

WHAT AMERICA'S GREATEST GENERALS SAID ABOUT WAR AND ITS CAUSES

"My first wish is to see this plague of mankind, war, banished from the Earth." *George Washington*

**"Over grown military establishments are under any form of government inauspicious to liberty, and are to be regarded as particularly hostile to republican liberty."
*George Washington***

"Although a soldier by profession, I have never felt any sort of fondness for war, and I have never advocated it, except as a means of peace." *Ulysses S. Grant*

"What a cruel thing war is... to fill our hearts with hatred instead of love for our neighbors." *Robert E. Lee*

**"War is just a racket. A racket is . . . something that is not what it seems to the majority of people. Only a small inside group know what it is about. It is conducted for the benefit of the very few at the expense of the masses."
*Smedley Butler***

"At least 21,000 new millionaires and billionaires were made in the United States during [World War I]. That many admitted their blood gains in their income tax returns. How many other war millionaires falsified their tax returns no one knows. . . .The general public shoulders the bill. . . . Newly placed gravestones. Mangled bodies. Shattered minds. Broken hearts and homes. . . . Depression and all its attendant miseries. Back-breaking taxation for generations and generations. . . . It pays high dividends. . . The sky is the limit. . . . Uncle Sam has the money. Let's get it. . . . Of course, it isn't put that crudely in war time. It is dressed into speeches about patriotism, love of country, and 'we must all put our shoulders to the wheel.' *Smedley Butler*

"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."
Douglas MacArthur

"Our country is now geared to an arms economy which was bred in an artificially induced psychosis of war hysteria and nurtured upon an incessant propaganda of fear." ***Douglas MacArthur***

"If everyone is thinking alike, then somebody isn't thinking." ***George S. Patton***

"Always do everything you ask of those you command."
George S. Patton

"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 are not clothed. I hate war as only a soldier who has lived it can, only as one who has seen its brutality, its futility, its stupidity. When people speak to you about a preventive war, you tell them to go and fight it. . . War settles nothing. . . Though force can protect in emergency, only justice, fairness, consideration and cooperation can finally lead men to the dawn of eternal peace. . ." ***Dwight D. Eisenhower***

"The problem in defense is how far you can go without destroying from within what you are trying to defend from without." ***Dwight D. Eisenhower***

"I like to believe that people in the long run are going to do more to promote peace than our governments. I think that people want peace so much that one of these days governments had better get out of the way and let them have it." ***Dwight D. Eisenhower***

"This conjunction of an immense military establishment and a large arms industry is new in the American experience. The total influence. . . is felt in every city, every Statehouse, every office of the Federal government.

. . We must not fail to comprehend its grave implications. Our toil, resources, and livelihood are all involved; so is the very structure of our society." Dwight D. Eisenhower

"Man is stumbling blindly through a spiritual darkness while toying with the precarious secrets of life and death. The world has achieved brilliance without wisdom, power without conscience. Ours is a world of nuclear giants and ethical infants. We know more about war than we know about peace, more about killing than we know about living." Omar Bradley

"Armed forces can wage wars but they cannot make peace. For there is a wide chasm between war and peace—a chasm that can only be bridged by good will, discussion, compromise, and agreement. [But] disillusionment can come from expecting too much, too easily, too soon. In our impatience we must never forget that fundamental differences have divided this world; they allow no swift, no cheap, no easy solutions. While as a prudent people we must prepare ourselves to encounter what we may be unable to prevent, we nevertheless must never surrender ourselves to the certainty of that encounter. For if we say there is no good in arguing with what must inevitably come, then we shall be left with no choice but to create a garrison state and empty our wealth into arms. The burden of long-term total preparedness for some indefinite but inevitable war could not help but crush the freedom we prize." Omar Bradley

"Every army of liberation has a half-life after which it turns into an army of occupation." David Petraeus

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