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Douglas MacArthur (January 26, 1880 - April 5, 1964) was an American military leader who served in World War II. He helped rebuild Japan after the war and played a key role in limiting the Communist takeover of Korea with his daring Inchon landing. A controversial figure, he was dismissed by President Truman but returned to the largest tickertape parade ever.

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

- MacArthur, Douglas

By profession I am a soldier and take pride in that fact. But I am prouder -- infinitely prouder -- to be a father. A soldier destroys in order to build; the father only builds, never destroys. The one has the potentiality of death; the other embodies creation and life. And while the hordes of death are mighty, the battalions of life are mightier still. It is my hope that my son, when I am gone, will remember me not from the battle field but in the home repeating with him our simple daily prayer, Our Father Who Art in Heaven.

- MacArthur, Douglas

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

- MacArthur, Douglas

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

- MacArthur, Douglas

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

- MacArthur, Douglas

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

- MacArthur, Douglas

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

- MacArthur, Douglas

You are remembered for the rules you break.

- MacArthur, Douglas

There's no security on this earth, only opportunity.

- MacArthur, Douglas

Old soldiers never die; they just fade away.

- MacArthur, Douglas

Age wrinkles the body. Quitting wrinkles the soul.

- MacArthur, Douglas

Years may wrinkle the skin, but to give up interest wrinkles the soul.

- MacArthur, Douglas

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

- MacArthur, Douglas

The powers in charge keep us in a perpetual state of fear keep us in a continuous stampede of patriotic fervor with the cry of grave national emergency. Always there has been some terrible evil to gobble us up if we did not blindly rally behind it by furnishing the exorbitant sums demanded. Yet, in retrospect, these disasters seem never to have happened, seem never to have been quite real.

- MacArthur, Douglas

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

- MacArthur, Douglas

There is no substitute for victory.

- MacArthur, Douglas

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

- Macarthur, Douglas

In war there is no substitute for victory.

- Macarthur, Douglas

I have known war as few men now living know it. It's very destructiveness on both friend and foe has rendered it useless as a means of settling international disputes.

- Macarthur, Douglas

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

- Macarthur, Douglas

Last, but by no means least, courage-moral courage, the courage of one's convictions, the courage to see things through. The world ;is in a constant conspiracy against the brave.

It's the age-old struggle-the roar of the crowd on one side and the voice of your ;conscience on the other.

- Macarthur, Douglas

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

- Macarthur, Douglas





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