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.

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### Leadership and Professional Development

- **21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership** by John C. Maxwell
- **A More Beautiful Question** by Warren Berger
- **A Path Appears** by Nicholas D. Kristof
- **Against the Tide** by Dave Oliver
- **Art of the Long View** by Peter Schwartz
- **Assignment: Pentagon** by Perry Smith
- **Being Wrong** by Kathryn Schulz
- **Blink** by Malcolm Gladwell
- **Brief: Make a Bigger Impact by Saying Less** by Joseph McCormack
- **Brothers Forever** by Tom Sileo
- **Chief of Staff** by Tyler Parris
- **Command Culture** by Jorg Muth
- **Critical Thinking** by Linda Elder
- **Derailed** by Tim Irwin
- **Do the Work** by Steven Pressfield
- **Drive** by Daniel Pink
- **Effective Executive** by Peter Drucker
- **Emotional Intelligence 2.0** by Travis Bradberry
- **Emperor’s Handbook** by Marcus Aurelius
- **Ender's Game** by Orson Scott Card
- **Good Strategy/Bad Strategy** by Richard Rumelt
- **Good to Great** by Jim Collins
- **Heroic Leadership** by Chris Lowney
- **Hindsight: The Promise and Peril of Looking Backward** by Mark Freeman
- **Influence** by Robert Cialdini
- **Innovation and Entrepreneurship** by Peter Drucker
- **Intuition at Work** by Gary Klein
- **Iron War** by Matt Fitzgerald
- **It’s Not About the Bike** by Lance Armstrong
- **It’s Not What You Sell, It’s What You Stand For** by Roy Spence
- **Jonathan Livingston Seagull** by Richard Bach
- **Lead Yourself First** by Ray Kethledge
- **Leaders** by Richard Nixon
- **Leadership Blind Spots** by Karen Blakely
- **Leadership is an Art** by Max Depree
- **Leadership: The Warrior's Art** by Christopher Kolenda
- **Leading Change** by John Kotter
- **Learn or Die** by Edward Hess
- **Legacy** by James Kerr
- **Lincoln on Leadership** by Donald Phillips
- **Man’s Search for Meaning** by Viktor Frankl
- **Mindset: The New Psychology of Success** by Carol Dweck
- **Moving Mountains** by Gus Pagonis
- **Nudge: Improving Decisions About Health, Wealth, and Happiness** by Richard Thaler
- **One Bullet Away: The Making of a Marine Officer** by Nathaniel Fick
- **Outliers** by Malcolm Gladwell
- **Own The Room** by Amy Jen Su
- **Power of Communication** by Helio Fred Garcia
- **Sophie’s World** by Jostein Gaarder
- **Speak Like Churchill, Stand Like Lincoln** by James Humes
- **Start With Why** by Simon Sinek
- **Superforecasting: The Art and Science of Prediction** by Philip Tetlock
- **Supreme Command** by Eliot Cohen
- **Taking People With You** by David Novak
- **Talent Code** by Daniel Coyle
- **Talk Like TED** by Carmine Gallo
- **The Art of Command** by Harry Laver and Jeffrey Matthews
- **The Compound Effect** by Darren Hardy
- **The E-Myth Revisited** by Michael Gerber
- **The Fifth Discipline** by Peter Senge
- **The Goal** by Eli Goldratt
- **The High Velocity Edge** by Steven Spear
- **The Living Company** by Arie De Geus
- **The Mask of Command** by John Keegan
- **The Myth of Leadership: Creating Leaderless Organizations** by Jeffrey Nielsene
- **The Peter Principle** by Laurence J. Peter
- **The Power of Habit** by Charles Duhigg
- **The Prince** by Niccolo Machiavelli
- **The Risk Takers** by Don and Renee Martin
- **The Winner Effect** by Ian Robertson
- **Thinking Fast and Slow** by Daniel Kahneman
- **Thinking in Systems: A Primer** by Donella Meadows
- **Thoughts of a Philosophical Fighter Pilot** by James Stockdale
- **Tipping Point** by Malcolm Gladwell
- **Tribal Leadership** by David Logan
- **Turn the Ship Around!** by L. David Marquet
- **What Got You Here Won’t Get You There** by Marshall Goldsmith
- **What It Is Like to Go to War** by Karl Marlantes
- **What it Takes to Be #1** by Vince Lombardi, Jr.
- **Who Says Elephants Can’t Dance?** by Lou Gerstner
- **Winning** by Jack Welch
Politics and World Affairs

- A Peace to End All Peace by David Fromkin
- Africa: Biography of the Continent by John Reader
- Age of the Unthinkable by Joshua Ramo
- All the King’s Men by Robert Penn Warren
- Angry Wind by Jeffrey Tayler
- Antifragile: Things That Gain From Disorder by Nassim Taleb
- Asia’s Cauldron by Robert Kaplan
- Black Swan by Nassim Taleb
- Burning Country: Syrians in Revolution and War by Robin Yassin-Kassab
- Caveat by Alexander Haig
- Competitive Strategies for the 21st Century by Thomas Mahnken
- Diplomacy by Henry Kissinger
- Elephant and the Dragon by Robyn Meredith
- Embracing Defeat by John Dower
- Global Security Watch: Iran by Thomas Mattair
- How Enemies Become Friends by Charles Kupchan
- Introduction to African Politics by Alex Thomson
- Iron Curtain by Anne Applebaum
- Monsoon by Robert Kaplan
- No god but God by Reza Aslan
- On China by Henry Kissinger
- Palestine and the Arab-Israeli Conflict by Charles D. Smith
- Pentagon’s New Map by Thomas P. M. Barnett
- Persian Puzzle by Kenneth Pollack
- Political Order and Political Decay by Francis Fukuyama
- Primary Colors by Joe Klein
- Rise and Fall of the Great Powers by Paul Kennedy
- Savage Wars of Peace by Max Boot
- The Beijing Consensus by Stefan Halper
- The Clash of Civilizations and the Remaking of World Order by Samuel P. Huntington
- The Commanders by Bob Woodward
- The Future of Strategy by Colin Gray
- The Gatekeepers: How the White House Chiefs of Staff Define Every Presidency by Chris Whipple
- The Great Game by Peter Hopkirk
- The Lemon Tree: An Arab, A Jew, and the Heart of the Middle East by Sandy Tolan
- The National Security Enterprise: Navigating the Labyrinth by Roger George and Harvey Rishikof
- The New Scramble for Africa by Padraig Carmody
- The Silk Roads: A New History of the World by Peter Frankopan
- The Ugly American by Thomas Lederer
- The Way of the World by David Fromkin
- The World is Flat 3.0 by Thomas Friedman
- Under the Loving Care of the Fatherly Leader by Bradley Martin
- Understanding Arabs (5th Edition) by Margaret Nydell
- World Order by Henry Kissinger
History and Warfare

- 3 Para by Patrick Bishop
- About Face by David Hackworth
- Afghan Guerrilla Warfare by Lester Grau
- Afghanistan Wars by William Maley
- All Quiet on the Western Front by Erich Maria Remarque
- America, Sea Power, and the World by James C. Bradford
- Art of War by Sun Tzu
- Boyd: The Fighter Pilot Who Changed the Art of War by Robert Coram
- Citizens: A Chronicle of the French Revolution by Simon Schama
- Dereliction of Duty by H.R. McMaster
- Empire of the Summer Moon by S.C. Gwynne
- Essential Works of Lenin by Henry Christman
- Feeding Mars by John Lynn
- Fiasco: The American Military Adventure in Iraq by Thomas Ricks
- First to Fight by Victor Krulak
- Gates of Fire by Steven Pressfield
- Ghost Fleet by P.W. Singer
- Ghost Wars by Steve Coll
- Guerrilla Warfare by Che Guevara
- Guns, Germs, and Steel by Jared Diamond
- Learning to Eat Soup With a Knife by John Nagl
- Making Sense of the Troubles: The Story of the Conflict in Northern Ireland by David McKittrick
- Moscow 1812: Napoleon’s Fatal March by Adam Zamoyski
- On Guerrilla Warfare by Mao Zedong
- On War by Carl von Clausewitz
- Once An Eagle by Anton Myrer
- Perspectives on Warfighting: Centers of Gravity and Critical Vulnerabilities by Joe Strange
- Rethinking the Korean War by William Stueck
- Rethinking the Principles of War by Anthony McIvor
- Revolt in the Desert by T.E. Lawrence
- Science, Strategy and War: The Strategic Theory of John Boyd by Frans P. B. Osinga
- Scipio Africanus by B.H. Liddell Hart
- Seven Pillars of Wisdom by T.E. Lawrence
- Street Without Joy by Bernard Fall
- Supplying War by Martin Van Creveld
- Terrorism Today by Chris Harmon
- The Fall of Carthage by Adrian Goldsworthy
- The First World War by Hew Strachan
- The Generals’ War by Michael Gordon and Bernard Trainor
- The Guns of August by Barbara Tuchman
- The History of the Peloponnesian War by Thucydides
- The Marines of Autumn by James Brady
- The Uncertain Trumpet by Maxwell Taylor
- Thermopylae: Battle for the West by Ernle Bradford
- This Kind of War by T.R. Fehrenbach
- Through the Wheat: The U.S. Marines in WW1 by Edwin Simmons and Joseph Alexander
- To End All Wars by Adam Hochschild
- Tried By War by James McPherson
- United States Marine Corps Small Wars Manual (FMFRP 12-15)
- Unrestricted Warfare by Qiao Liang and Wang Xiangsui
- Wired For War by P.W. Singer
- With the Old Breed by E.B. Sledge
Contemporary Topics

- A Brief History of Time by Stephen Hawking
- A Random Walk Down Wall Street by Burton Malkiel
- Average is Over by Tyler Cowen
- Cadillac Desert by Marc Reisner
- Capital in the 21st Century by Thomas Piketty
- Drugs and Drug Policy: What Everyone Needs to Know by Mark Kleiman
- Gunfight: The Battle Over the Right to Bear Arms in America by Adam Winkler
- Hillbilly Elegy by J.D. Vance
- Massive Change by Bruce Mau
- Naked Economics by Charles Wheelan
- Race Against the Machine by Erik Brynjolfsson
- Superintelligence by Nick Bostrom
- The American Reader: Words That Moved a Nation by Diane Ravitch
- The Federalist Papers by Alexander Hamilton, James Madison, and John Jay
- The Fence by Robert Lee Maril
- The Human Condition by Hannah Arendt
- The Innovator’s Dilemma by Clayton Christensen
- The Little Book of Economics by Greg Ip
- The New Geography of Jobs by Enrico Moretti
- The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness by Michelle Alexander
- The Prize by Daniel Yergin
- The Quest by Daniel Yergin
- The Second Machine Age by Erik Brynjolfsson
- The Signal and the Noise by Nate Silver
- The Thinking Person’s Guide to Climate Change by Robert Henson
- The Triumph of the City by Edward Glaeser
- The Universe in a Nutshell by Stephen Hawking
- The Wealth of Nations by Adam Smith
- Theory of Justice by John Rawls
- Too Big To Fail by Andrew Ross Sorkin
- Tribe: On Homecoming and Belonging by Sebastian Junger
- Undercover Economist by Tim Harford
Literature

- 1984 by George Orwell
- 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea by Jules Verne
- A Farewell to Arms by Ernest Hemingway
- A Separate Peace by John Knowles
- Animal Farm by George Orwell
- Atlas Shrugged by Ayn Rand
- Brave New World by Aldous Huxley
- Catch-22 by Joseph Heller
- Catcher in the Rye by J.D. Salinger
- Crime and Punishment by Fyodor Dostoyevsky
- Dark Star Safari by Paul Theroux
- Democracy in America by Alexis de Tocqueville
- Endurance: Shackleton’s Incredible Voyage by Alfred Lansing
- For Whom the Bell Tolls by Ernest Hemingway
- Hero of the Empire by Candice Millard
- History of the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire by Edward Gibbon
- Into Thin Air by Jon Krakauer
- Les Miserables by Victor Hugo
- Nicomachean Ethics by Aristotle
- Night by Elie Wiesel
- On The Road by Jack Kerouac
- One Hundred Years of Solitude by Gabriel Garcia Marquez
- Player Piano by Kurt Vonnegut
- River of Doubt by Candice Millard
- Rudyard Kipling Selected Works by Rudyard Kipling
- The Caine Mutiny by Herman Wouk
- The Complete Sherlock Holmes by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
- The Death of Ivan Ilych by Leo Tolstoy
- The Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck
- The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald
- The Leatherstocking Tales by James Fenimore Cooper
- The Metamorphosis by Franz Kafka
- The Once and Future King by T.H. White
- The Portable Nietzsche edited by Walter Kaufmann
- The Republic by Plato
- To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee
- Ulysses by James Joyce
- Undaunted Courage by Stephen Ambrose
- War and Peace by Leo Tolstoy
- Watership Down by Richard Adams
- World War Z by Max Brooks
Biography

- Alexander Hamilton by Ron Chernow
- American President by Kathryn Moore
- Autobiography of Malcolm X by Alex Haley
- Being Nixon by Evan Thomas
- Chesty by Jon Hoffman
- Churchill: A Biography by Roy Jenkins
- Einstein: His Life and Universe by Walter Issacson
- FDR by Jean Edward Smith
- Grant by Ron Chernow
- Kissinger: A Biography by Walter Issacson
- Leonardo Da Vinci by Walter Issacson
- Long Walk to Freedom by Nelson Mandela
- President Kennedy: Profile of Power by Richard Reeves
- President Reagan: the Role of a Lifetime by Lou Cannon
- Presidential Power and the Modern Presidents by Richard Neustadt
- Steve Jobs by Walter Issacson
- Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln by Doris Goodwin
- The Admirals: Nimitz, Halsey, Leahy, and King by Walter Borneman
- The Generals: American Military Command from WWII to Today by Thomas Ricks
- The Presidential Character: Predicting Performance in the White House by James Barber
- The Quiet Warrior by Thomas Buell
- The Reagan Diaries by Douglas Brinkley
- Theodore Roosevelt by Henry Pringle
- Thomas Jefferson: The Art of Power by Jon Meacham
- Washington: A Life by Ron Chernow
- Woodrow Wilson by August Heckscher