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# UPDATE TO THE COMMANDANT'S PROFESSIONAL READING LIST FOR FISCAL YEAR 24

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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. The Commandant's Professional Reading Program (CPRP) is reviewed bi-annually to ensure it remains relevant, current, and promotes professional discussions amongst all Marines.

2. The CPRP 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 Commandant's Professional Reading List (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 podcasts, articles, and discussion guides. The CPRP and related information can be found at <https://grc-usmcu.libguides.com/usmc-reading-list-2020>.

2.b. Previous CPRP 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 professional education regimens. Scholarly and professionally-oriented articles published by independent magazines and journals foster innovation, professional military education development, critical study of the profession of

arms, and serious discussion regarding topics of interest within the Marine Corps. Professional publications also inform debate on current, topical issues of relevance to the Marine Corps and promote intellectual growth of the individual Marine.

3. The CPRP is adding 8 new titles for Fiscal Year 24.

3.a. Profession of Arms: "Marines at War" by Marine Corps University Press

3.b. Innovation: "Limitless" by Jim Quick

3.c. Leadership

3.c.1. "Turn the Ship Around!" by Captain (United States Navy, Retired) David L. Marquet

3.c.2. "The Coaching Habit" by Michael Bungay Stanier

3.c.3. "Performance Conversations" by Christopher D. Lee

3.c.4. "Faith Through the Storm: Memoirs of Major (United States Marine Corps, Retired) James Capers, Jr." by Maj (United States Marine Corps, Retired) James Capers, Jr. and Buz Sawyers

3.d. Strategy: "Three Dangerous Men" by Seth G. Jones

4. Books to be retired 30 September 2023.

4.a. "Legacy" by James Kerr

4.b. "Resilience" by Eric Greitens

4.c. "Curious: The Desire to Know" by Ian Leslie

4.d. "Start with Why" by Simon Sinek

4.e. "Assault from the Sea: Essays on the History of Amphibious Warfare" by Naval Institute Press

4.f. "We Were One: Shoulder to Shoulder with Marines who took Fallujah" by Patrick K. O'Donnell

4.g. "After Action: The True Story of a Cobra Pilot's Journey" by Dan Sheehan

5. Recommendations to the CPRP can be submitted to: [reading@usmc.mil](mailto:reading@usmc.mil).

6. Semper Fidelis, David H. Berger, General, U.S. Marine Corps, Commandant of the Marine Corps.//