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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Distribution List

Subj: COMMANDER'S PROFESSIONAL READING PROGRAM (PRP)

Encl: (1) Leadership  
(2) World Affairs and Politics  
(3) Military Subjects and History  
(4) Domestic Topics  
(5) Classical and Contemporary Literature  
(6) Personal Development

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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G. W. MARKERT

## 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 Nielsen*
- **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 Taylor*
- **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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 (5<sup>th</sup> 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 *Ernie Bradford*
- **This Kind of War** by *T.R. Fehrenbach*
- **Through the Wheat: The U.S. Marines in WWI** 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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*
- **Losing Ground: American Social Policy 1950-1980** by *Charles Murray*
- **Massive Change** by *Bruce Mau*
- **More Guns, Less Crime** by *John Lott, Jr.*
- **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 Isaacson*
- **FDR** by *Jean Edward Smith*
- **Grant** by *Ron Chernow*
- **Kissinger: A Biography** by *Walter Isaacson*
- **Leonardo Da Vinci** by *Walter Isaacson*
- **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 Isaacson*
- **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*