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An army fearful of its officers is never as good as one that trusts and confides in its leaders.

Dwight D. Eisenhower

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God grant that men of principle shall be our principal men.

Thomas Jefferson

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...officers can never act with confidence until they are masters of their profession...

General Henry Knox

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The real secret of leadership in battle is the domination of the mass by a single personality. Influence over subordinates is a matter of suggestion. Discipline acquired in peace and the power of personal example are both used to exact great sacrifices.

Major General Baron von Freytag-Loringhoven

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Let no man be so rash as to suppose that, in donning a general's uniform, he is forthwith competent to perform a general's function; as reasonably might he assume that in putting on the robe of a judge he was ready to decide any point of law....

Dennis Hart Mahan

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

General George S. Patton, Jr.

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The badge of rank which an officer wears on his coat is really a symbol of servitude to his men.

General George S. Patton, Jr.

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A competent leader can get efficient service from poor troops, while on the contrary an incapable leader can demoralize the best of troops.

General John J. Pershing

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From living together, and obeying the same chiefs, from commanding the same men, from sharing fatigue and rest, from cooperation among men who quickly understand each other in the execution of warlike movements, may be bred brotherhood, professional knowledge, sentiment, above all unity...And now confidence appears.

Colonel Ardant du Picq

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A brave captain is as a root, out of which, as branches,
the courage of his soldiers doth spring.

Sir Phillip Sidney

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The regiment is the family. The colonel, as the father,
should have a personal acquaintance with every officer
and man, and should instill a feeling of pride and affec-
tion for himself, so that his officers and men would nat-
urally look to him for personal advice and instruction.

General William T. Sherman

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No army can be efficient unless it be a unit for action;
and the power must come from above, not from below....

General William T. Sherman

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There is a soul to an army as well as to the individual
man, and no general can accomplish the full work of
his army unless he commands the soul of his men as well
as their bodies and legs.

General William T. Sherman

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Men think as their leaders think.

General Charles P. Summerall

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A reflective reading of history will show that no man
ever rose to military greatness who could not convince
his troops that he put them first, above all else.

General Maxwell D. Taylor

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Even with the gifts of human understanding and of professional competence arising from careful training, our military leader will not be complete without the third attribute of greatness; namely, character— character which reflects inner strength and justified confidence in oneself.

General Maxwell D. Taylor

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To a very high degree the measure of success in battle leadership is the ability to profit by the lessons of battle experience.

General Lucian K. Truscott

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The right of commanding is no longer an advantage transmitted by nature; like an inheritance, it is the fruit of labors, the price of courage.

Francois Voltaire

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He who is merely just is severe.

Francois Voltaire

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An Army formed of good Officers moves like Clock-Work; ...

George Washington

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...War must be carried on systematically, and to do it, you must have good Officers; there are, in my Judgement, no other possible means to obtain them but by establishing your Army upon a permanent footing; and giving your Officers good pay;

this will induce Gentlemen, and Men of Character to engage; and till the bulk of your Officers are composed of such persons as are actuated by Principles of Honour, and a spirit of enterprize, you have little to expect from them.

George Washington

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When it is known how much the conduct and bravery of an officer influences the men; how much a commanding officer is answerable for the behavior of the inferior officers; and how much his good or ill success in time of action depends upon the conduct of each particular officer; . . . Does it not appear then that the appointing of officers is a thing that should require the greatest circumspection?

George Washington

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The salvation of their country, and all we are contending for depends (under Providence) upon a good choice of officers to make this Army formidable to the enemy, and serviceable to the cause we are endeavoring to support.

George Washington

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MOBILITY

. . .the Army has concentrated of late on an urgent need to improve its tactical mobility. Some of our forces are already deployed in probable areas of employment; others would be sealifted or airlifted there. But to do the ultimate job—to defeat the enemy on the ground, in the battle area—requires a superior ability to transcend geographical barriers and so to reconnoiter, maneuver, and provide support with the greatest possible speed and effectiveness.

Stephen Ailes

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The strength of an army, like the momentum in mechanics, is estimated by the weight multiplied by the velocity. A rapid march exerts a beneficial moral influence on the army and increases its means of victory.

Napoleon Bonaparte

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The Army modernization program will continue to improve mobility, together with providing forces with advance weapons which will enhance both conventional and atomic capabilities.

General Bruce C. Clarke

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Helicopters are accorded a large role in achieving tactical mobility. Major Gen. Pokrovsky, writing in *Military Thought* in 1955, declared that the wide use of helicopters "will lead in the near future to significant changes in the character of military transport and the tactics of troops operating in the enemy's rear and in mountainous terrain."

Raymond Garthoff

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Mobility, both strategic and tactical, is the partner of flexible organization. We must be able to shift combat strength rapidly to any threatened point in the Free World. Strategic airlift of troops by the Air Force is the answer to the requirement of speed. . . . While airlift adds to our strategic mobility, it does not supplant Navy transport for maintaining the lines of heavy supply and reinforcement to overseas theaters. The Navy has provided this support for the Army throughout our history; we cannot foresee the day when it will not be needed.

General Barksdale Hamlett

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The mere battlefield agility of a combat vehicle only partly defines mobility because it's a composite of many other characteristics and design traits. It must include firepower and

firepower must itself include fire protection. The mobility system must have positive means of command control and a built-in organizational flexibility. An acceptable mobility system must be logistically manageable and while it may appear complex in its entirety, it should be almost prehistorically simple in its parts -- the parts the individual soldier must use, drive, fire, wear or repair.

Brig. General George B. Pickett

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To be truly effective the air assault force must be able to move on short notice, and I am speaking of minutes, to operate in an objective area preferably behind enemy lines or in enemy or neutral territory as would be the case in counterinsurgency type operations.

Major General Charles W. G. Rich

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In war victory is to the strong and to the swift. During the Army's airborne invasion of Holland in September-October 1944, there was a critical bridge at Nijmegen over the Waal River in full view of the Germans at Arnheim. Over the bridge was a sign which acted as a powerful stimulus to military motorists: "That bridge is under fire. Get mobile!"

Our world is under fire. It behooves the Army—our Army to get mobile.

General Maxwell D. Taylor

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Rapidity is the essence of war; take advantage of the enemy's unreadiness, make your way by unexpected routes, and attack unguarded spots.

Sun Tzu

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...Our over-all purpose is to employ every means now available, and that becomes available, to enable the soldier to gain the advantage of position in battle, and to increase through speed the impact of his maneuver.

General Earle G. Wheeler

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...Success in battle stems in great degree from superiority in the means of mobility and its employment for effective maneuver.

General Earle G. Wheeler

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It is our conviction that the next significant addition to the means of mobility is through Army aircraft. We believe that there are appropriate operations for aircraft of this type in land combat situations ranging from counterinsurgency to general war.

General Earle G. Wheeler

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MORALE

All that can be done is to develop in him esprit de corps, that is, to make him believe that his regiment is the best in the world; and, since his officers must sometimes lead him through the greatest dangers, he must fear for his officers more than the enemy.

Frederick the Great

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The soldier's heart, the soldier's spirit, the soldier's soul, are everything. Unless the soldier's soul sustains him he cannot be relied on and will fail himself and his commander and his country in the end.

It is not enough to fight. It is the spirit which we bring to the fight that decides the issue. It is morale that wins the victory.

Morale is the state of mind. It is steadfastness and courage and hope. It is confidence and zeal and loyalty. It is elan, esprit de corps and determination.

It is staying power, the spirit which endures to the end -- the will to win.

With it all things are possible, without it everything else, planning, preparation, and production count for naught.

General George C. Marshall

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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.

General George S. Patton, Jr.

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PATRIOTISM

A thoughtful mind, when it sees a Nation's flag, sees not the flag only, but the Nation itself; and whatever may be its symbols, its insignia, he reads chiefly in the flag the Government, the principles, the truths, the history which belongs to the Nation that sets it forth.

Henry Ward Beecher

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The Republic never retreats. Its flag is the only flag that has never known defeat. Where that flag leads we follow, for we know that the hand that bears it onward is the unseen hand of God. We follow the flag and independence is ours. We follow the flag and nationality is ours. We follow the flag and oceans are ruled. We follow the flag, and in Occident and Orient tyranny falls and barbarism is subdued.

We followed the flag at Trenton and Valley Forge, at Buena Vista and Chapultepec, at Gettysburg and Mission Ridge, at Santiago and Manila, and everywhere and always it means larger liberty, nobler opportunity, and greater human happiness; for everywhere and always it means the blessings of the greater Republic. And so God leads, we follow the flag, and the Republic never retreats.

Albert J. Beveridge

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The Nation today needs men who think in terms of service to their country and not in terms of their country's debt to them.

General Omar N. Bradley

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Our country! In her intercourse with foreign nations may she always be in the right; but our country, right or wrong.

Stephen Decatur

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We view our Nation's strength and security as a trust, upon which rests the hope of free men everywhere.

Dwight D. Eisenhower

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Patriotism means equipped forces and prepared citizenry. Moral stamina means more energy and more productivity, on the farm and in the factory. Love of liberty means the guarding of every resource that makes freedom possible from the sanctity of our families and the wealth of our soil to the genius of our scientists.

Dwight D. Eisenhower

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I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country.

Captain Nathan Hale

Strike-till the last armed foe expires,
Strike-for your altars and your fires;
Strike-for the green graves of your sires;
God-and your native land.

Fitz-Greene Halleck

You cannot be saved by valor and devotion to your ancestors. To each generation comes its patriotic duty, and upon your willingness to sacrifice and endure, as those before you have sacrificed and endured, rests the national hope.

Charles Evans Hughes

The patriot volunteer, fighting for his country and his rights, makes the most reliable soldier upon earth.

General Thomas J. (Stonewall) Jackson

The man who loves his country on its own account and not merely for its trappings of interest or power, can never be divorced from it, can never refuse to come forward when he finds that she is engaged in dangers which he has the means of warding off.

Thomas Jefferson

America and defeat cannot be made to rhyme.

Eric A. Johnston

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And so, my fellow Americans: ask not what your country
can do for you—ask what you can do for your country.

John F. Kennedy

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I see these things, still am I slave
When banners flaunt and bugles blow,
Content to fill a soldier's grave
For reasons I shall never know.

Major General C. T. Lanham

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

General Douglas MacArthur

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The muffled drum's sad roll has beat
The soldier's last tattoo!
No more on life's parade shall meet
The brave and fallen few.
On Fame's eternal camping ground
Their silent tents are spread,
And glory guards with solemn round
The bivouac of the dead.

Theodore O'Hara

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From the east to the west blow the trumpet to arms!
Through the land let the sound of it flee;
Let the far and the near all unite, with a cheer,
In defense of our Liberty Tree.

Thomas Paine

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An Army officer is, above all else, a patriot. From the moment he is commissioned, he incurs an obligation which remains with him throughout his military life—to cherish and protect his country and to develop within himself that capacity and strength which will enable him to serve his fellow Americans with wisdom, diligence and patriotic conviction.

Major General Benjamin H. Pochyla

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Boys! Raise the colors and follow me.

General Israel D. Richardson

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We must be the great arsenal of democracy. For us this is an emergency as serious as war itself. We must apply ourselves to our task with the same resolution, the same sense of urgency, the same spirit of patriotism and sacrifice as we would were we at war.

Franklin D. Roosevelt

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What do we mean by patriotism in the context of our times?A patriotism that puts country ahead of self; a patriotism which is not short, frenzied outbursts of emotion, but the tranquil and steady dedication of a lifetime. There are words that are easy to utter, but this a mighty assignment. For it is often easier to fight for principles than to live up to them.

Adlai Stevenson

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When an American says that he loves his country, he means not only that he loves the New England hills, the prairies glistening in the sun, the wide and rising plains, the great mountains and the sea. He means that he loves an inner air, an inner light in which freedom lives and in which a man can draw a breath of self-respect.

Adlai Stevenson

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The noblest motive is the public good.

Virgil

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Let our object be our country, our whole country, and nothing but our country. And, by the blessing of God, may that country itself become a vast and splendid monument, not of oppression and terror, but of Wisdom, of Peace, and of Liberty, upon which the world may gaze with admiration forever.

Daniel Webster

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There is one certain means by which I can be sure never to see my country's ruin, -- I will die in the last ditch.

William, Prince of Orange

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Things that the flag stands for were created by the experiences of a great people. Everything that it stands for was written by their lives. The flag is the embodiment, not of sentiment, but of history. It represents the experiences made by men and women, the experiences of those who do and live under the flag.

Woodrow Wilson

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To such a task we can dedicate our lives and our fortunes, everything that we are and everything that we have, with the pride of those who know that the day has come when America is privileged to spend her blood and her might for the principles that gave her birth and happiness and the peace which she has treasured. God helping her, she can do no other.

Woodrow Wilson

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PEACE

Our pleas for peace are measured not by the sincerity with which they are spoken but by the strength we can array to enforce them.

General Omar N. Bradley

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Peace for our time . . . peace with honor.

Neville Chamberlain

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The human tragedy reaches its climax in the fact that after all the exertions and sacrifices of hundreds of millions of people and of the victories of the Righteous Cause, we have still not found Peace or Security, and that we lie in the grip of even worse perils than those we have surmounted.

Sir Winston Churchill

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America is fitted by tradition for directing and guiding revolutions. We won our freedom by revolution and set the example which today inspired the peasants of Asia. We cannot remake the world in our image; but we can help those who are seeking an escape from squalor to find alternatives to communism.

William O. Douglas

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Especially important it is to realize that there can be no assured peace and tranquility for any one nation except as it is achieved for all. So long as want, frustration and a sense of injustice prevail among significant sections of earth, no other section can be wholly released from fear.

Dwight D. Eisenhower

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Peace and friendship with all mankind is our wisest policy, and I wish we may be permitted to pursue it.

Thomas Jefferson

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We love peace, but not peace at any price. There is a peace more destructive of the manhood of living man, than war is destructive of his body. Chains are worse than bayonets.

Jerrold

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The primary purpose of our arms is peace, not war -- to make certain that they will never have to be used -- to deter all wars, general or limited, nuclear or conventional, large or small -- to convince all potential aggressors that any attack would be futile -- to provide backing for diplomatic settlement of disputes -- to insure the adequacy of our bargaining power for an end to the arms race.

John F. Kennedy

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The currency with which you pay for peace is made up of manly courage, fearless virility, readiness to serve justice and honor at any cost, and a mind and a heart attuned to sacrifice.

Frank Knox

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No one desires peace as much as the soldier for he must pay the greatest penalty in war.

General Douglas MacArthur

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If man does find the solution for world peace it will be the most revolutionary reversal of his record we have ever known.

General George Catlett Marshall

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We want no war of conquest. . . . War should never be entered upon until every agency of peace has failed.

William McKinley

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Five great enemies to peace inhabit with us: viz, avarice, ambition, envy, anger and pride. If those enemies were to be banished, we should infallibly enjoy perpetual peace.

Petrarch

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For peace, with justice and honor, is the fairest, and most profitable possession, but with disgrace and shameful cowardice it is the most infamous and harmful of all.

Polybius

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The American Unknown Soldier who lies here did not give his life on the fields of France merely to defend his American home for the moment that was

passing. He gave it that his family, his neighbors and all his fellow Americans might live in peace in days to come. His hope was not fulfilled.

Franklin D. Roosevelt

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War's legitimate object is more perfect peace.

General William T. Sherman

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If we desire peace, one of the most powerful institutions of our rising prosperity, it must be known that we are at all times ready for war.

George Washington

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PREPAREDNESS

Forewarned, forearmed; to be prepared is half the victory.

Miguel de Cervantes

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I cannot stress too strongly the fact that democracies must be defended by citizen-soldiers. We do not provoke wars, and cannot afford large standing forces. It is the enemy who determines when and where we must fight. And such a condition almost compels us to be prepared as were our early settlers to meet a sudden attack.

General J. Lawton Collins

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The overriding task before all of us is to give our Nation the best and most modern ONE ARMY pos-

sible as we move further into the challenging and critical era that lies before America and the Free World.

General Barksdale Hamlett

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The common saying, "He was never good master that never was scholar, nor never good captain that never was soldier."

Henry VIII

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Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty.

Thomas Jefferson

In this age when there can be no losers in peace and no victors in war, we must recognize the obligation to match national strength with national restraint. We must be prepared at one and the same time for both the confrontation of power and the limitation of power. We must be ready to defend the national interest and to negotiate the common interest. This is the path that we shall continue to pursue.

Lyndon B. Johnson

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This nation can afford to be strong—it cannot afford to be weak. We shall do what is needed to make and to keep us strong.

John F. Kennedy

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I think the necessity of being ready increases. Look to it.

Abraham Lincoln

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The chief foundations of all states, new as well as old or composite, are good laws and good arms; and as there cannot be good laws where the state is not well armed, it follows that where they are well armed they have good laws.

Nicolo Machiavelli

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In this life there are few certainties but one of them is that eternal vigilance is the price of liberty, and surely a second is that determination and readiness to meet the challenge is the key to survival.

Lt General Arthur G. Trudeau

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By making it universally reputable to bear Arms and disgraceful to decline having a share in the performance of Military duties, by keeping up in Peace a well regulated and disciplined Militia, we shall take the fairest and best method to preserve for a long time to come, the happiness, dignity and Independence of our Country.

George Washington

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In speaking of this great Bulwark of our liberties (Militia), and being convinced that the only probable means of preventing insult or hostility for any length of time and from being exempted from the consequent calamities of War, is to put the national Militia in such a condition as that they appear truly respectable in the eyes of our friends and formidable to those who would otherwise become our enemies.

George Washington

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The militia...is certainly an object of primary importance, whether viewed in reference to the national security, to the satisfaction of the community, or the preservation of order.

George Washington

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This plan I would propose, is, that each State be informed by Congress annually of the real deficiency of its troops, and called upon to make it up, or such less specific number as Congress may think proper, by a draft.

George Washington

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Had we kept a permanent Army on foot, the enemy would have nothing to hope for, and would, in all probability, have listened to terms long since.

George Washington

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There is a rank due to the United States among Nations, which will be withheld, if not absolutely lost, by the reputation of weakness. If we desire to avoid insult, we must be able to repel it; if we desire to secure peace, it must be known that we are at all times ready for War.

George Washington

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Our forces must be maintained in constant readiness at all times -- to achieve quick and decisive victory in any conflict in which we might become involved.

General John K. Waters

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I think one very important thing could be done to increase the readiness, morale and expertize of the Reserve Components, and that is to include them as an integral part of more

active Army maneuvers. This applies to high priority combat support and service units, which are ready for such exercises and maneuvers now and to whole divisions which will be ready later. Such participation would have to be limited to two weeks and there are doubtless many other minor difficulties to be overcome. I also intend to press for the inclusion of high priority Reserve Components in strategic mobility exercises wherever feasible as a means of increasing their readiness, morale and sense of belonging to our ONE ARMY.

Lt General W. H. S. Wright

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RESPONSIBILITY

What America is today and will be tomorrow depends upon our sense of individual responsibility for the maintenance of our military defense as well as in all other areas of our national life.

Wilber M. Brucker

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Human dignity, economic freedom, individual responsibility, these are the characteristics that distinguish democracy from all other forms devised by man.

Dwight D. Eisenhower

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We are not weak if we make a proper use of those means which the God of Nature has placed in our power. . . . The battle, sir, is not to the strong alone; it is to the vigilant, the active, the brave.

Patrick Henry

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The Individual who refuses to defend his rights when called by his Government, deserves to be a slave, and must be punished as an enemy of his country and a friend to her foe.

General Andrew Jackson

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The responsibilities of an officer are quite analogous to those of a policeman or a fireman. The better he performs his daily tasks, the less frequently does he have to take direct action.

General George S. Patton, Jr.

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I believe that every right implies a responsibility; every opportunity, an obligation; every possession, a duty.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

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If we stand idly by . . . if we shrink from the hard contests where men must win at hazard of their lives and at the risk of all they hold dear, then the bolder and stronger peoples will pass us by, and will win for themselves the domination of the world.

Theodore Roosevelt

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We are the most powerful nation on earth--by a considerable margin. Our national interest lies in the wise use of this power, not only to deter war and defeat aggression but to support the emergence of the kind of world order we—and most other ordinary peoples—want. Power requires responsibility. It is too late in human history to guide its use by primitive reactions. The use of power must be adjusted to the character of the problem we are trying to deal with; Pandora's box is not to be opened every weekend.

Dean Rusk

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Every person who owes his life to civilized society and who has enjoyed since his childhood its very costly protections and advantages should appear at reasonable intervals before a properly qualified jury to justify his existence, which should summarily and painlessly be terminated if he fails to justify it and it develops that he is a positive nuisance and more trouble than he is worth. Nothing less will really make people responsible citizens.

Bernard Shaw

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I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know; the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve.

Albert Schweitzer

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The military are entitled by law and right to a seat at the national table -- there to advise, not to dominate or command.

General Maxwell D. Taylor

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A commander-in-chief therefore, what power and dignity are so great and to whose fidelity and bravery the fortunes of his country men, the defense of their cities, the lives of the soldiers, and the glory of the state, are entrusted, should not only consult the good of the army in general, but extend his care to every private soldier in it. For when any misfortunes happen to those under his command, they are considered as public losses and imputed entirely to his misconduct.

Flavius Vegetius

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SOLDIERS

God and the Soldier we adore, In time of danger,
not before .
The danger gone, and all things righted,
God is forgotten, the Soldier slighted .

Anonymous

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Soldiers, from the summit of yonder pyramids,
forty centuries look down upon you .

Napoleon Bonaparte

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Soldiers of my Old Guard: I bid you farewell .
For twenty years I have constantly accompanied
you on the road to honor and glory . In these
latter times, as in the days of our prosperity, you
have invariably been models of courage and fidelity .

Napoleon Bonaparte

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The first quality of a soldier is constancy in en-
during fatigue and hardship . Courage is only the
second . Poverty, privation and want are the
school of the good soldier .

Napoleon Bonaparte

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You should by all means encourage the soldiers to
continue in the service . This you can easily do by
testifying great esteem for old soldiers . The pay
should also be increased in proportion to the years
of service . There is great injustice in giving no
higher pay to a veteran than to a recruit .

Napoleon Bonaparte

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"Not in vain" may be the pride of those who survived
and the epitaph of those who fell.

Sir Winston Churchill

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The most precious commodity with which the Army
deals is the individual soldier who is the heart and
soul of our combat forces.

General J. Lawton Collins

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Give me a man who knows that for which he fights,
and loves the thing he knows.

Oliver Cromwell

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There are no atheists in the foxholes.
(Field Sermon on Bataan - 1942)

Father Cummings, of Maryknoll Mission, was a mem-
ber of the Chaplains Corps. He was aboard a Japanese
ship that was transporting prisoners from the Philippines
to Japan when sunk by an American submarine.

William Thomas Cummings

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And they who for their country die,
Shall fill an honored grave,
For glory lights the soldier's tomb,
And beauty weeps the brave.

J. R. Drake

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Americans, indeed, all free men, remember that
in the final choice a soldier's pack is not so heavy
a burden as a prisoner's chain.

Dwight D. Eisenhower

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While a ship may symbolize the Navy and an airplane or long-missile the Air Force, the only completely adequate symbol of the Army is man—the frontline combat soldier. He doesn't float, fly, or fission. He is not a superman, but he must be a little better than most men, a littler tougher in character, with stamina, guts, determination, and discipline, and he must be dedicated to his profession, to ensure that our Army will be victorious in the future as it always has been in the past.

General Paul L. Freeman, Jr.

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It has been said that combat to a soldier is a trade, to a commissioned officer a profession, and to a general an art. It is all of these things.

General James M. Gavin

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The hallmark of the American soldier since Colonial days has been his individuality and resourcefulness.

General Barksdale Hamlett

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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.

General Douglas MacArthur

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He plods and groans, sweats and toils, he growls and curses, and at the end he dies, unknown, uncomplaining, with faith in his heart, and on his lips a prayer for victory.

General Douglas MacArthur

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Look at an infantryman's eyes and you can tell how much war he has seen.

Bill Mauldin

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

General George S. Patton, Jr.

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The history of our invariably victorious armies demonstrates that we are the best soldiers in the world. This should make you proud. This should imbue your units with unconquerable self-confidence and pride in demonstrated ability.

General George S. Patton, Jr.

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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. Hence it is a proud privilege to be a soldier, a good soldier.

To be a good soldier a man must have discipline, self respect, pride in his unit and in his country, a high sense of duty and obligation to his comrades and to his superiors, and self-confidence born of demonstrated ability.

General George S. Patton, Jr.

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Then darkness enveloped the whole American armada. Not a pinpoint of light showed from those hundreds of ships as they surged on through the night toward their destiny, carrying across the ageless and indifferent sea tens of thousands of young men, fighting for ... for ... well, at least for each other.

Ernie Pyle

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...in the execution of national policy,
the soldier is the statesman's junior partner.

General Matthew B. Ridgway

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The man who has not raised himself to be a soldier,
and the woman who has not raised her boy to be a
soldier for the right, neither one of them is entitled
to citizenship in the Republic.

Theodore Roosevelt

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The soldier of each century should make it an article
of faith never to abandon their standard. It should
be sacred to them; it should be respected; and every
type of ceremony should be used to make them respected
and precious. This is an essential point, for after troops
are once attached to them you can count on all sorts of
successes; resolution and courage will be the natural con-
sequences of it; and if, in desperate affairs, some deter-
mined man seizes a standard, he will render the whole
century as brave as himself because it will follow him.

Hermann Saxe

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Soldiers when in desperate straits lose the sense of fear.
If there is no place of refuge, they will stand firm. If
they are in the heart of a hostile country, they will show
a stubborn front. If there is no help for it, they will
fight hard.

Thus, without waiting to be marshaled, the soldiers will
be constantly on the qui vive; without waiting to be asked,
they will do your will; without restrictions, they will be
faithful; without giving orders, they can be trusted.

Sun Tzu

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A soldier, as he advances in rank, proceeds as it were by rotation through the different degrees of the several cohorts in such a manner that one who is promoted passes from the first cohort to the tenth.

Flavius Vegetius

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When we assumed the soldier, we did not lay aside the citizen.

George Washington

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It is an apparent paradox, that as our Army has grown from thousands to hundreds of thousands, the responsibilities of the individual soldier have not decreased. The Army is far from being a faceless mass that requires only blind obedience. The dispersal on the battlefield in modern war places -- if any thing -- even greater demands on the initiative of the soldier than before.

General Earle G. Wheeler

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The dangers with which the soldier must contend increase rather than diminish over the centuries. Land combat operations today can extend from ambush on a jungle trail to nuclear warfare.

General Earle G. Wheeler

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Our number one weapon is still the individual soldier armed with a rifle he knows how to use.

General Earle G. Wheeler

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Let it be your pride, therefore, to show all men everywhere not only what good soldiers you are, but also what good men you are.

Woodrow Wilson

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...Let us set for ourselves a standard so high that it will be a glory to live up to it, and then let us live up to it and add a new laurel to the crown of America.

Woodrow Wilson

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SURRENDER

We shall fight on the beaches, we shall fight on the landing grounds, we shall fight in the hills; we shall never surrender.

Sir Winston Churchill

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My wounded are behind me, and I will never pass them alive.

General Zackary Taylor

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TRAINING

It is very difficult for a nation to create an army when it has not already a body of officers and non-commissioned officers to serve as a nucleus, and a system of military organization.

Napoleon Bonaparte

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For most men, the matter of learning is one of personal preference. But for Army officers, the obligation to learn, to grow in their profession, is clearly a public duty.

General Omar N. Bradley

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He who wants to move in an element such as in war should not bring along book knowledge, only a trained mind. If he has fixed ideas not conceived on the spur of the moment from his own flesh and blood his edifice will be torn down by the chain of events before it is completed.

General Carl Von Clausewitz

All training must stress that every soldier regardless of assignment has as his primary duty the obligation to fight.

General Jacob L. Devers

I learned in the regiment and in the class the conclusion, at least, of what I think the best service that we can do for our country and for ourselves: To see as far as one may, and to feel the great forces that are behind every detail...; to hammer out as compact and solid a piece of work as one can, to try to make it first rate, and to leave it unadvertised.

Oliver Wendell Holmes

...A government is the murderer of its citizens which sends them to the field uninformed and untaught, where they are to meet men of the same age and strength, mechanized by education and discipline for battle, I can not withhold my denunciation of its wickedness and folly.

General Henry (Light Horse Harry) Lee

Since peacetime training is preparation for war, we must take care not to blunt the tool which we are shaping in the process of finishing it.

Maj General Baron von Freytag-Loringhoven

...the ultimate test of military training and the military discipline that results therefrom is the capacity of troops to suffer losses without being turned aside from the task before them.

Major James W. McAndrew

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For every day of training in peacetime, we may save weeks and months of war.

Robert P. Patterson

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I like to remember his definition on the difference between a profession as distinguished from a mere means of livelihood.

First, a profession is an occupation for which the necessary preliminary training is intellectual in character, involving knowledge and to some extent learning, as distinguished from mere skill.

Second, it is an occupation which is pursued largely for others and not merely for one's self.

Third, it is an occupation in which the amount of financial return is not the accepted measure of success.

I will conclude by saying that I believe few professions in America measure up more fittingly to Justice Brandeis' definition than does the profession of arms, that of the military defenders of our country.

Norman Paul (Quoting Justice Brandeis)

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The infantry soldier, well-trained in stealthy approach and in the art of taking cover, makes a small target, and if he is an expert rifleman there is nothing that can take his place on the battlefield.

General John J. Pershing

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Only through high training requirements, rigidly enforced, can low casualty rates be possible. Only well armed and equipped, adequately trained and efficiently led forces can expect victory in future combat.

General Matthew B. Ridgway

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VICTORY

Victory at all costs, victory in spite of all terror, victory however long and hard the road may be; for without victory there is no survival.

Sir Winston Churchill

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Any featherhead can have confidence in times of victory, but the test is to have faith when things are going wrong, and when things happen which cannot be explained in public.

Sir Winston Churchill

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Beware of rashness, but with energy and sleepless vigilance go forward and give us victories.

Abraham Lincoln

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There is no substitute for victory.

General Douglas MacArthur

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We have met the enemy, and they are ours.

Oliver Hazard Perry

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I give it as my fixed opinion, that but for our graduated cadets, the war between the United States and

Mexico might, and probably would, have lasted some four or five years, with, in its first half, more defeats than victories falling to our share; whereas, in less than two campaigns we conquered a great country and a peace, without the loss of a single battle or a skirmish.

General Winfield Scott

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A nation strong, train'd up in arms.

William Shakespeare

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An army is engaged constantly in either training or fighting. In common with all who have had experience of war, professional soldiers hope that our country will never be called upon to fight again. But in any case, training never ends, and training is teaching. Every officer and man in the Army is a teacher or a pupil most of his service. The average officer spends more of his time as a trainer and a teacher than in any other capacity.

General Maxwell D. Taylor

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Victory in war does not depend entirely upon numbers or mere courage; only skill and discipline will insure it.

Flavius Vegetius

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I tell you, fellow citizens, that the war was won by the American spirit. . . . You know what one of our American wits said, that it took only half as long to train an American army as any other, because you had only to train them to go one way.

Woodrow Wilson

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WAR

There has never been a war yet which, if the facts had been put calmly before the ordinary folk, could not have been prevented. The common man is the greatest protection against war.

Ernest Bevin

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Battles are won by the infantry, the armor, the artillery, and air teams, by soldiers living in the rain and huddling in the snow. But wars are won by the great strength of a nation -- the soldier and the civilian working together.

General Omar N. Bradley

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In war there is no second prize for the runner-up.

General Omar N. Bradley

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If you will not fight for the right when you can easily win without bloodshed; if you will not fight when your victory will be sure and not too costly; you may come to the moment when you will have to fight with all the odds against you and only a precarious chance of survival.

There may even be a worse case. You may have to fight when there is no hope of victory, because it is better to perish than live as slaves.

Sir Winston Churchill

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Death and sorrow will be the companions of our journey; hardship our garment; constancy and valor our only shield.

We must be united, we must be undaunted, we must be inflexible.

Sir Winston Churchill

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There never was a good war, or a bad peace.

Benjamin Franklin

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I...propose to fight it out on this line if it takes all summer.

General Ulysses S. Grant

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Older men declare war. But it is youth that must fight and die. And it is youth who must inherit the tribulation, the sorrow, and the triumphs that are the aftermath of war.

Herbert C. Hoover

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We fight because we must fight if we are to live in a world where every country can shape its own destiny, and only in such a world will our own freedom be finally secure.

This kind of world will never be built by bombs or bullets. Yet the infirmities of man are such that force must often precede reason, and the waste of war, the works of peace.

We wish this were not so. But we must deal with the world as it is, if it is ever to be as we wish.

Lyndon B. Johnson

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It is well that war is so terrible, or we should get too fond of it.

General Robert E. Lee

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I know war as few other men now living know it, and nothing to me is more revolting. I have long advocated its complete abolition, as its very destructiveness on both friend and foe has rendered it useless as a means of settling international disputes....

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

In war, there is no substitute for victory.

General Douglas MacArthur

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

General Douglas MacArthur

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It is the object only of war that makes it honorable. And if there was ever a just war since the world began, it is this in which America is now engaged.

Thomas Paine

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War involves in its progress such a train of unforeseen and unsuspected circumstances that no human wisdom can calculate the end. It has but one thing certain, and that is to increase taxes.

Thomas Paine

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War is a contagion.

Franklin D. Roosevelt

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We are in the war, we are all in it—every single man, woman and child is a partner in the most tremendous undertaking of our American history.

Franklin D. Roosevelt

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Men's souls will be shaken with the violences of war. They fight not for the lust of conquest. They fight to liberate. They fight to let justice arise, and tolerance and good-will among all Thy people. They yearn but for the end of battle, for their return to the heaven of home. Some will never return. Embrace these, Father, and receive them, Thy heroic servants, into Thy kingdom. And for us at home -- father, mothers, children, wives, sisters and brothers of brave men overseas, whose thoughts and prayers are ever with them -- help us, Almighty God, to rededicate ourselves in renewed faith in Thee in this hour of great sacrifice.

Franklin D. Roosevelt

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On this tenth day of June, 1940, the hand that held the dagger has struck it into the back of its neighbor.

Franklin D. Roosevelt

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War is cruel and you cannot refine it.

General William T. Sherman

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I am tired and sick of war. Its glory is all moonshine. It is only those who have neither fired a shot nor heard the shrieks and groans of the wounded who cry aloud for blood, more vengeance, more desolation. War is hell.

General William T. Sherman

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War at best is barbarism.

General William T. Sherman

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Every attempt to make war easy and safe will result in humiliation and disaster.

General William T. Sherman

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We the peoples of the United Nations, determined to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war... to maintain international peace and security... to ensure that armed force shall not be used... have resolved to combine our efforts to accomplish these aims.

Preamble to Charter of United Nations

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WAR - PRINCIPLES OF

A general should say to himself many times a day: If the hostile army were to make its appearance in front, on my right, or on my left, what should I do? And if he is embarrassed, his arrangements are bad; there is something wrong; he must rectify his mistake.

Napoleon Bonaparte

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War should be undertaken in such a way as to show that its only object is peace.

Cicero

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War is a separate activity, distinctly different from other human activities. To be thoroughly imbued with

the requirements of this activity; to implant and develop within oneself the abilities that are demanded by it; to acquire an intellectual appreciation of it; to gain ease and certainty in it by practice; and to completely reconcile oneself to the duties involved in it -- these are the military virtues of the individual.

General Carl Von Clausewitz

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The commander in war must work in a medium which his eyes cannot see; which his best deductive powers cannot always fathom; and with which because of constant changes he can rarely become completely familiar.

General Carl Von Clausewitz

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Only one military organization can hold and gain ground in war—a ground army supported by tactical aviation with supply lines guarded by a navy.

General J. Lawton Collins

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Secrecy has been well termed the soul of all great designs. Perhaps more has been effected by concealing our own intentions, than by discovering those of our enemy.

Caleb C. Colton

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Firepower and maneuver are the basic elements of the art of warfare. Combat power results from skillful blending of the physical means available -- those for firepower and those for maneuver -- plus the moral strength of a military force. In order to achieve victory to the combat power of the opposing forces; then it must be applied with imagination, vigor, and selectivity to achieve superiority at the points of decision.

General Clyde D. Eddleman

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While retaliation is one strong deterrent to a would-be aggressor, another power deterrent is defensive power. No enemy is likely to attempt an attack foredoomed to failure.

Dwight D. Eisenhower

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My center is giving way, my right is in retreat; situation excellent. I shall attack!

Marshal Ferdinand Foch

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War is not an affair of chance. A great deal of knowledge, study, and meditation is necessary to conduct it well, and when blows are planned whoever contrives them with the greatest appreciation of their consequences will have a great advantage. However, to give a few rules on such a delicate matter, I would say that in general the first of two army commanders who adopts an offensive attitude almost always reduces his rival to the defensive and makes him regulate himself on his movements.

Frederick the Great

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The proof of research and development decisions is in combat. We win or lose depending upon the soundness and timeliness of our decisions. There once was a time when we could correct bad decisions as a war went along but no longer is this true. We may no longer depend upon someone else to take the first brunt of combat, and we will not have the time to correct bad technological decisions. Now we must be right the first time.

General James M. Gavin

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The art of war is simple enough. Find out where your enemy is. Get at him as soon as you can. Strike at him as hard as you can and as often as you can, and keep moving on.

General U. S. Grant

Wherever the enemy goes let our troops go also.

General U. S. Grant

Hit hard, hit fast, hit often.

Admiral William F. Halsey, Jr.

War means fighting, the business of the soldier is to fight. Armies are not called out to dig trenches, to throw up breast work, to live in camps, but to find the enemy and strike him; to invade his country, and do him all possible damage in the shortest possible time. This will involve great destruction of life and property while it lasts; but such a war will of necessity be of brief continuance, and so would be an economy of life and property in the end.

General Thomas J. (Stonewall) Jackson

Always mystify, mislead, and surprise the enemy, if possible; and when you strike and overcome him, never give up the pursuit as long as your men have strength to follow; for any army routed, if hotly pursued, becomes panic-stricken, and can then be destroyed by half their number.

General Thomas J. (Stonewall) Jackson

The blow whenever struck, must, to be successful, be sudden and heavy.

General Robert E. Lee

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New conditions require for solution, and new weapons require for maximum application, new and imaginative methods. Wars are never won in the past.

General Douglas MacArthur

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A prince should therefore have no other aim or thought, nor take up any other thing for his study, but war and its organization and discipline, for that is the only art that is necessary to one who commands.

Nicolo Machiavelli

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The effectiveness of air-ground cooperation is still in its infancy. Air and ground commanders must be constantly on the alert to devise, and use, new methods of cooperation.

General George S. Patton, Jr.

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Our basic plan of operation is to advance and to keep on advancing regardless of whether we have to go over, under or through the enemy. We have one motto, "Audacious, audacious, always audacious." Remember that. From here on out, until we win or die in the attempt, we will always be audacious.

General George S. Patton, Jr.

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

General George S. Patton, Jr.

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There are only three principles of warfare—Audacity,
Audacity, and AUDACITY!

General George S. Patton, Jr.

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War should be long in preparing in order that you may
conquer the more quickly.

Syrus Pablius

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Have your musket clear as a whistle, hatchet scoured,
60 rounds of powder and ball, and be ready to march at
a moment's notice.

Major Robert Rogers

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It is always easy to begin a war, but very difficult to
stop one, since its beginning and end are not under the
control of the same man. Anyone, even a coward, can
commence a war, but it can be brought to an end only
with the consent of the victors.

Sallust

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War is a science, shrouded in Darkness, in the midst
of which we do not move with an assured step, routine
and prejudice are its basis, a natural consequence of
ignorance. Other sciences have principles, war alone
has yet none; the great captains who have written do
not give us any.

Hermann Saxe

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The time to stop a revolution is at the beginning, not
the end.

Adlai Stevenson

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This military strength, to be effective, must be both tri-dimensional and balanced—an Army-Navy-Air Force team capable of meeting any likely situation. Balanced strength means flexible, proportioned strength, including the various forms of military force required to deter or to fight small wars as well as big wars, and to fight, if necessary, any place and any time, with or without atomic weapons. Balanced strength includes the means to defeat local aggression promptly before it spreads into general war.

General Maxwell D. Taylor

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Military men who have spent lives in the uniform of their country acquire a unique experience in preparing for war and in waging it. No theoretical studies, no intellectual attainments on the part of the layman can be a substitute for the experience of having lived and delivered under the stress of war.

General Maxwell D. Taylor

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Thus we may know that there are five essentials for victory: (1) He will win who knows when to fight and when not to fight. (2) He will win who knows how to handle both superior and inferior forces. (3) He will win whose army is animated by the same spirit throughout all ranks. (4) He will win who, prepared himself, waits to take the enemy unprepared. (5) He will win who has military capacity and is not interfered with by the sovereign. Victory lies in the knowledge of those five points.

Sun Tzu

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Hence the saying: If you know the enemy and know yourself, you need not fear the result of a hundred battles. If you know yourself but not the enemy, for every victory gained you will also suffer a defeat. If you know neither the enemy nor yourself, you will succumb in every battle.

Sun Tzu

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There are not more than five musical notes, yet the combinations of these five give rise to more melodies than can ever be heard. There are not more than five primary colors, yet in combination they produce more hues than can ever be seen. There are not more than five cardinal tastes, yet combinations of them yield more flavours than can ever be tasted.

In battle, there are not more than two methods of attack—the direct and indirect; yet these two in combination give to an endless series of maneuvers. The direct and indirect lead on to each other in turn. It is like moving in a circle—you never come to an end. Who can exhaust the possibilities of their combination?

Sun Tzu

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Military tactics are like unto water; for water in its natural course runs away from high places and hastens downwards. So in war, the way to avoid what is strong is to strike what is weak.

Water shapes its course according to the ground over which it flows; the soldier works out his victory in relation to the foe whom he is facing.

Therefore, just as water retains no constant shape, so in warfare there are no constant conditions.

Sun Tzu

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Consult with many on proper measures to be taken, but communicate the plans you intend to put in execution to few, and those only of the most assured fidelity; or rather trust no one but yourself.

Flavius Vegetius

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Success in combat depends in large part on how quickly and accurately firepower is brought to bear on the enemy. Firepower, delivered by weapons that vary in size from hand grenades to large surface-to-surface missiles and aircraft, is applied primarily for two purposes in ground warfare: to create conditions which permit our ground gaining to maneuver and to combine with shock action, then destroy the enemy.

General Earle G. Wheeler

The end purpose of maneuver is accomplished through firepower.

General Earle G. Wheeler

WEAPONS

The weapons that form the backbone of our deterrent strength are formidable, and we intend to keep them so. . . . Let me make it clear that we are seeking to acquire flexibility rather than rigidity in the options open to us.

Roswell L. Gilpatric

Whenever a new weapon, or a new tactical method, is introduced, it is always looked upon with the gravest suspicion. That is one reason why a study of the History of War is so important, since through it can be seen over the ages the effect on war of such novelties. Such a study shows that the human mind has been slow to grasp the possibilities of the new arrival and to adopt the tactics which will put it to the best use. In fact, as in the case of the tank, the new arrival has usually been treated as an adjunct to, and clothed in the tactics of, the older arms.

General G. M. Lindsay

MISCELLANEOUS

As the happiness of the people is the sole end of government, so the consent of the people is the only foundation of it.

John Adams

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Blow out, your bugles, over the rich
dead!
There's none of these so lonely and
poor of old,
But, dying, has made us rarer gifts
than gold.

Rupert Brooke

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My heart and soul
I consecrate,
My life to him
I dedicate.
I fight for him,
I fight that he
May be what I
Had hoped to be.

I fight and pray
That wars shall cease;
That his shall be
A world at peace;
His dreams, my dreams
And all his plans
His name—my son,
And every man's.

Marine Corporal Vin Cassidy

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Nothing is more dangerous in wartime than to live in the temperamental atmosphere of a Gallup Poll, always feeling one's pulse and taking one's temperature.

Sir Winston Churchill

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The British Empire and the United States will have to be somewhat mixed up together in some of their affairs for mutual and general advantage. For my own part, looking out upon the future, I do not view the process with any misgivings. I could not stop it if I wished; no one can stop it. Like the Mississippi, it just keeps rolling along. Let it roll. Let it roll on flood, inexorable, irresistible, benignant, to broader lands and better days.

Sir Winston Churchill

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How sleep the brave, who sink to rest,
By all their country's wishes blest!
When Spring, with dewy fingers cold,
Returns to deck their hallow'd mold,
She there shall dress a sweeter sod
Than Fancy's feet have ever trod.

By fairy hands their knell is rung,
By forms unseen their dirge is sung;
There Honour comes, a pilgrim grey,
To bless the turf that wraps their clay,
And Freedom shall a-while repair,
To dwell a weeping hermit there!

William Collins

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The path to glory cannot be followed with too much baggage.

General Richard Ewell

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I have sworn upon the altar of God eternal hostility
against every form of tyranny over the mind of man.

Thomas Jefferson

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It ain't the guns nor the armament
Nor the funds that they can pay
But the close co-operation
That makes them win the day.
It ain't the individual
Nor the Army as a whole
But the everlasting team-work
Of every bloomin' soul.

James Mason Knox

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As I would not be a slave, so I would not be a master.
This expresses my idea of democracy. Whatever differs
from this, to the extent of the difference, is no democracy.

Abraham Lincoln

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On the eve of this great adventure, I send my best wishes
to every soldier in the Allied team. To us is given the
honor of striking a blow for freedom which will live in his-
tory, and in the better days that lie ahead men will speak
with pride of our doings. We have a great and righteous
cause. Let us pray that the Lord, mighty in battle, will
go forth with our armies and that His special providence
will aid us in the struggle.

Sir Bernard Law Montgomery

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Keep honor, like your sabre, bright,
Shame coward fear -- and then,
If we must perish in the fight,
Oh! let us die like men.

George Washington Patten

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A pint of sweat will save a gallon of blood.

General George S. Patton, Jr.

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If I were an American, as I am an Englishman, while a foreign troop was landed in my country I never would lay down my arms—never! never! never!

William Pitt

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I have never made but one prayer to God, a very short one: "O Lord, make my enemies ridiculous." And God granted it.

Voltaire

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We have now at least grasped the hardest of all the truths this nation has had to learn; however remote the aggression, however distant the social or economic disasters that afflict other peoples, sooner or later we ourselves will feel their impact.

Sumner Welles

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Policy goes beyond strength, and contrivance before action; hence it is that direction is left to the commander, and execution to the soldier, who is not to ask Why? but to do what he is commanded.

Xenophon

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