REVISION OF THE COMMANDANT'S PROFESSIONAL READING PROGRAM

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NARR/REF A IS MCO 1553.4B, PROFESSIONAL MILITARY EDUCATION. REF B IS MCO 1610.7A, PERFORMANCE EVALUATION SYSTEM. REF C IS MCO P1070.12K W CH1, MARINE CORPS INDIVIDUAL RECORDS ADMINISTRATION MANUAL./
GENTEXT/REMARKS/1. To ensure the Commandant's Professional Reading Program (CPRP) remains relevant, current, and promotes professional discussions amongst all Marines. The Commandant's Professional Reading List (CPRL) has removed the rank distinction and consolidated the list of publications into five categories.
2. The CPRL is arranged into five categories: Commandant's Choice, Profession of Arms, Innovation, Leadership, and Strategy. Each year, Marines shall read a minimum of five books from the CPRL.
2.a. In addition to the updated reading list, the Gray Research Center in coordination with the Brute Krulak Center for Innovation and Creativity has added new content to the CPRP to include the current podcasts, articles, and discussion guides. The CPRL and related information can be found at https://grc-usmcu.libguides.com/usmc-reading-list-2020.
2.b. Previous CPRL book titles will remain available under the heading “Archive” along with a list of significant national and Marine Corps related titles listed under the heading “Foundational.”
2.c. Marines are highly encouraged to incorporate periodicals and podcasts into their reading regimens. Scholarly and professionally oriented articles published by independent magazines and journals foster innovation, professional
military education (PME) development, critical study of the profession of arms, and serious discussion regarding topics of interest within the Marine Corps. Professional publications inform debate on current, topical issues of relevance to the Marine Corps and promote intellectual growth of the individual Marine.

2.d. Per the references, completion of the CPRL reading requirement shall be noted in the individual Marines fitness report or be taken into account when assigning proficiency/conduct marks. How a Marine demonstrates completion of the annual requirement is at the discretion of the commander.

3. Categories


3.b. Profession of Arms

3.b.5. “Hesitation Kills: A Female Marine Officer's Combat Experience in Iraq” by: J. Blair.
3.b.10. “We Were One: Shoulder to Shoulder with the Marines Who Took Fallujah” by: P. O'Donnell.
3.b.11. “Women at War: Iraq, Afghanistan, and Other Conflicts” by: S. Baron.

3.c. Innovation

3.c.6. “Learning War: The Evolution of Fighting Doctrine in the U.S. Navy,
1898–1945” by: T. Hone.
3.d. Leadership
3.e. Strategy
3.e.3. “Good to Great: Why Some Companies Make the Leap...And Others Don't” by: J. Collins.
3.e.4. “Humility is the New Smart: Rethinking Human Excellence in the Smart Machine Age” by: E. Hess and K. Ludwig.
3.e.5. “LikeWar: The Weaponization of Social Media” by: P. W. Singer.
3.e.9. “Red Star Over the Pacific: China's Rise and the Challenge to U.S.
Maritime Strategy” by: T. Yoshihara.
4. Incorporate the new CPRL into command and unit PME programs. Recommendations to the CPRP can be submitted to: reading@usmc.mil.
5. Semper Fidelis, David H. Berger, General, U.S. Marine Corps, Commandant of the Marine Corps.//