

AVIATION HUMOR and WISDOM

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Don't forget nothing. Robert Rogers 1776

Get up before dawn. That is when the enemy sleeps. Robert Rogers 1776

Don't never take a chance you don't have to. Robert Rogers 1776

Tell the truth about what you see or do. Never lie. Robert Rogers 1776

See the enemy before he sees you. Robert Rogers 1776

Hire help based on merit... include Indians and freed slaves. Robert Rogers 1776

If you are in a fair fight you have not planned it well. Marchinko ST6

Assume nothing. Marchinko ST6

KISS keep it simple stupid. Marchinko ST6

Take care of your men and they will take care of you. Leadership 101

Praise in public, chastise in private. Leadership 101

Being surprised results from being unprepared. Robert Rogers 1776

.Make plans to go in harms way. J. P. Jones. 1776

Do not ask your men to do something you would not do. Leadership 101

Always check your six O'clock. Boyington

Always assume an ambush. Leadership 101

Lead by example. Leadership 101

Lead from the front. Leadership 101

Keep take offs and landings in a one to. ratio

Get it in writing. Malpractice 101

Do not trust your memory. Malpractice 101

Treat every subordinate, worker or employee with real respect, dignity and human compassion. Do that and you will earn loyalty. Leadership 101

A good loser is still a loser. Rockne

The only winner in the rat race is the rat.

To be under estimated is an advantage. Papism 10-4

Acceptable risk is in the eyes of the beholder.
Never accept any wooden nickels...they do not spend well at the hearing. Papism 10-4

Just because a government investigation says it is so does not make it fact. Papism 10-4

Take nothing on looks, only on the evidence.

Understand that most Independent Government investigations are neither Independent or unbiased ...Recognize the agendas of the investigation participants. Ira Rimson

Conduct investigations by elimination of possible causes until only one valid scenario remains as probable cause. Sam Taylor

Do not trust any forensic Expert witness who will not go to the field and get his hands dirty. Papism 10-4

Even stupid questions may result in smart answers-listen. Papism 10-4

Look at the entire herd before you chose the horse you buy. Dr Al Diehl

Good judgment comes from experience and experience comes from bad judgment.

Keep looking around; there's always something you've missed.

Generally speaking, you aren't learning much when your lips are moving. Pappy

In negotiations, always give your opponent a way out with honor. Papism 10-4

Never show your opponent your best shots in the first match.
Manuel Grandinetti US Handball champ

History is written by the winners.
Patton

Trials are a Blood sport. Art Buchwald

A drowning man is not worried by a little rain.

The harder you work the more LUCK you will find. Wayne Fisher

Never shoot from the lip.

Float like a butterfly sting like a bee
-Muhammad Ali

The older I get the better I used to be.

Sport is war minus the shooting.
You play the way you practice - Pop Warner

You thought you were in Good hands and then you found you were not.
Scotty Baldwin

Whoever tells the best story wins.
John Q Adams.

The jury decides who had the better. lawyer.

Lawyers shovel smoke. O. W. Holmes

Lawyers are the people we hire to protect us from other lawyers.

In almost every case you need to read between the lies -Angie Papadakis

One has “Chutspa” if he killed his mother and father and then throws himself on the mercy of the court because he is now an orphan.

Prepare every case as if it will have to go to trial. The Mighty O’quinn

It is better to be embarrassed than ashamed.

Do not be blinded by only building your case, instead be confident that you can destroy the opponents case.

Always tell the truth, there is less to remember.

If you climb in the ring, be ready to fight. Braddock
Complain only to one who can help you.

You find LUCK in the law library.
Wayne Fisher

Do not look where you fell, rather look where you slipped.

The larger the meeting the longer it takes and the less gets done. Angie Papadakis

Yesterday is done, move on.
In the Courtroom there are no points for second place. Airlaws

Always know the real odds.

Having to learn from a mistake means you made a mistake.

Walk into the place like you owned it. Only a few people know you don’t. John Sciales

Look around the room and study the people and say I have more potential than anybody in this room.
Jim Kowalke

What goes around comes around.

Ask questions, dying of stupidity is forever.

When you get a returned test paper do not glory in the good grade...study that which you got wrong. Prof Phil Papadakis

You strive for perfection ,but never achieve it.

A closed mouth gathers no foot.
Molly Ivin

Never miss a good chance to shut up.

If you are talking you are not listening.

You learn more by listening than talking.

Lead with your brain not your mouth.

Think...then talk.

Be aggressive.

You may have the chance to try hundreds of lawsuits. Your client only has one chance ...Don’t screw that up.

Don't celebrate your case in chief.
You always ought to win that.

It ain't over til its over.

It ain't over till the fat lady sings.

Have the check in hand before you
spend the money.

After you have heard your
subordinates tell you about the
great case they have ...mentally
multiply the expenses by 3 and
divide the damages in half.

Using alcohol or drugs to solve a
problem never works. It simply
postpones the problem but never
fixes it.

No rain -No rainbows.

You can't win em all ...but its easy
to lose em all. Uncle Anthony

How many you win is up to you
Uncle Anthony

Yeah tho I fly through the Valley of
the Shadow of Death I shall fear no
evil, for I am the meanest Fighter
Pilot in the valley.

You gatta know when to hold em-
know when to fold em...and know
when to run away...The Gambler

If it's stupid but works, it isn't
stupid.

The difficult we do immediately.
The impossible takes a little while
longer. - U.S. Navy Seabees

Don't look conspicuous: it draws
attention.

Bravery is being the only one who
knows you're afraid.

Never tell the Boss you have nothing
to do.

Truly superior lawyers are those
who use their superior judgment to
avoid those situations where they
might have to use their superior
skills.

Try to learn from the mistakes of
others. You won't live long enough
to make all of them yourself.

When a Trial is proceeding
incredibly well, something may be
forgotten.

In Lawyering have learned that
carelessness and overconfidence are
usually far more dangerous than
deliberately accepted risks. -
apologies Wilbur Wright

It's always better To not be in a trial
wishing you were, than to actually
be in a trial wishing you were not.

The probability of winning is
directly proportional to the amount
of preparation.

You start your career with a bag full
of luck and an empty bag of
experience. The trick is to fill the
bag of experience before you empty
the bag of luck.

Good judgment comes from
experience. Unfortunately,

experience usually comes from bad judgment.

Keep looking around. There's always something you've missed.

What's the difference between God and a Trial Lawyer. God doesn't think he's a Trial Lawyer. .

It's easy to make a small fortune by trial lawyering after Tort Reform, but you have to start off with a large fortune.

You cannot propel yourself forward by patting yourself on the back.

I'd rather be lucky than good.

Experience is the knowledge that enables you to recognize a mistake when you make it again.

Experience is a hard teacher. First comes the test, then the lesson.

Lawyering is not Nintendo. You don't push a button and start over.

Learn from the mistakes of others. You won't live long enough to make all of them yourself.

I'd rather do sumthin than nuthin.

I never went into a trial thinking I would lose. JOE JAMAIL

It is good to be shot at and missed. Churchill

The trial has begun, the clock has started, game on.... Remember,

there are no points for second place ...just a winner and a loser.
Apologies FTWS "Topgun"

Try not to eject over the town you just bombed. Thanwa bridge briefing

If you are thinking about ejecting over water, remember that a minute more of flying is the equivalent of one day of swimming. SAR briefing

Courage is doing that which you are scared to do. Chuck Yeager

There was only one catch and that was Catch22, which specified that a concern for one's safety in the face of dangers that were real and immediate was the process of a rational mind. Orr was crazy and could be grounded. All he had to do was ask, and as soon as he did, he would no longer be crazy and would have to fly more missions. Orr would be crazy to fly more missions and sane if he didn't, but if he was sane he had to fly them. If he flew them he was crazy and didn't have to; but if he didn't want to he was sane and had to.

— Joseph Heller, 'Catch22.'

If you Fly...don't stall
If you stall ...don't spin
If you spin... don't crash
If you crash ...don't burn
Keep Pensacola Green !

You never have too much fuel except when you're on fire.
Gus Economy

Whenever possible, hold your altitude. No-one has ever collided with the sky.

You've never been lost until you've been lost at Mach 3. - Paul F. Crickmore

If you're faced with a forced landing, fly the thing as far into the crash as possible. - Bob Hoover

Though I Fly Through the Valley of Death I Shall Fear No Evil For I Am 80,000 Feet and Climbing. - Sign over the entrance to the SR-71 operating location on Kadena.

There is no reason to fly through a thunderstorm in peacetime.

The three best things in life are a good landing, a good orgasm, and a good bowel movement. The night carrier landing is one of the few opportunities in life to experience all three at the same time. Naval Aviation saying

Try to stay in the middle of the air. Do not go near the edges of it. The edges of the air can be recognized by the appearance of ground, buildings, sea, trees and interstellar space. It is much more difficult to fly there.

We have a perfect record in aviation: we never left one up there!

Helicopters don't fly... they just beat the air into submission.

Flying the airplane is more important than radioing your plight

to a person on the ground incapable of understanding it.

Aviation in itself is not inherently dangerous. But to an even greater degree than the sea, it is terribly unforgiving of any carelessness, incapacity or neglect. - Sign at NAS Pensacola

If helicopters are so safe, how come there are no vintage / classic helicopter fly-ins?

Every takeoff is optional. Every landing is mandatory.

Flying isn't dangerous. Crashing is what's dangerous.

One of the most important skills that a pilot must develop is the skill to ignore those things that were designed by non-pilots to get the pilot's attention.

A helicopter is 10,000 parts flying in formation waiting for a time to come apart.

You start with a bag full of luck and an empty bag of experience. The trick is to fill the bag of experience before you empty the bag of luck.

Remember, gravity is not just a good idea. It's the law. And it's not subject to repeal.

"Unskilled" pilots are always found in the wreckage with their hand around the microphone.

Those who hoot with the owls by night, should not fly with the eagles by day.

Sign @ VT-1 Saufley Field.

The difference between God and fighter pilots is God doesn't think he's a fighter pilot.

Passengers prefer old captains and young flight attendants.

As a pilot only two bad things can happen to you and one of them will: (a) One day you will walk out to the aircraft knowing that it is your last flight (b) one day you will walk out to the aircraft not knowing that it is your last flight.

You get better Odds in Vegas.
Sam Taylor

Never ever come to believe that your pencil does not need an erasure.

Sometimes bad events result in future improvements.

If the Wright brother were alive today Wilbur would have to fire Orville to reduce costs.
— *Herb Kelleher, Southwest Airlines, 'USA Today,' 8 June 1994.*

Speed is life. Altitude is life insurance.

The similarity between air traffic controllers and pilots? If a pilot screws up, the pilot dies. If ATC screws up, the pilot dies.

FAA motto: "We're not happy, till you're not happy."

Unknown landing signal officer to carrier pilot after his 6th unsuccessful landing attempt:
"You've got to land here son. This is where the food is.

It only two things to fly: airspeed and money.

In a war zone bored is good

Murphy was an optimist.

"Who needs a smart bomb, I got 200 stupid bombs"-A B-52 pilot

AVIATION ADVICE

If it ain't Boeing I ain't Going.

Keep Blue on Top.

Fly over mountains not through them.

Always turn into an attack.

High and Fast is good at the boat (air craft Carrier) even if the Landing Signal Officer disagrees.

Low and Slow at the ramp leaves a dent in the ship. You do not want to do that.

Gentlemen when you get on the cat for the first time, remember this, After you salute you are either going to fly or swim, because you will not stop.

Trust no one -Remember the dispatcher will go to your funeral

Trust no one -Remember the air traffic controller will go to your funeral

Trust no one remember the mechanic will go to your funeral.

Flying is not inherently dangerous, It is unforgiving of dummies and Ensigns

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If you see a switch marked DFWI then DFWI.

if it ain't broke don't fix it.

Remember, amateurs built the Ark. Professionals built the Titanic.

Just cuz the government tells you so, don't make it true.

Take offs are optional - Landings are mandatory.

"I'd rather die than look bad"... will kill you.

The obvious is usually wrong.

Doing it correct is better than having to explain it later.

If you don't know get help.

When you ask a question, listen to the answer.

They can be wrong, but so can you.

The place for a fight is on the ground.

It is better to learn from the mistakes of others.

Aluminum snowstorms are bad.

From my vantage point in the cockpit, what seems acceptable risk to others appears very unacceptable to me.

Remember... the lowest bidder built this airplane.

Studying electro-static discharge is far better in a lab than in a thunderstorm.

Take my word for it, go around thunderstorms.

Let somebody else be the pathfinder.
I can hardly remember the last time I was paid to be a test pilot.

In the Northern Hemisphere why do navy pilots say it is better to always fly west of big thunderstorms in the morning and east of them in the afternoon? ...It keeps the sun out of your eyes.

Your jet airplane will only make a very small dent in the back of the ship. Never be low

Gravity never loses.

When they say hurry up, it is the time to slow down.

The FAA is the dog... you are the fire hydrant.

Keep the blue on top.

Fly over mountains not through them.

Keep take-offs and landings in one to one ratio.

Never get low... Never get slow

Pilots always arrive at the scene of the accident first.

AVIATION SAYINGS AND ACRONYMS

The F8 Crusader - The ensign eater

The Douglas A3D- All three Dead

The Douglas A4 Skyhawk—The Scooter or The Tinker Toy

F-105 Thunderchief - The Thud

A-10 Thunderbolt II -The Wart Hog or The Hog

Boeing 737 - FLUF

Boeing B-52 - BUF

The CIA - Christians in Action

Walk on Water Wall - Where pilot hang memorabilia.

ACRONYMS

AAIC ... Arrogant Ass In Charge

AB and HA ... After Burner and Haul Ass

BOHICA...Bend Over Hear It Comes Again

CRS ... Can't Remember Stuff

DFWI... Don't Fool With It

DILLIGAF ... Do I Look Like I Give a F***

DILLIGAS...Do I Look Like I Give a S****

FAB ... Fast as a Bastard

FIGJAM ... F**K I'm Good, Just Ask Me

FIIGMO ... F**K IT I GOT MY ORDERS

FUBAR ... F**k beyond all recognition

FUBIJAR ... F **k you Buddy I am Just a Reserve

FNG:... F**king New Guy

GAS... Give a sh!t

GIB Guy in Back

HALO... High altitude Low Opening

HANO Jump... High altitude NO Opening

KISS ... Keep It Simple Stupid

LIC ... Low in Close

LOST ... Looking Over Strange Terrain

MFWIC ... Mother F***er who Is in Charge

NAFOD- ...No Apparent Fear of Death

NFOD- ...No Fear of Death

NOMO ... No Male Organs

Nugget Pilot on first Carrier
Cruise

6Ps...Prior Planning Prevents Piss
Poor Performance

PITA ...Pain In the Arse

RCS ... Random Crap Shoot

REMF ... Rear echelon MF

RHINO ... Really Here In Name Only

SOS ... (creamed ham on toast)

TAD ... Traveling Around Drunk

YOYO... You're On Your Own ...or...
ACM Maneuver

**PHONETIC MEANINGS
HEARD IN THE READY ROOM**

Sierra Hotel Shit Hot

Whiskey Charlie ... Who cares.

Delta Echo Hotel... Don't Expect
Help!