

Military Quotes and Sayings

Artillery lends dignity to what might otherwise be a vulgar brawl

Anon

A country cannot simultaneously prevent and prepare for war.

Albert Einstein

A soldier will fight long and hard for a bit of coloured ribbon.

Napoleon Bonaparte

All men are brothers, like the seas throughout the world; So why do winds and waves clash so fiercely everywhere?

Emperor Hirohito

All they that take the sword, shall perish with the sword.

The Bible, Matthew

All war represents a failure of diplomacy.

Tony Benn

All warfare is based on deception.

Sun Tzu, The Art of War

An eye for an eye only makes the whole world blind.

Mahatma Gandhi

An unjust peace is better than a just war.

Cicero

As far as I'm concerned, war always means failure.

Jacques Chirac

Britain and France had to choose between war and dishonour. They chose dishonour. They will have war.

Winston Churchill

Either war is obsolete, or men are.

R. Buckminster Fuller

England has been offered a choice between war and shame. She has chosen shame and will get war.

Winston Churchill

Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired signifies, in the final sense, a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and not clothed.

Dwight D. Eisenhower

God is not on the side of the big battalions, but on the side of those who shoot best.

Voltaire

I have seen enough of one war never to wish to see another.

Thomas Jefferson

I know not with what weapons World War III will be fought, but World War IV will be fought with sticks and stones.

Albert Einstein

I love the smell of Napalm in the morning.

Apocalypse Now, movie

I venture to say no war can be long carried on against the will of the people.

Edmund Burke

I'm fed up to the ears with old men dreaming up wars for young men to die in.

George McGovern

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

General Omar Bradley

In war, resolution; in defeat, defiance; in victory, magnanimity.

Winston Churchill

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

General Douglas MacArthur

It is only the dead who have seen the end of war.

Plato

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

Robert E. Lee

Kings had always been involving and impoverishing their people in wars, pretending generally, if not always, that the good of the people was the object.

Abraham Lincoln

Mankind must put an end to war before war puts an end to mankind.

John F. Kennedy

Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few.

Winston Churchill

Never think that war, no matter how necessary, nor how justified, is not a crime. Ask the infantry and ask the dead.

Ernest Hemingway

No one ever goes into battle thinking God is on the other side.

Terry Goodkind

Politics is war without bloodshed, while war is politics with bloodshed.

Mao Zedong

Put your trust in God; but be sure to keep your powder dry.

Oliver Cromwell

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

Ulysses S Grant

The battle of Waterloo was won on the playing fields of Eton.

Arthur Wellesley, Duke of Wellington

The death of one man is a tragedy. The death of millions is a statistic.

Josef Stalin

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

George S. Patton, Jr.

The only winner in the War of 1812 was Tchaikovsky.

Solomon Short

The victor will never be asked if he told the truth.

Adolf Hitler

The War That Will End War.

H. G. Wells

The whole art of war consists of guessing at what is on the other side of the hill.

Arthur Wellesley, Duke of Wellington

Their sword will become our plow, and from the tears of war the daily bread of future generations will grow.

Adolf Hitler

There never was a good war or a bad peace.

Benjamin Franklin

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.

Winston Churchill

War can only be abolished through war, and in order to get rid of the gun it is necessary to take up the gun.

Mao Zedong

War does not determine who is right - only who is left.

Bertrand Russell

War is a bloody, killing business. You've got to spill their blood, or they will spill yours. Rip them up the belly. Shoot them in the guts.

George S. Patton, Jr.

War is hell.

William Tecumseh Sherman

"War is Peace" "Freedom is Slavery" "Ignorance is Strength."

George Orwell, Nineteen Eighty-Four

War is too serious a matter to entrust to military men.

Georges Clemenceau

We have the finest food, the finest equipment, the best spirit, and the best men in the world. Why, by God, I actually pity those poor sons-of-bitches we're going up against. By God, I do.

George S. Patton, Jr.

We make war that we may live in peace.

Aristotle

When people speak to you about a preventive war, you tell them to go and fight it. After my experience, I have come to hate war. War settles nothing.

Dwight D. Eisenhower

When the enemy advances, withdraw; when he stops, harass; when he tires, strike; when he retreats, pursue.

Mao Zedong

When the rich wage war, it's the poor who die.

Jean-Paul Sartre

When war is declared, Truth is the first casualty.

Arthur Ponsonby

When you have to kill a man it costs nothing to be polite.

Winston Churchill

Artillerymen believe the world consist of two types of people; other Artillerymen and targets.

Unknown

There is NO job in the Field Artillery for the weak, the timid or the indecisive.

Unknown

Gunners will always fight together, drink together, laugh together, and morn together.

Unknown

Cannon to the right of them, Cannon to the left of them, Cannon in front of them, Volley'ed and thundered.

The Charge of the Light Brigade

Ultima ratio regum. (The final argument of kings)
Inscription on french cannons, on order of Louis XIV

The artillery was my strongest tool. Often it was my only reserve I repeatedly said it was more a matter of the infantry supporting the artillery than the artillery supporting the infantry.... I wish I knew the countless times that positions were taken or held due solely to TOT's ...

Major General R. O. Barton

Commanding US 4th Infantry Division World War II
(Reminiscing with his division artillery commander)

CANNON, n. An instrument employed in the rectification of national boundaries.

Ambrose Bierce

The thanks of the infantry, in my opinion, must be treasured more by every artilleryman than all decorations and citations.

Colonel Georg Bruchmuller,

Imperial German Army Artillery Officer and Father of Modern Fire Support
"If you don't have enough artillery, quit.

General Richard Cavazos

The speed, accuracy and devastating power of American Artillery won confidence and admiration from the troops it supported and inspired fear and respect in their enemy.

Gen Dwight D. Eisenhower

Do not forget your dogs of war, your big guns, which are the most-to- be respected arguments of the rights of kings.

Frederick the Great

Artillery conquers and infantry occupies.

J.F.C. Fuller

Guns will make us powerful, butter will only make us fat.

Hermann Goering

The Guns, Thank God, The Guns. .

Rudyard Kipling

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

Gen Douglas MacArthur

Artillerymen have a love for their guns which is perhaps stronger than the feeling of any soldier for his weapon or any part of his equipment.

Brigadier General S. L. A. Marshall

The harder the fighting and the longer the war, the more the infantry, and in fact all the arms, lean on the gunners.

Field Marshal Montgomery

The first shot is for the Devil, the second for God, and only the third for the King.

Napoleon Bonaparte

Nothing is more destructive than the charge of artillery on a crowd.

Napoleon Bonaparte

The best generals are those who have served in the artillery.

Napoleon Bonaparte

God fights on the side with the best artillery.

Napoleon Bonaparte

With Artillery, War is made.

Napoleon Bonaparte

Leave the Artillerymen alone, they are an obstinate lot. . .

Napoleon Bonaparte

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

Gen George S. Patton

Where a goat can go, a man can go, where a man can go, he can drag a gun

COL William Phillips 1777

Our artillery . . . The Germans feared it almost more than anything we had.

Ernie Pyle "Brave Men", 1944

If, -after the battle is over, your infantry don't like you, you are a poor artilleryman.

Captain Henry Reilly The Field Artillery Journal, September-October 1940

A battery of field artillery is worth a thousand muskets.

General William Tecumseh Sherman

Artillery is the god of war.

Stalin

The work for giants...to serve well the guns!

Walt Whitman

Renown awaits the commander who first restores artillery to its prime importance on the battlefield.

Winston Churchill