

## COMUSMARCENT READING LIST

**Commander's Intent:** The Global War on Terrorism is a long war, and as such we need to continue our preparation to be engaged in all aspects of the this war. For our current fights the MARCENT Reading List provides a collection of readings to be read dependent upon your grade and how long you have before deploying. Whether part of a unit or an individual augment, my intent is to prepare you for the operational, tactical, cultural and environmental factors affecting your specific fight. This reading list is not all inclusive and your local command may require you to accomplish other tasks in preparation for deployment as well. All of these actions will ensure we send educated, well-trained and properly prepared Marines into the fight. Turn-to, get it done, you and your Marines will be better for your efforts.

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SECTION I IS A LIST OF ARTICLES, BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS THAT ARE REQUIRED READING FOR ALL HANDS TO PREPARE FOR YOUR UPCOMING DEPLOYMENT TO THE USCENCOM AOR.

SECTION II IS RECOMMENDED READING SEPARATED INTO SPECIFIC REGIONS WITHIN THE AOR, AND APPLICABLE RANKS ASSIGNED. EACH ITEM IN THE READING LIST IS MARKED BY THE ESTIMABLE AMOUNT OF TIME THAT THE ITEM CAN BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO AN INDIVIDUAL DEPLOYING. THE TIME ALLOTTED PERMITS PRIORITIZATION OF THE READING REQUIREMENTS SHOULD A MARINE RECEIVE LATE NOTIFICATION FOR DEPLOYMENT.

<b>I. Required Reading List for All Marines and Sailors Deploying into USCENCOM AOR.</b>				
<b>All Ranks</b>	<b>AUTHOR/PUBLISHER</b>	<b>&lt;30 DAYS</b>	<b>&lt;90 DAYS</b>	<b>&gt;90 DAYS</b>
"Small Unit Leaders Guide to Counterinsurgency" (SULG) v1.2 dtd July 2006	<a href="#">MCCDC (MCIP 3-33.01)</a>	X	X	X
"Closing Ranks" by Leslie Susser, The Jerusalem Report dtd 8 January 2007	<a href="#">The Jerusalem Report dtd 8 January 2007</a>	X	X	X
"Israel's Lebanese War; A Preliminary Assessment," by Dr. Martin van Creveld, The RUSI Journal, October 2006	<a href="#">The RUSI Journal, pg 40, dtd Oct 2006</a>	X	X	X
"Gates of Fire: Epic Novel of the Battle of Thermopylae"	Stephen Pressfield		X	X
<b>Squad Leaders, Non-Commissioned Officers/Petty Officers and Above</b>	<b>AUTHOR/PUBLISHER</b>	<b>&lt;30 DAYS</b>	<b>&lt;90 DAYS</b>	<b>&gt;90 DAYS</b>
"The Village"	Bing West			X
"Ethics and Combat: Thoughts for Small Unit Leaders" by Steven M. Silver, Nov 2006	<a href="#">Marine Corps Gazette, Nov 2006, pg 76</a>	X	X	X
"The Twenty-Eight Articles/Fundamentals of Company-level Counterinsurgency" by Dr. David Kilcullen, Lieutenant Colonel, Australian Army	<a href="#">SULG, Annex C</a>	X	X	X
"Blood Stripes"	David Danelo			X
Marine Corps Center for Lessons Learned Website (PKI/CAC Card Login Required)	<a href="#">MCCLL</a>	X	X	X
<b>Staff NCOs, CPOs, Company Grade Officers and Above</b>	<b>AUTHOR/PUBLISHER</b>	<b>&lt;30 DAYS</b>	<b>&lt;90 DAYS</b>	<b>&gt;90 DAYS</b>
"Winning the Peace; The Requirement for Full Spectrum Operations" dtd Jul-Aug 2005 by MG Peter Chiarelli, USA (addressed in "A Tentative Manual for Countering Irregular Threats")	<a href="#">Military Review Oct 2006 COIN Reader</a>	X	X	X
"Learning Counterinsurgency: Observations from Soldiering in Iraq" dtd Jan-Feb 2006 by LTG David Petraeus, USA	<a href="#">Military Review Oct 2006 COIN Reader</a>	X	X	X
"Seven Months in Ar Ramadi: Observations from 2ND Battalion, 4TH Marines" (MCCLL Summary from OIF 04-06 dtd 9 Jan 2006)	<a href="#">MCCLL Report OIF 04-06 dtd 9 January 2006</a>	X	X	X
"Tentative Manual for Countering Irregular Threats: An Updated Approach to Counterinsurgency Operations" (Draft v2.0)	<a href="#">MCWL (MCIP 3-33.02)</a>	X	X	X
"A Bell for Adano"	John Hersey			X

Marine Corps Center for Lessons Learned Website (PKI/CAC Card Login Required)	<a href="#">MCCLL</a>	X	X	X
One Bullet Away: The Making of a Marine Officer	Nathaniel Fick			X
<b>Field Grade Officers, First Sergeants and Master Sergeants, CPOs/Above</b>	<b>AUTHOR/PUBLISHER</b>	<b>&lt;30 DAYS</b>	<b>&lt;90 DAYS</b>	<b>&gt;90 DAYS</b>
"Marine Corps Operating Concepts for a Changed Security Environment," MCCDC Pamphlet dtd March 2006	<a href="#">MCCDC Pamphlet dtd March 2006</a>	X	X	X
"Tentative Manual for Countering Irregular Threats: An Updated Approach to Counterinsurgency Operations" (Draft v2.0)	<a href="#">MCWL (MCIP 3-33.02)</a>	X	X	X
Winning the Peace; The Requirement for Full Spectrum Operations dtd Jul-Aug 2005 by MG Peter Chiarelli, USA (addressed in "A Tentative Manual for Countering Irregular Threats")	<a href="#">Military Review Oct 2006 COIN Reader</a>	X	X	X
"Counterinsurgency" Field Manual (FM 3-24)	<a href="#">MCWP 33.3-5</a>	X	X	X
"Multi-Service Concept for Irregular War," MCCDC/USSOCOM Pamphlet dtd 2006	MCCDC	X	X	X
"The Army in Vietnam"	Andrew Krepenivich			X
"Achilles in Vietnam" (addresses Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD))	Jonathan Shay			X
"The Crusades Through Arab Eyes"	Amin Maalouf		X	
"Small Wars Manual FMFRP 12-15"	<a href="#">MCCDC (FMFRP 12-15)</a>		X	X
"Counterinsurgency Warfare" (used for source material in FM 3-24)	David M. Galula		X	
"Combat Stress" FMFM 4-55	<a href="#">MCCDC (MCRP 6-11C)</a>	X	X	X
<b>Colonels and General Officers</b>	<b>AUTHOR/PUBLISHER</b>	<b>&lt;30 DAYS</b>	<b>&lt;90 DAYS</b>	<b>&gt;90 DAYS</b>
"Thoughts on the Operational Art," MCWL Article dtd Oct 2006	<a href="#">MCWL Article dtd Oct 2006</a>	X	X	X
"Utility Of Force"	Gen Rupert Smith			X
"The Crisis of Islam: Holy War and Unholy Terror"	Bernard Lewis			X
"Tentative Manual for Countering Irregular Threats: An Updated Approach to Counterinsurgency Operations" (Draft v2.0)	<a href="#">MCWL (MCIP 3-33.02)</a>	X	X	X
"Counterinsurgency" Field Manual (FM 3-24)	<a href="#">MCWP 33.3-5</a>	X	X	X
"Knowing the Enemy: Can Social Scientists Redefine the "War on Terror", George Packer, The New Yorker Magazine, dtd 18 December 2006	by <a href="#">KNOWING THE ENEMY, The New Yorker, Dec 2006</a>	X	X	X
"Advising Foreign Forces: Tactics, Techniques and Procedures," Special Edition No. 06-01 dtd January 2006.	Center for Army Lessons Learned (CALL)	X	X	X
<b>II. Recommended Reading for Marines Deploying in Specific Regions of USCENTCOM AOR.</b>				
<b>AFGHANISTAN</b>				
<b>Corporals and Below</b>	<b>AUTHOR/PUBLISHER</b>	<b>&lt;30 DAYS</b>	<b>&lt;90 DAYS</b>	<b>&gt;90 DAYS</b>
"JIHAD: The Rise of Militant Islam in Central Asia"	Ahmed Rashid			X
"TALIBAN"	Ahmed Rashid			X
"Imperial Grunts"	Robert Kaplan			X
<b>Sergeants and Above and Company Grade Officers</b>	<b>AUTHOR/PUBLISHER</b>	<b>&lt;30 DAYS</b>	<b>&lt;90 DAYS</b>	<b>&gt;90 DAYS</b>
"Reaping the Whirlwind: Afghanistan, Al Qa'ida and the Holy War"	Michael Griffin	X		
"Afghan Guerilla Warfare: In the Words of the Mujahideen Fighters"	Ali Ahmad Jalali	X		
"Imperial Grunts"	Robert Kaplan	X		
"Tactics of the Crescent Moon"	H. John Poole and Ray Smith		X	
"Afghanistan Cave Complexes 1979-2004"	Osprey Publishing			X
"Soldier Sahibs"	Charles Alan		X	
"The Village"	Bing West			X
"What Went Wrong?"	Bernard Lewis		X	
"From Beirut to Jerusalem"	Thomas Friedman			X
"The Bear Went Over the Mountain"	Lester W. Grau	X		

"The Other Side of the Mountain"	Ali Ahmad Jalali		X	
"The Savage Wars of Peace: Small Wars and the Rise of American Power"	Max Boot			X
"Soldiers of God: With Islamic Warriors in Afghanistan and Pakistan"	Robert Kaplan	X		
<b>Staff NCOs and Field Grade Officers</b>	<b>AUTHOR/PUBLISHER</b>	<b>&lt;30 DAYS</b>	<b>&lt;90 DAYS</b>	<b>&gt;90 DAYS</b>
"Afghanistan"	Stephan Taylor	X		
"The Osama Bin Laden I Know: An Oral History"	Peter Bergen			X
"Charlie Wilson's War"	Christopher Lane			X
"Afghanistan: A Military History"	Stephen Tanner			X
"Culture and Customs of Afghanistan"	Hafizullah Emadi		X	
"War at the Top of the World"	Eric Margolis		X	
"The Soviet Afghan War: How a Superpower Fought and Lost"	Russian General Staff			X
"Taliban: Militant Islam, Oil and Fundamentalism in Central Asia"	Ahmed Rashid			X
"The Punishment of Virtue"	Sarah Chayes		X	
"Afghan Guerrilla Warfare"	Jalali	X		
"The Battle for Peace: A Frontline Vision of America's Power and Purpose"	Gen Tony Zinni		X	
<b>DJIBOUTI</b>				
<b>Sergeants and Company Grade Officers</b>	<b>AUTHOR/PUBLISHER</b>	<b>&lt;30 DAYS</b>	<b>&lt;90 DAYS</b>	<b>&gt;90 DAYS</b>
"What Everyone Needs to Know About Islam"	John Esposito		X	
"The Battle for God"	Karen Armstrong			X
"Islamism and Its Enemies in the Horn of Africa"	Alex De Waal	X		
<b>Staff NCOs and Field Grade Officers</b>	<b>AUTHOR/PUBLISHER</b>	<b>&lt;30 DAYS</b>	<b>&lt;90 DAYS</b>	<b>&gt;90 DAYS</b>
"A Modern History of the Somali"	I.M. Lewis	X		
"Layers of Time: A History of Ethiopia"	Paul Henze			X
"Famine Crimes"	Alex De Waal		X	
"The Horn of Africa: Politics and International Relations"	Peter Woodward		X	
"The Crisis of Islam: Holy War and Unholy Terror"	Bernard Lewis			X
<b>IRAQ</b>				
<b>Sergeants and Company Grade Officers</b>	<b>AUTHOR/PUBLISHER</b>	<b>&lt;30 DAYS</b>	<b>&lt;90 DAYS</b>	<b>&gt;90 DAYS</b>
"No True Glory: A Frontline Account of the Battle of Fallujah"	Bing West			X
"Imperial Grunts"	Robert Kaplan	X		
"The Revolt on the Tigris"	Mark Etherington			X
<b>GREATER MIDDLE EAST</b>				
<b>Corporals and Below</b>	<b>AUTHOR/PUBLISHER</b>	<b>&lt;30 DAYS</b>	<b>&lt;90 DAYS</b>	<b>&gt;90 DAYS</b>
"Hatred's Kingdom"	Dore Gold			X
"The Age of Sacred Terror: Radical Islam's War Against America"	Daniel Benjamin			X
"No God But God: The Origins, Evolution, and Future of Islam"	Reza Aslan		X	
"The Idea of Pakistan"	Stephen Cohen			X
"Understanding Arabs: A Guide for Modern Times"	Margaret Nydell		X	
"The Arab Mind"	Raphael Patai			X
"The Shia Revival: How Conflicts within Islam Will Shape the Future"	Vali Nasr		X	
"Modern Iran: Roots and Results of Revolution"	Nikki Keddie		X	
"Failure of Political Islam"	Oliver Roy		X	
"Dying to Win: The Strategic Logic of Suicide Terrorism"	Robert Pope			X
<b>Sergeants and Company Grade Officers</b>	<b>AUTHOR/PUBLISHER</b>	<b>&lt;30 DAYS</b>	<b>&lt;90 DAYS</b>	<b>&gt;90 DAYS</b>

"Jawbreaker: The Attack on Bin Laden and Al Qaeda"	Gary Berntsen			X
"Global Responses to Terrorism"	Mary Buckley			X
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"All the Shah's Men"	Stephen Kinzer		X	
"Intelligence in War: Knowledge of the Enemy"	John Keegan			X
"The Savage Wars of Peace: Small Wars and the Rise of American Power"	Max Boot	X		
"Battle Ready"	Tom Clancy	X		
"The Shia Revival: How Conflicts Within Islam Will Shape the Future"	Vali Nasr		X	
"Modern Iran: Roots and Results of Revolution"	Nikki Keddie			X
"Failure of Political Islam"	Oliver Roy		X	
"Dying to Win: The Strategic Logic of Suicide Terrorism"	Robert Pope			X
"A Peace to End All Peace"	David Fromkin		X	
"The Arab Israeli Wars"	Chaim Herzog			X
"What Went Wrong?"	Bernard Lewis		X	
"The Easter Offensive"	Col. G H Turley			X
"The Crisis of Islam: Holy War and Unholy Terror"	Bernard Lewis			X
<b>MARCENT COORD ELEMENTS</b>				
"MCWP 0-1.1 Componency" (Required Reading for All MCE Assigned Personnel)	<a href="#">MCWP 3-40.8</a>	X		
"USMARCENT Theater Campaign Plan"	MARCENT G5	X		