

ENGINEER COMMANDANT'S READING LIST

All Ranks and Grades:

- Breaching Fortress Europe: The Story of U.S. Engineers in Normandy on D-Day*, Sid Berger (Kendall Hunt, 1994)
- Builders and Fighters: U.S. Army Engineers in World War II*, ed. by Barry Fowle (USACE, 1992).
- The Existential Pleasure of Engineering*, by Samuel Florman (2nd ed., St. Martin's Press, 1996)
- The Face of Battle*, by John Keegan (Vintage, 1976)
- The Goal: A Process of Ongoing Improvement*, by Eliyahu Goldratt and Jeff Cox (North River Press, 2004)
- Knowing the Enemy: Jihadist Ideology and the War on Terror*, by Mary R. Habeck (Yale University Press, 2007)
- Men Against Fire*, by S.L.A. Marshall (Rpt., Peter Smith, 1970)
- Understanding Terror Networks*, by Marc Sageman (University of Pennsylvania, 2004)
- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers: A History*, by USACE History Office (USACE, 2008)

Enlisted, Pre-Commissioned Officers, and GS 1-11:

- Attacks*, by Irwin Rommel (Rpt, Athena Press, 2011)
- Band of Brothers: E Company, 506th Regiment, 101st Airborne from Normandy to Hitler's Eagle's Nest*, by Stephan Ambrose (Simon & Schuster, 2001)
- Captains Courageous*, by Rudyard Kipling (various)
- Eastern Approaches*, by Fitzroy MacLean (Rpt, Penguin 2010)
- The Engineer is Human: The Role of Failure in Successful Design*, Henry Petroski (Vintage, 1992)
- The GI Journal of SGT Giles*, ed. by Janice Giles (Rpt, USACE, 1988)
- The Heights of Courage*, by Avigdor Kahalani (Rpt, Nabu Press, 2010)
- Infantry in Battle*, by Infantry Journal (Rpt., Kessinger, 2010)
- A Message to Garcia: and Other Essential Writings on Success*, by Elbert Hubbard (Rpt, Kessinger, 2010)
- Private Yankee Doodle*, by Joseph P. Martin (various)

Non-Commission Officers, Company-Grade Officers, Warrant Officers, and GS-12/13:

- After Desert Storm: The U.S. Army and the Reconstruction of Kuwait*, by Janet McDonnell (Army, 1999)
- Building Air Bases in the Negev - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Israel, 1979-1982*, Frank Schubert (Center for Military History, 1992)

Company Commander: The Classic Combat Memoir of World War II, by Charles McDonald (various)

Common Sense Training: A Working Philosophy for Leaders, by Arthur Collins (Presidio, 1993)

Counterinsurgency Warfare: Theory and Practice, David Galula (Praeger, 2006)

The Damned Engineers, Janice Giles (Rpt, USACE, 1987)

Design in Nature How the Constructal Law Governs Evolution in Biology, Physics, Technology, and Social Organization, by Adrian Bejan and J. Peder Zane (Doubleday, 2012)

The Last Hundred Yards: The NCOs Contribution to Warfare, H.J. Poole (Posterity Press, 1997)

The Long Summer: How Climate Changed Civilization, by Brian M. Fagan (Basic Books, 2004)

Small Unit Leadership, by Dandridge Malone (Presidio Press, 1983)

Success through Failure: The Paradox of Design, by Henry Petroski (Princeton University Press, 2008)

Vietnam Studies: U.S. Army Engineers, 1965-1970, MG Robert Ploger (Center for Military History, 1974)

The Visual Display of Quantitative Information, by Edward R. Tufte (2nd ed, Graphics Press, 2001)

The War that Made America, by Fred Anderson (Penguin, 2006)

Senior Non-Commissioned Officers, Field Grade Officers/Warrant Officers, and GS 14/15:

The Black Swan: The Impact of the Highly Improbable, by Nassim Nicholas Taleb (Random House, 2007)

The Cognitive Style of PowerPoint: Pitching Out Corrupts Within, Second Edition, by Edward R. Tufte (2nd, Graphics Press, 2006)

The Corps of Engineers: The War against Japan, by Karl N. Dodd (Center for Military History, 1987)

East of Chosin: Entrapment and Breakout in Korea, 1950, by Roy Edgar Appleman (Rpt, Texas A&M University, 1990)

The Echo of Battle: The Army's Way of War, by Brian McAllister Linn (Harvard, 2009)

Engineers at War, by Adrian Traas (Center for Military History, 2011)

A Peace to End All Peace: The Fall of the Ottoman Empire and the Creation of the Modern Middle East, 1914-1922, by David Fromkin (Holt, 1989)

The Price of Glory: Verdun 1916, by Alistair Horne (Rpt, Penguin, 1994)

Rising Tide: The Great Mississippi Flood of 1927 and How it Changed America, by John M. Barry (Simon & Schuster, 1998)

A Savage War of Peace, Part 2: Algeria 1954-1962, by Alistair Horne (various)

Supplying War: Logistics from Wallenstein to Patton, by Martin Van Creveld (Cambridge, 1977)

Vietnam Studies: Base Development, 1965-1970, by LTG Carroll Dunn (Center for Military History, 1972)

Senior Command Sergeants Major, Senior Colonels, General Officers, Chief Warrant Officer 5s, and General Officers and Senior Executive Service:

Cobra II: The Inside Story of the Invasion and Occupation of Iraq, by Michael R. Gordon and Bernard E. Trainor (Vintage, 2007)

The Best and the Brightest, David Halberstam (Rpt, Ballantine, 1993)

The Black Swan: The Impact of the Highly Improbable, by Nassim Nicholas Taleb (Random House, 2007)

Engineering Security: The Corps of Engineers and the Third System Defense Policy, 1815-1861, by Mark Smith (University of Alabama, 2009)

Dereliction of Duty: Johnson, McNamara, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the Lies That Led to Vietnam by H.R. McMaster (Harper Perennial 1998)

The Grand Strategy of the Byzantine Empire, by Edward N. Luttwak (Belknap, 2011)

The Grand Strategy of the Roman Empire: From the First Century A.D. to the Third, by Edward N. Luttwak (Johns Hopkins, 1979)

History of the Peloponnesian War, by Thucydides and trans. by Rex Warner (Penguin, 1972)

Predictably Irrational, Revised and Expanded Edition: The Hidden Forces That Shape Our Decisions, by Dan Ariely (Harper, 2010)

Structures in the Stream: Water, Science, and the Rise of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, by Todd A. Shallat (University of Texas, 1994)

Washington's Crossing, by David Hackett Fisher (Oxford, 2003)

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U.S. Army Engineer School History Office
<http://www.wood.army.mil/usaes/historian.html>