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# CHAIRMAN'S READING LIST



This reading list has been constructed to support the renewal of our commitment to our Profession of Arms and the development of Joint Force 2020. The books selected capture the values and ethos of our military profession; promote innovative thinking to prepare for the operational realities of an uncertain future; and provide insights into the foundations of our service cultures

MARTIN E. DEMPSEY  
General, U.S. Army  
Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

§ [A Message to Garcia](#)  
Elbert Hubbard

§ [The Age of the Unthinkable: Why the New World Disorder Constantly Surprises Us and What We Can Do About It](#)  
Joshua Cooper Ramo

§ [Art of War](#)  
Sun Tzu

§ [The Art of War](#)  
Antoine Henri Jomini

§ [The Black Swan: The Impact of the Highly Improbable](#)  
Nassim Nicholas Taleb

§ [Boyd: The Fighter Pilot Who Changed the Art of War](#)  
Robert Coram

§ [Command of the Air](#)  
Giulio Douhet

§ [George Washington and the American Military Tradition](#)  
Don Higginbotham

§ [The Influence of Sea Power On History](#)  
Alfred Thayer Mahan

§ [Maritime Strategy](#)  
Julian S. Corbett

§ [Monsoon: The Indian Ocean and the Future of American Power](#)  
Robert D. Kaplan

§ [On War](#)  
Carl von Clausewitz

§ [Once an Eagle](#)  
Anton Myrer

§ [Soldier and the State](#)  
Samuel P. Huntington

§ [The Starfish and the Spider: The Unstoppable Power of Leaderless Organizations](#)  
Ori Brafman and Rod A. Beckstrom

§ [Start with Why: How Great Leaders Inspire Everyone to Take Action](#)  
Simon Sinek

§ [Twentieth Century American Biography Series: George C. Marshall](#)  
Mark A. Stoler

§ [7 Deadly Scenarios: A Military Futurist Explores War in the 21st Century](#)  
Andrew F. Krepinevich

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