

## U. S. MARINE READING LIST

The current U.S. Marine Reading List may be accessed on the Internet at: <http://www.mcu.usmc.mil/reading/readinglist.htm>. The list is divided into sections by general topic. Within each section, foundation books are listed first, with more advanced books toward the end of the list. Marines should read and discuss books from all sections.

### *The Marine Corps Heritage Section*

A Marine Named Mitch	Paige
U.S. Marines: 1775-1975	Simmons
Battle Cry	Uris
Fix Bayonets!	Thomason
Strong Men Armed	Leckie
The Right Kind of War	McCormick
The U.S. Marine Corps Story	Moskin
Tarawa	Sherrod
Iwo Jima, Legacy of Valor	Ross
Flights of Passage	Hynes
Unaccustomed to Fear	Willcock
Breakout	Russ
First to Fight	Krulak
Semper Fidelis	Millett
With the Old Breed	Sledge
Once A Legend	Hoffman
Fortunate Son	Puller
Reminiscences of Marine	LeJeune
Chosin	Hammel
In Many a Strife	Millett
Once A Marine	Vandergrift
The Marine Corps' Search for a Mission: 1880-1898	Bartlett
LeJeune	Schmidt
Maverick Marine	Twining
No Bended Knee	

### *Leadership, Memoir, and Biography Section*

A Message to Garcia	Hubbard
Fields of Fire	Webb
Battle Leadership	Von Schell
Rifleman Dodd	Forester
Marine	Davis
Uncommon Men: SgtsMaj of the Marine Corps	Chapin
Acts of War	Holmes
Challenge of Command	Nye
The Forgotten Soldier	Sajer
We Were Soldiers Once, and Young	Moore and Galloway
Three War Marine	Parry
Pegasus Bridge	Ambrose
Band of Brothers	Ambrose
Company Commander	MacDonald
Once an Eagle	Myrer
Profession of Arms	Hackett
Anatomy of Courage	Moran
Douglas Southall Freeman on Leadership	Freeman
Follow Me	Newman
Grant Takes Command	Catton
Morale: A Study of Men and Courage	Baynes
It Doesn't Take a Hero	Schwarzkopf
Patton: A Genius for War	D'Este
Personal Memoirs of Ulysses S. Grant	Long
Years of MacArthur	James
The Quiet Warrior	Buell
100 Days: The Memoirs of the Falklands	Woodward

Follow Me  
The General  
Pershing  
Eisenhower's Lieutenants  
Nimitz  
General of the Army: George C. Marshall  
Foundations of Moral Obligation  
Memoirs of General W. T. Sherman  
Nightengale's Song  
My American Journey

Newman  
Forester  
Smythe  
Weigley  
Potter  
Cray  
Brennan  
Royster  
Timberg  
Powell

### *Theory, Nature, and History of War Section*

Art of War  
On Infantry  
The Face of Battle  
Maneuver Warfare: An Anthology  
Gallipoli  
For the Common Defense  
On War  
Knight's Cross  
The Enlightened Soldier  
Race to the Swift  
Military Misfortunes  
Gates of Fire  
What are Generals Made of  
Generalship, It's Diseases and their Cures  
Guns, Germs, and Steel

Sun Tzu  
English and Gudmundsson  
Keegan  
Hooker  
Moorehead  
Millett & Maslowski  
Clausewitz  
Fraser  
White  
Simpkin  
Cohan  
Pressfield  
Newman  
Fuller  
Diamond

### *Strategy, Policy, and Civil-Military Relations Section*

U.S. Constitution  
Declaration of Independence  
Strategy  
The Military  
Citizen Soldiers  
Battle Cry of Freedom  
On Strategy  
Makers of Modern Strategy  
George Washington and the American Military Tradition  
The Making of Strategy  
Eagle and Sword: Federalist and the Creation  
of the Military Establishment in America  
The Peloponnesian War  
The 25 Year War  
A Democracy at War  
Military Innovation in the Interwar Period  
On the Origins of War and the Preservation of Peace  
Diplomacy  
In Retrospect  
The Best and the Brightest  
Dereliction of Duty

Jefferson  
Liddell Hart  
Moskios  
Ambrose  
McPherson  
Summers  
Paret  
Higginbotham  
Murray  
Kohn  
Thucydides  
Palmer  
O'Neill  
Millett & Murray  
Kagan  
Kissinger  
McNamara  
Halberstram  
McMaster

### *Operations, Campaigns, and Battles Section*

The Bridge at Dong-Ha  
Fire in the Streets  
The Buffalo Soldiers  
Tip of the Spear  
Grant and Lee  
The Killer Angels

Miller  
Hammel  
Leckie  
Michaels  
Fuller  
Shaara

Operation Buffalo  
BlackHawk Down  
The Middle Parts of Fortune  
Devil Dogs  
Landscape Turned Red  
The Price of Glory  
The Breaking Point  
Victory at High Tide  
The Easter Offensive  
No Victor, No Vanquished: Yom Kippur War  
Phase Line Green  
The War of American Independence  
At Dawn We Slept  
Guadalcanal, The Definitive Account  
Defeat into Victory  
Utmost Savagery  
Eagle Against the Sun  
The General's War  
Take That Hill! Royal Marines in the Falkland War  
The Campaigns of Napoleon  
To Lose a Battle  
Korean War  
A Bridge Too Far  
A Woman at War

Nolan  
Bowden  
Manning  
Clark  
Sears  
Horne  
Doughty  
Heini  
Turley  
O'Ballance  
Warr  
Higginbotham  
Prange  
Frank  
Slim  
Alexander  
Spector  
Gordon & Trainor  
Vaux  
Chandler  
Horne  
Ridgway  
Ryan  
Moore

*Doctrine, Training, and Tactics Section*

Starship Troopers  
The Defense of Duffer's Drift  
Soldier's Load  
Red Badge of Courage  
Ender's Game  
Attacks  
Common Sense Training  
Maneuver Warfare Handbook  
Battle Studies  
Infantry in Battle  
The Dynamics of Doctrine  
Panzer Battles  
Defense of Hill 781  
Company Command: The Bottom Line  
Dieppe: The Shame and the Glory  
This Kind of War  
Forward into Battle  
How The War Was Won  
The Killing Ground  
Seeds of Disaster  
Airwar in the Persian Gulf

Heinlein  
Swinton  
Marshall  
Crane  
Card  
Rommel  
Collins  
Lind  
Ardant du Picq  
U.S. Infantry School  
Lupfer  
Mellenthin  
McDonough  
Meyer  
Robertson  
Fehrenbach  
Griffith  
Travers  
Travers  
Doughty  
Murray

*Small Wars Section*

The War of the Running Dogs  
The Village  
The Old Man's Trail  
Terrorism Leader  
War in the Shadows  
How We Won the War  
Firepower in Limited War  
Guerilla Strategies  
Small Wars Manual, NAVMC 2890  
Mao Tse-Tung on Guerilla Warfare

Barber  
West  
Campbell  
Laquer  
Asprey  
Giap  
Scales  
Chaliand  
Mao Tse-Tung

Street Without Joy  
A People Numerous and Armed  
Che Guevara on Guerilla Warfare  
Hell in a Very Small Place  
The Army and Vietnam  
A Savage War of Peace  
Our Great Spring Victory  
From Beirut to Jerusalem  
A Bright Shining Lie  
Giap  
A Savage War of Peace

Fall  
Shy  
Guevara  
Fall  
Krepinevich  
Horne  
Van Tien Dung  
Friedman  
Sheehan  
MacDonald  
Horne

***“Sinews of War” Section (Airpower, Command, Geography,  
Intelligence, Logistics, and Seapower)***

American Gunboat Diplomacy  
Price of Admiralty  
U.S. Marines and Amphibious War  
History of U.S. Military Logistics  
Battle for the Falklands  
Airpower & Maneuver Warfare  
U.S. Marine Corps Aviation: 1912-Present  
History of Marine Corps Aviation in WWII  
Command in War  
Supplying War  
Moving Mountains  
Ultra in the West: The Normandy Campaign, 1944-1945  
Luftwaffe  
Price of Admiralty  
Clashes -- Air Combat Over North Vietnam  
War Secrets in the Ether  
Logistics in the National Defense  
Rise and Fall of the Great Powers

Hagan  
Keegan  
Isely & Crowl  
Peppers  
Hastings  
Van Creveld  
Mersky  
Sherrod  
Van Creveld  
Van Creveld  
Pagonis  
Bennett  
Murray  
Keegan  
Michely  
Flicke  
Eccles  
Kennedy

***Commandant's Favorites***

***Commandant's Bedrock Foundation:***

A Bright Shining Lie  
Gods of War  
Battle Cry  
Cigars, Whiskey, and Winning  
The Forgotten Soldier

Neil Sheehan  
John Toland  
Leon Uris  
Kaltman  
Guy Sajer

***Commandant's Current Favorites:***

Gates of Fire  
Citizen Soldiers  
My American Journey  
Breakout  
Blackhawk Down  
Marines of Autumn

Steven Pressfield  
Stephen Ambrose  
Mark Bowden  
Martin Russ  
Mark Bowden  
James Brady

***Former Commandants' Choices:***

***29th Commandant General Alfred M. Gray:***  
***Battle Leadership by Adolph Von Schell***

***30th Commandant General Carl E. Mundy:***  
***We Were Soldiers Once and Young by Harold Moore and Joseph Galloway***

***31st Commandant General Charles C. Krulak:***  
***Rifleman Dodd by C. S. Forrester***