

## United States Marine Corps Professional Reading List (revised 3/11/2019)

### \* Commandant's Choice Books \* (All Marines)

First to Fight (Krulak)  
Hue 1968 (Bowden)  
The Leader's Bookshelf (Stavridis)  
Legacy: 15 Lessons in Leadership (Kerr)

Machine, Platform, Crowd (McAfee)  
Non-Obvious 2019 (Bhargara)  
Warfighting (MCDP-1, USMC)  
A World in Disarray (Haass)

### \* Entry Level Enlisted \* (Recruit - Poolee)

Battle Cry (Uris)  
Corps Values (Miller)  
Gates of Fire (Pressfield)  
Grit (Duckworth)  
Starship Troopers (Heinlein)

### \* Entry Level Officer \* (Candidate - Midshipman)

Battle Cry (Uris)  
Corps Values (Miller)  
Gates of Fire (Pressfield)  
I'm Staying with My Boys (Proser)  
The Killer Angels (Shaara)  
My Men Are My Heroes (Helms)  
Starship Troopers (Heinlein)

### \* Primary Level Enlisted \* (Pvt - LCpl)

Chesty (Hoffman)  
Ender's Game (Card)  
The Last Stand of Fox Company (Drury)  
The Marines of Montford Point (McLaurin)  
On Call in Hell (Jadick)  
Ready Player One (Cline)  
Rifleman Dodd (Forester)  
The Warrior Ethos (Pressfield)

### \* Primary Level Officer \* (2ndLt - 1stLt)

All Quiet on the Western Front (Remarque)  
At the Water's Edge: Defending Against the Modern  
Amphibious Assault (Gatchel)  
Chesty (Hoffman)  
The Defense of Hill 781: An Allegory of Modern Mechanized  
Combat (McDonough)  
Fields of Fire (Webb)  
The Last Stand of Fox Company (Drury)  
The Marines of Montford Point (McLaurin)  
Ready Player One (Cline)  
What It Is Like to Go to War (Marlantes)  
With the Old Breed: At Peleliu and Okinawa (Sledge)  
What Now, Lieutenant? (Neal)

### \* Career Level Enlisted \* (Cpl - Sgt)

Battle Leadership (Von Schell)  
The Defense of Duffer's Drift (Swinton)  
Ghost Fleet (Singer, Cole)  
The Killer Angels (Shaara)  
Left of Bang (Van Horne)  
On Combat (Grossman)  
On Killing (Grossman)  
Outliers (Gladwell)  
Resilience (Greitens)  
The Revenge of Geography: What the Map Tells Us about  
Coming Conflicts and the Battle Against Fate (Kaplan)  
We Were Soldiers Once...and Young (Moore, Galloway)  
With the Old Breed: At Peleliu and Okinawa (Sledge)

### \* Career Level Officer \* (WO - CWO2 - Capt)

Assault from the Sea: Essays on the History of Amphibious  
Warfare (Bartlett)  
Attacks (Rommel)  
Black Hearts (Frederick)  
Curious: The Desire to Know and Why Your Future Depends  
on It (Leslie)  
Forgotten Warriors (Hammes)  
Into the Tiger's Jaw (Petersen)  
Neptune's Inferno: The U.S. Navy at Guadalcanal  
(Hornfischer)  
On Killing (Grossman)  
Out of the Mountains: The Coming Age of the Urban Guerrilla  
(Kilcullen)  
The Starfish and the Spider (Brafman, Beckstrom)  
This Kind of War (Fehrenbach)  
War Made New (Boot)  
What Now, Lieutenant? (Neal)\*\*

### \* Intermediate Level Enlisted \* (SSgt - GySgt)

All Quiet on the Western Front (Remarque)  
American Spartans (Warren)  
The Changing Face of War (Van Creveld)  
Fields of Fire (Webb)  
The Innovators: How a Group of Hackers, Geniuses and Geeks  
Created the Digital Revolution (Isaacson)  
Leading Change (Kotter)  
My Men Are My Heroes (Helms)

**\* Intermediate Level Enlisted \***  
**(SSgt – GySgt) cont'd**

Once an Eagle (Myrer)  
Thinking, Fast and Slow (Kahneman)  
This Kind of War (Fehrenbach)  
Toward the Flame (Allen)

**\* Intermediate Level Officer \***  
**(CWO3 – CWO4 – Maj – LtCol)**

After the Prophet: The Epic Story of the Shia-Sunni Split in Islam (Hazleton)  
The Blitzkrieg Legend: The 1940 Campaign in the West (Frieser)  
Cobra II: The Inside Story of the Invasion and Occupation of Iraq (Gordon)  
Command Culture (Muth)  
Countdown to Zero Day: Stuxnet and the Launch of the World's First Digital Weapon (Zetter)  
Defeat into Victory (Slim)  
Fleet Tactics and Naval Operations (Hughes)  
The Innovators: How a Group of Hackers, Geniuses and Geeks Created the Digital Revolution (Isaacson)  
Military Innovation in the Interwar Period (Murray)  
The Mind of War: John Boyd and American Security (Hammond)  
Monsoon: The Indian Ocean and the Future of American Power (Kaplan)  
Storming the City: U.S. Military Performance in Urban Warfare from WWII to Vietnam (Wahlman)  
Team of Teams: New Rules of Engagement for a Complex World (McChrystal)  
This Kind of War (Fehrenbach)  
The Utility of Force: The Art of War in the Modern World (Smith)  
The Warriors: Reflections on Men in Battle (Gray)

**\* Senior Level Enlisted \***  
**(MSgt – 1stSgt – MGySgt – SgtMaj)**

Achilles in Vietnam (Shay)  
Command Culture (Muth)  
The Face of Battle (Keegan)  
Forgotten Warriors (Hammes)  
The Guns of August (Tuchman)  
The Inevitable: Understanding the 12 Technological Forces That Will Shape Our Future (Kelly)  
The Innovator's Dilemma: When New Technologies Cause Great Firms to Fail (Christensen)  
Just and Unjust Wars (Walzer)  
No Bended Knee (Twining)  
On Combat (Grossman)  
The Singularity Is Near: When Humans Transcend Biology (Kurzweil)  
Start with Why: How Great Leaders Inspire Everyone to Take Action (Sinek)

Team of Teams: New Rules of Engagement for a Complex World (McChrystal)

**\* Senior Level Officer \***  
**(CWO5, Col – Gen)**

Another Bloody Century (Gray)  
Assignment Pentagon: How to Excel in a Bureaucracy (Smith, Gerstein)  
Chairman XI Remakes the PLA (Saunders)  
Dereliction of Duty: Johnson, McNamara, the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Lies That Led to Vietnam (McMaster)  
Diplomacy (Kissinger)  
Every War Must End (Ikle)  
The Federalist Papers (Hamilton)  
The Guns of August (Tuchman)  
The Inevitable: Understanding the 12 Technological Forces That Will Shape Our Future (Kelly)  
The Innovator's Dilemma: When New Technologies Cause Great Firms to Fail (Christensen)  
The Landmark Thucydides (Strassler, Thucydides)  
The Little Book of Economics: How the Economy Works in the Real World (Ip)  
The Soldier and the State (Huntington)  
Stilwell and the American Experience in China: 1911-1945 (Tuchman)  
Strategy: A History (Freedman)  
Supreme Command: Soldiers, Statesmen and Leadership in Wartime (Cohen)  
Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln (Goodwin)  
Treasury's War (Zarate)