

# UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS PROFESSIONAL READING PROGRAM

## READING LIST

To fulfill our mandate to be most ready when the Nation is least ready, we must be a "two-fisted" force that can fight both traditional and irregular warfare...

Professional military education offers Marines the opportunity to develop as creative and thinking leaders — which is critical to keeping your warrior blade sharp...

Professional reading is a significant aspect of our educational journey to become more capable and adaptable Marines.

—GENERAL JAMES T. CONWAY, USMC



### ★ ALL MARINES ★

*First to Fight: An Inside View of the U.S. Marine Corps*  
by LtGen Victor H. Krulak

### ★ PRIVATE TO LANCE CORPORAL ★

*MCDP 1 Warfighting*  
*A Message to Garcia* by E. Hubbard  
*Rifleman Dodd* by C.S. Forester  
*The Soldier's Load* by S.L.A. Marshall  
*The Ugly American* by W. Burdick  
*Enders Game* by O.S. Card

### ★ CORPORAL ★

*MCWP 6-11 Leading Marines*  
*Battle Leadership* by A. Von Schell  
*Flags of Our Fathers* by J. Bradley  
*Gates of Fire* by S. Pressfield  
*Imperial Grunts* by R. D. Kaplan  
*Small Unit Leaders Guide to Counterinsurgency*

### ★ SERGEANT ★

*MCDP 1-3 Tactics*  
*The Art of War* by Sun Tzu  
*Tip of the Spear* by G.J. Michaels  
*Attacks!* by E. Rommel  
*With the Old Breed* by E.B. Sledge  
*The Village* by B. West

### ★ STAFF SERGEANT ★

*MCDP 1-2 Campaigning*  
*This Kind of War* by T.R. Fehrenbach  
*Band of Brothers* by S.E. Ambrose  
*The Face of Battle* by J. Keegan  
*A Bell for Adano* by J. Hersey  
*Utmost Savagery* by J. Alexander

### ★ GUNNERY SERGEANT ★

*MCDP 5 Planning*  
*The Savage Wars of Peace* by M. Boot  
*We Were Soldiers* by H. Moore  
*On Combat* by D. Grossman  
*Breakout* by M. Russ  
*Victory at High Tide* by R.D. Heinl

### ★ MASTER SERGEANT / FIRST SERGEANT ★

*MCDP 1-1 Strategy*  
*Reminiscences of a Marine* by J.A. Lejeune  
*Fields of Battle* by J. Keegan  
*Seven Pillars of Wisdom* by T.E. Lawrence  
*On Killing* by D. Grossman  
*Battle Cry of Freedom* by J.M. McPherson

### ★ MASTER GUNNERY SERGEANT / SERGEANT MAJOR ★

*The General* by C.S. Forester  
*No Bended Knee* by M.B. Twining  
*Achilles in Vietnam* by J. Shay  
*The Mask of Command* by J. Keegan  
*The Arab Mind* by R. Patai

### ★ OFFICER CANDIDATE / MIDSHIPMAN ★

*MCDP 1 Warfighting*  
*The Armed Forces Officer, DoD 2006*  
*A Message to Garcia* by E. Hubbard  
*Rifleman Dodd* by C.S. Forester  
*The Soldier's Load* by S.L.A. Marshall  
*Enders Game* by O.S. Card

### ★ 2D LIEUTENANT / WARRANT OFFICER ★

*MCWP 6-11 Leading Marines*  
*Fields of Fire* by J. Webb  
*The Art of War* by Sun Tzu  
*The Anatomy of Courage* by L. Moran  
*On Infantry* by J.A. English  
*Small Unit Leaders Guide to Counterinsurgency*  
*The Soldier's Load* by S.L.A. Marshall

### ★ 1ST LIEUTENANT / CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 ★

*The Bridge at Dong Ha* by J.G. Miller  
*The Face of Battle* by J. Keegan  
*Reminiscences of a Marine* by J.A. Lejeune  
*Counterinsurgency Warfare* by D. Galula  
*Battle Cry of Freedom* by J.M. McPherson

### ★ CAPTAIN / CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3 ★

*For the Common Defense* by A.R. Millet  
*The Mask of Command* by J. Keegan  
*Savage Wars of Peace* by M. Boot  
*On Combat* by D. Grossman  
*The Arab Mind* by R. Patai

### ★ MAJOR / CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 4 ★

*Once an Eagle* by A. Myrer  
*The Guns of August* by B.W. Tuchman  
*History of Peloponnesian War* by Thucydides  
*The Lexus and the Olive Tree* by T.L. Friedman  
*Grant Takes Command* by B. Catton

### ★ LIEUTENANT COLONEL / CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 5 ★

*Masters of War* by M. Handel  
*Supplying War* by M. Van Creveld  
*Carnage and Culture* by V. Hanson  
*Defeat into Victory* by W. Slim  
*Triumph Forsaken* by M. Moyar

★ COLONEL TO GENERAL ★  
*Dereliction of Duty* by H.R. McMaster  
*Supreme Command* by E.A. Cohen  
*Diplomacy* by H. Kissinger  
*Feeding Mars* by J.A. Lynn  
*The Crisis of Islam* by B. Lewis