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From: Commanding Officer  
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Subj: COMMANDER'S PROFESSIONAL READING PROGRAM (PRP)

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1. Professional military education (PME) is a command responsibility. Leaders and mentors at all levels are directed to incorporate expanded professional reading into the development of our Marines, Sailors, and civilian Marines. All hands, both permanent personnel and students, within Marine Corps Detachment Fort Leonard Wood will participate in the unit PRP and educate themselves in pursuit of improved leadership skills, warrior ethos, and professional ability.

2. I offer a quote about professional reading from retired General James Mattis:

"The problem with being too busy to read is that you learn by experience (or by your men's experience), i.e. the hard way. By reading, you learn through others' experiences, generally a better way to do business, especially in our line of work where the consequences of incompetence are so final..."

"Thanks to my reading, I have never been caught flat-footed by any situation, never at a loss for how any problem has been addressed (successfully or unsuccessfully) before. It doesn't give me all the answers, but it lights what is often a dark path ahead."

3. Outside of formal education I can think of no better way to enhance critical thinking, vocabulary, writing skills, and analytical ability than through professional reading. The enclosures will provide a broad variety of topics and book titles that should accommodate virtually any interest. Use

them as a means to satisfy your curiosity about the world, warfare, and issues that we all face now and in the future. This book list is not all-inclusive. Feel free to explore whichever path may be necessary to achieve the intent.

4. Challenge yourself to learn, think, and communicate in new and more effective ways. Discuss what you learn with your seniors, peers, and subordinates. Become a lifelong learner and make time to be a smarter, more informed, and more critically thinking person each and every day.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. W. Markert', with a stylized, cursive script.

G. W. MARKERT

## Leadership

- Art of the Long View by Peter Schwartz
- A More Beautiful Question by Warren Berger
- Supreme Command by Eliot Cohen
- Leaders by Richard Nixon
- President Reagan: the Role of a Lifetime by Lou Cannon
- Taking People With You by David Novak
- The Risk Takers by Don and Renee Martin
- Derailed by Tim Irwin
- Chesty by Jon Hoffman
- Leading Change by John Kotter
- The Prince by Niccolo Machiavelli
- The Quiet Warrior by Thomas Buell
- What it Takes to Be #1 by Vince Lombardi, Jr.
- Leadership: The Warrior's Art by Christopher Kolenda
- 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership by John Maxwell
- Steve Jobs by Walt Isaacson
- The Goal by Eli Goldratt
- Effective Executive by Peter Drucker
- Emperor's Handbook by Marcus Aurelius
- Team of Rivals by Doris Goodwin
- Lincoln on Leadership by Donald Phillips
- Heroic Leadership by Chris Lowney
- It's Not What You Sell, It's What You Stand For by Roy Spence
- The Mask of Command by John Keegan
- Moving Mountains by Gus Pagonis
- Good to Great by Jim Collins
- Assignment: Pentagon by Perry Smith
- American President by Kathryn Moore
- The Presidential Character: Predicting Performance in the White House by James Barber
- Presidential Power and the Modern Presidents by Richard Neustadt
- Tried By War by James McPherson
- Who Says Elephants Can't Dance? by Lou Gerstner
- Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card
- Tribal Leadership by David Logan
- The Generals: American Military Command from WWII to Today by Thomas Ricks
- The Admirals: Nimitz, Halsey, Leahy, and King by Walter Borneman
- The High Velocity Edge by Steven Spear
- The Living Company by Arie De Geus
- The Myth of Leadership: Creating Leaderless Organizations by Jeffrey Nielsen

## World Affairs and Politics

- The Beijing Consensus by Stefan Harper
- Under the Loving Care of the Fatherly Leader by Bradley Martin
- Palestine and the Arab-Israeli Conflict by Charles D. Smith
- Monsoon by Robert Kaplan
- Global Security Watch: Iran by Thomas Maitair
- Caveat by Alexander Haig
- Africa: Biography of the Continent by John Reader
- Understanding Arabs by Margaret Nydell
- The Way of the World by David Fromkin
- Terrorism Today by Chris Harmon
- Afghanistan Wars by William Maley
- Unrestricted Warfare by Qiao Liang and Wang Xiangsui
- Angry Wind by Jeffrey Tayler
- Black Swan by Nassim Taleb
- Antifragile: Things That Gain From Disorder by Nassim Taleb
- Age of the Unthinkable by Joshua Ramo
- Elephant and the Dragon by Robyn Meredith
- Ghost Wars by Steve Coll
- The Great Game by Peter Hopkirk
- Diplomacy by Henry Kissinger
- Savage Wars of Peace by Max Boot
- Asia's Cauldron by Robert Kaplan
- A Peace to End All Peace by David Fromkin
- Persian Puzzle by Kenneth Pollack
- Iron Curtain by Anne Applebaum
- Embracing Defeat by John Dower
- World Order by Henry Kissinger
- Introduction to African Politics by Alex Thomson
- The New Scramble for Africa by Pdraig Carmody
- No god but God by Reza Aslan
- Rise and Fall of the Great Powers by Paul Kennedy
- Primary Colors by Joe Klein
- All the King's Men by Robert Penn Warren
- The Ugly American by Thomas Lederer
- How Enemies Become Friends by Charles Kupchan
- The National Security Enterprise: Navigating the Labyrinth by Roger George and Harvey Rishikof
- Political Order and Political Decay by Francis Fukuyama
- Pentagon's New Map by Thomas P. M. Barnett

## Military Subjects and History

- The History of the Peloponnesian War by Thucydides
- This Kind of War by T.R. Fehrenbach
- With the Old Breed by E.B. Sledge
- Scipio Africanus by B.H. Liddell Hart
- The Fall of Carthage by Adrian Goldworthy
- Thermopylae: Battle for the West by Ernle Bradford
- Street Without Joy by Bernard Fall
- On Guerrilla Warfare by Mao Zedong
- Supplying War by Martin Van Creveld
- Feeding Mars by John Lynn
- Dereliction of Duty by H.R. McMaster
- United States Marine Corps Small Wars Manual (FMFRP 12-15)
- Art of War by Sun Tzu
- On War by Carl von Clausewitz
- Guerrilla Warfare by Che Guevara
- Afghan Guerrilla Warfare by Lester Grau
- Essential Works of Lenin by Henry Christman
- The Marines of Autumn by James Brady
- Revolt in the Desert by T.E. Lawrence
- Seven Pillars of Wisdom by T.E. Lawrence
- About Face by David Hackworth
- 3 Para by Patrick Bishop
- Gates of Fire by Steven Pressfield
- First to Fight by Victor Krulak
- Rethinking the Korean War by William Stueck
- The First World War by Hew Strachan
- To End All Wars by Adam Hochschild
- Learning to Eat Soup With a Knife by John Nagl
- Guns, Germs, and Steel by Jared Diamond
- Moscow 1812: Napoleon's Fatal March by Adam Zamoyski
- Boyd: The Fighter Pilot Who Changed the Art of War by Robert Coram
- The Future of Strategy by Colin Gray
- Ghost Fleet by P.W. Singer
- Empire of the Summer Moon by S.C. Gwynne
- Alexander Hamilton by Ron Chernow
- The Uncertain Trumpet by Maxwell Taylor
- Science, Strategy and War: The Strategic Theory of John Boyd by Frans P. B. Osinga

## Domestic Topics

- The Fence by Robert Lee Maril
- The World is Flat by Thomas Friedman
- Undercover Economist by Tim Harford
- The Little Book of Economics by Greg Ip
- The Prize by Daniel Yergin
- The Quest by Daniel Yergin
- Autobiography of Malcolm X by Alex Haley
- Capital in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century by Thomas Piketty
- The Thinking Person's Guide to Climate Change by Robert Henson
- Cadillac Desert by Marc Reisner
- A Random Walk Down Wall Street by Burton Malkiel
- Naked Economics by Charles Wheelan
- Theory of Justice by John Rawls
- The Second Machine Age by Erik Brynjolfsson
- Race Against the Machine by Erik Brynjolfsson
- Average is Over by Tyler Cowen
- Superintelligence by Nick Bostrom
- The Triumph of the City by Edward Glaeser
- The New Geography of Jobs by Enrico Moretti
- Massive Change by Bruce Mau
- Too Big To Fail by Andrew Ross Sorkin
- The Signal and the Noise by Nate Silver
- The American Reader by Diane Ravitch

## Classical and Contemporary Literature

- War and Peace by Leo Tolstoy
- Crime and Punishment by Fyodor Dostoyevsky
- Les Miserables by Victor Hugo
- Long Walk to Freedom by Nelson Mandela
- Undaunted Courage by Stephen Ambrose
- Atlas Shrugged by Ayn Rand
- 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea by Jules Verne
- Ulysses by James Joyce
- Catch-22 by Joseph Heller
- The Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck
- For Whom the Bell Tolls by Ernest Hemingway
- A Farewell to Arms by Ernest Hemingway
- One Hundred Years of Solitude by Gabriel Garcia Marquez
- 1984 by George Orwell
- Brave New World by Aldous Huxley
- On The Road by Jack Kerouac
- Catcher in the Rye by J.D. Salinger
- The Metamorphosis by Franz Kafka
- Into Thin Air by Jon Krakauer
- Watership Down by Richard Adams
- The Caine Mutiny by Herman Wouk
- History of the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire by Edward Gibbon
- Endurance: Shackleton's Incredible Voyage by Alfred Lansing
- World War Z by Max Brooks
- Night by Elie Wiesel

## Personal Development

- Outliers by Malcolm Gladwell
- Tipping Point by Malcolm Gladwell
- Being Wrong by Kathryn Schulz
- Man's Search for Meaning by Viktor Frankl
- Emotional Intelligence 2.0 by Travis Bradberry
- Critical Thinking by Linda Elder
- Talent Code by Daniel Coyle
- It's Not About the Bike by Lance Armstrong
- Speak Like Churchill, Stand Like Lincoln by James Humes
- Power of Communication by Helio Fred Garcia
- Thinking Fast and Slow by Daniel Kahneman
- Thoughts of a Philosophical Fighter Pilot by James Stockdale
- Sophie's World by Jostein Gaarder
- Nudge: Improving Decisions About Health, Wealth, and Happiness by Richard Thaler
- Superforecasting: The Art and Science of Prediction by Philip Tetlock
- Intuition at Work by Gary Klein
- Learn or Die by Edward Hess
- What Got You Here Won't Get You There by Marshall Goldsmith
- Do the Work by Stephen Pressfield
- Own The Room by Amy Jen Su
- A Path Appears by Nicholas D. Kristof