

Military Maxims

Sage advice for young officers:

- Do not argue with an idiot. He will drag you down to his level and beat you with experience.
- When tempted to fight fire with fire, remember that the Fire Department usually uses water.
- If someone betrays you once, it is his fault; if he betrays you twice, it is your fault.
- To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.

Wisdom of the Ages:

- Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.
- Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
- A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.
- You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.
- You're never too old to learn something stupid.

Heard in Passing:

- CO to argumentative company commander: 'If I agreed with you we'd both be wrong'.
- GOC to his staff: 'I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you'.
- Harassed staff officer to colleague: 'A bus station is where a bus stops. A train station is where a train stops. My CO's desk has a work station'.
- One YO to another: I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so sure.
- One crusty Colonel to another: 'I always take life with a grain of salt, plus a slice of lime, and a shot of tequila.'