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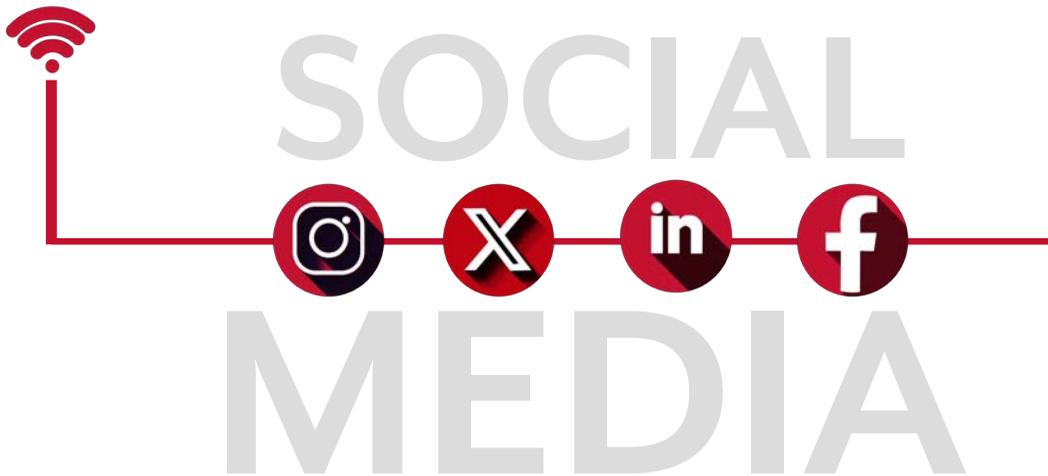
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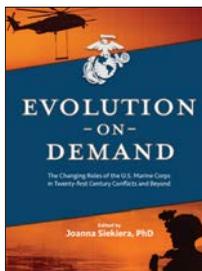
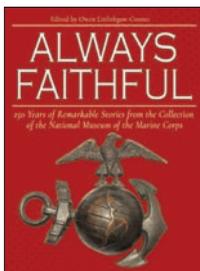
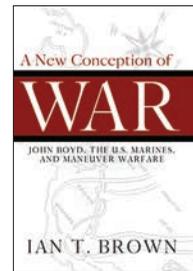
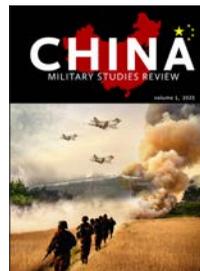
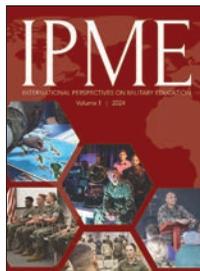
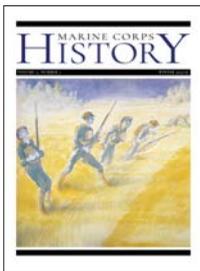


CMC PROFESSIONAL READING LIST

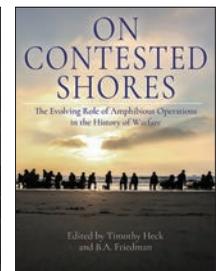
The Commandant's Professional Reading Program, established in 1989, is a cornerstone of Marine professional development. It challenges every Marine to think critically, act ethically, and cultivate the intellectual readiness required to lead in a rapidly changing world. The program deepens understanding of war, leadership, and decision-making, while strengthening the shared identity that binds Marines across generations.

The Marine Corps has a long history of encouraging its servicemembers to educate themselves on not just the history of the Corps but the larger world around them. In 1989, the reading list was codified, and since then, each Commandant has issued their CMC's Professional Reading List to improve Marines' understanding of the military profession, the nature of warfare, and develop decision-making and critical-thinking skills. To support the endeavor for lifelong learning, the list is divided into subtopics: Commandant's Choice, Profession of Arms, Innovation, Leadership, Strategy, Foundational, Podcasts, and Periodicals.

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BGen Matthew Tracy (third from left), commanding general of Education Command and president of Marine Corps University on the Senior Leader Panel (Aligning Training, Readiness, and Acquisition for Operational Dominance) at the 2025 Interservice/Industry, Training, Simulation and Education Conference (Optimizing Training: Ensuring Operational Dominance) in Orlando, FL, on 2 December 2025. (USAF photo by Jim Varhegyi)

FORTHCOMING TITLES

THE MANY FACES OF WAR AND PEACE

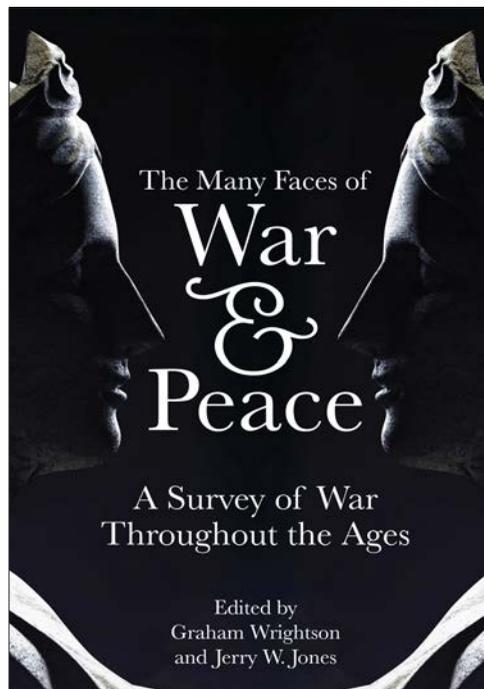
A Survey of War Throughout the Ages

Edited by Graham Wrightson, PhD, and Jerry W. Jones, PhD

paperback | 6 x 9 | 360 est. pp.

About the Book

An international group of contributors examine conflicts from ancient to modern times and in diverse places to illustrate that no matter how warfighting evolves and becomes more professionalized, the basic problems of preparing for war, prosecuting war, and securing the peace remain remarkably consistent through time. The military-industrial complex is evident across time as weapons evolved from spear and lance through the nuclear age. The evolution of military technology, cultural differences in training, and the critical role of logistics are all treated in this volume. War between tribes, kingdoms, empires, or grand coalitions will always involve civil society on both sides of a conflict, and history demonstrates that the economics of defense often determines the rise and fall of empires and great powers. Occupying armies often have to reckon with the violent resistance of civilians, and civilians have often paid a terrible price for their resistance. The plight of civilians, including women in wartime, is illustrated in tragic stories from Ancient Greek mythology to the depredations of mercenary armies in the High Middle Ages to German military reprisals against Italian civilians and Filipino guerrilla resistance in World War II. This collection of papers from the 2023 Faces of War conference illuminates the complex and timeless forces of war and peace from ancient times to the present. This volume contributes uniquely diverse perspectives on warfare across human history and finds that no matter how technology and human institutions evolve, the elements remain the same.



THE ROAD TO HUE

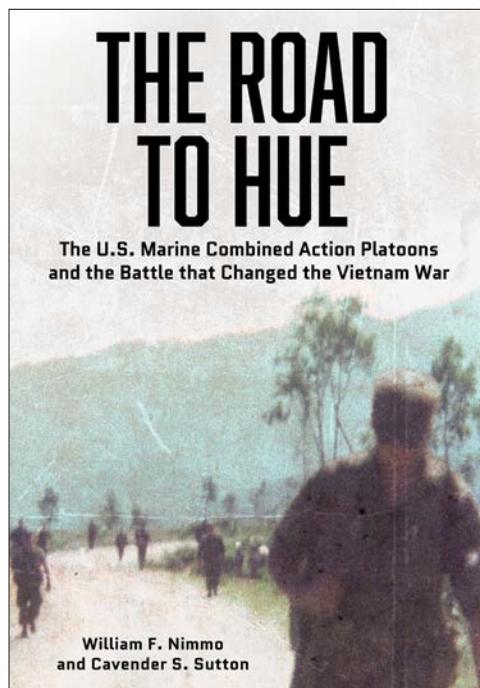
The U.S. Marine Combined Action Platoons and the Battle that Changed the Vietnam War

By William F. Nimmo and Cavender S. Sutton

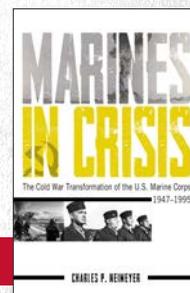
paperback | 6 x 9 | 400 est. pp.

About the Book

The battles to recapture Hue from the flood of North Vietnamese who entered and seized the city during the 1968 Tet Offensive was a defining moment for the United States in the twentieth century. *The Road to Hue* seeks to broaden our understanding of the Battle of Hue by concentrating instead on the story of how we got there. The battles to recapture the city are described in detail, but more important is the story of how the city of Hue was left undefended despite overwhelming evidence that an attack was imminent.



Also of Interest



WORLD WAR I

A Strategist's Guide and a Warning from the Past

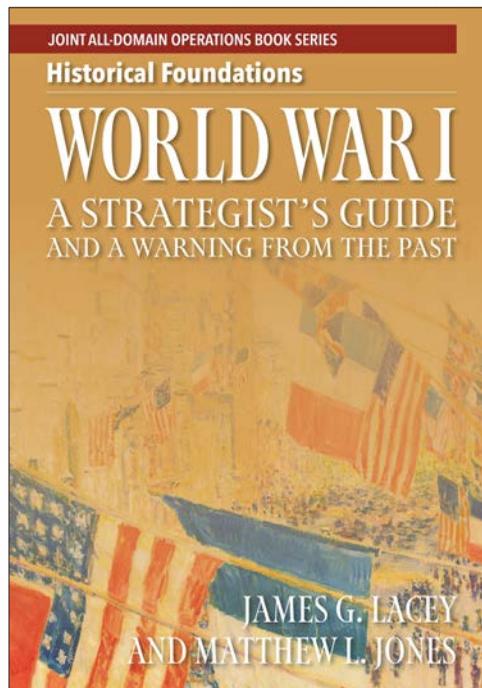
Book 1 in the Joint All-Domain Operations Book Series

By James G. Lacey and Matthew L. Jones

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About the Book

World War I examines the relationships between great powers from the end of the Napoleonic era to the end of the First World War, focusing on the dynamics that drove the global crises in the decades following 1870. This is a period in which statesmen and generals were trying to cope with societal, scientific, and industrial changes taking place at a scale and speed of magnitude beyond any other historical period—the Great Discontinuity. This study examines the perspectives of the leaders and political elites of the major European powers that led to war in 1914 and discusses the myths that were driving military doctrine, as well as how statesmen and generals thought about war. The authors provide the context in which the leaders operated—a scientific revolution, the Industrial Revolution in hyperdrive, and a management revolution.



CULTIVATING THE INTELLECT OF AN ARMY

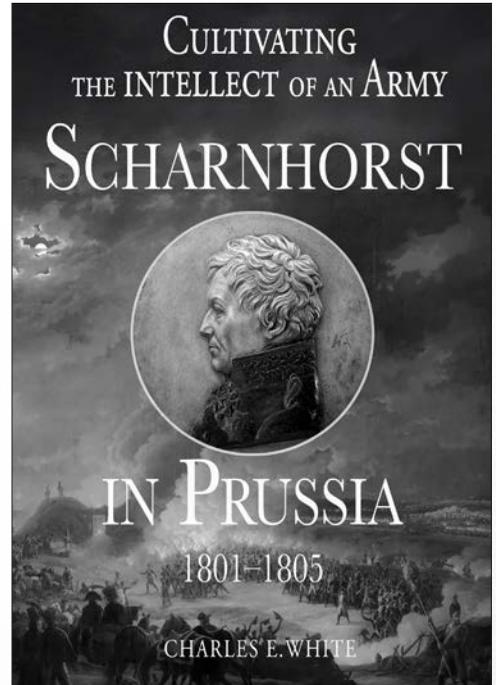
Scharnhorst in Prussia, 1801–1805

By Charles E. White

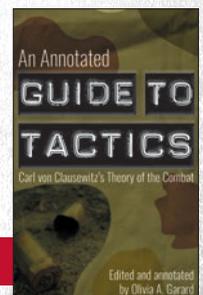
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About the Book

Cultivating the Intellect of an Army: Scharnhorst in Prussia, 1801–1805 provides the first modern study in any language of the endeavors of Gerhard von Scharnhorst, the most enlightened soldier of the French Revolutionary Wars and Napoleonic Era (1792–1815), to cultivate the formation of the Prussian Army through the medium of the *Militärische Gesellschaft* (Military Society) and the Berlin Institute in the Military Sciences for Young Infantry and Cavalry Officers. The success of Scharnhorst's efforts directly led to the amazing recovery of the Prussian Army following its catastrophic defeat in the Battles of Jena and Auerstädt 1806 and its decisive role in the downfall of Napoléon I during the Wars of German Liberation (1813–15) just seven years later. This rapid regeneration, accomplished under severe constraints, was the work of a small patriotic group of reformers led by Scharnhorst. The success of this transformation became the prototype of today's professional officer corps, large military organizations, and the modern corporate structure.



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MULTIDOMAIN COGNITIVE WARFARE

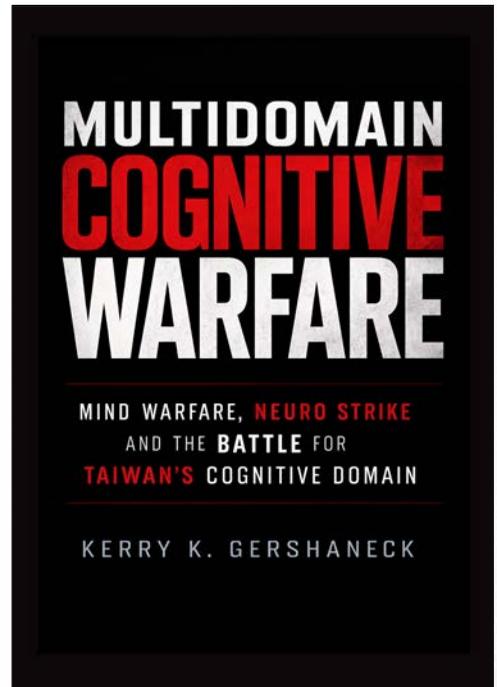
Mind Warfare, Neuro Strike, and the Battle for Taiwan's Cognitive Domain

By Kerry K. Gershaneck

paperback | 6 x 9 | 376 est. pp.

About the Book

Taiwan stands at the front line of an intensifying contest over cognition, perception, and national will. Yet, despite facing a comprehensive and evolving threat, Taiwan has not published a National Security Strategy. This absence of an overarching strategic framework complicates the government's ability to plan, coordinate, and execute a coherent whole-of-government and whole-of-society response to the Chinese Communist Party's expanding cognitive warfare campaigns. Without sustained strategic planning, Taiwan's resilience risks being fragmented at the very moment when cohesion is most needed. This book offers an accessible but thorough primer on multidomain cognitive warfare as it is conceptualized and practiced by both Communist China and Taiwan.



ASPECTS OF LEADERSHIP

An Enlisted Primer on Leading Marines

By College of Enlisted Military Education

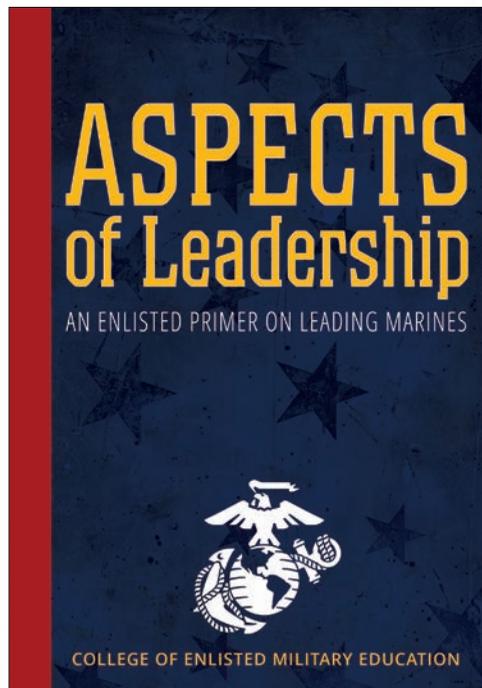
paperback | 5 x 8 | 184 est. pp.

About the Book

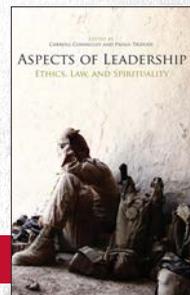
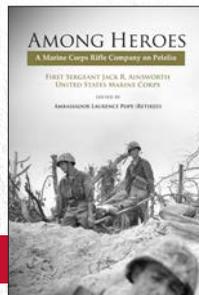
Aspects of Leadership brings together the winning essays from the 2025 Enlisted Leadership Essay Contest, showcasing powerful firsthand perspectives from across the Fleet. These essays illuminate the challenges and triumphs of enlisted leadership—moments that test character, demand adaptability, and forge the trust essential for combat-ready teams.

More than a collection of ideas, this book is a practical tool for growth, with targeted discussion questions designed to spark thoughtful dialog within professional military education and support leadership development across the enlisted education spectrum.

Inspiring, candid, and grounded in real experience, *Aspects of Leadership* serves as a guide for Marines striving to lead with purpose, whether in the barracks, the field, or the future fight.



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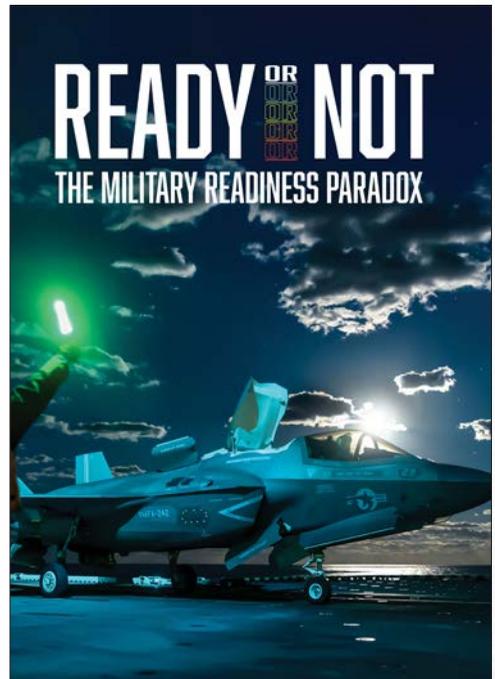
The Military Readiness Paradox

By Benjamin A. Hull

paperback | 6 x 9 | 386 pp.

About the Book

The term *readiness*, in the context of the military, is an often used but rarely understood term. It has a broad array of connotations, yet it is routinely used within the Department of Defense and in Congress as a key criterion for decisions from the tactical to strategic. *Ready or Not: The Military Readiness Paradox* discusses a range of issues found within the concept of readiness: the practical challenges of counting equipment and merging data fields to the strategic implications of being “ready” based on the wrong metric or for an irrelevant war.



RWANDA 1994

A Failure of Leadership and a Preventable Genocide

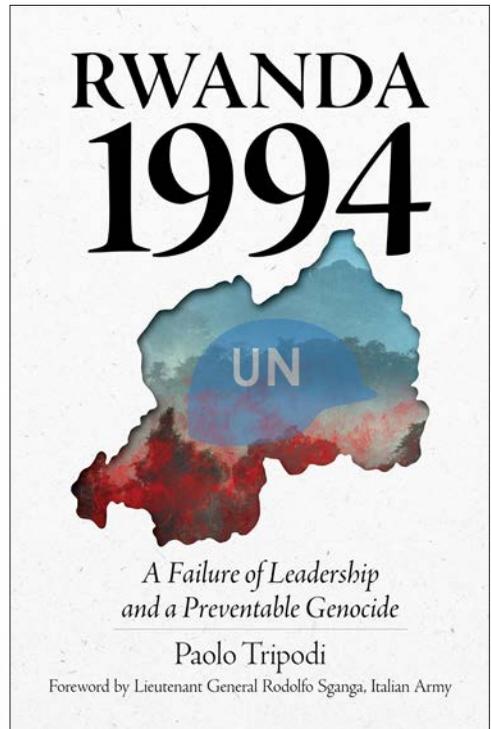
By Paolo Tripodi

Foreword by Lieutenant General Rodolfo Sganga, Italian Army

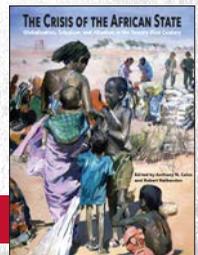
paperback | 6 x 9 | 356 pp.

About the Book

During the past 30 years, a significant number of studies have been published about the failure of the international community, several major powers, and the United Nations to stop the 1994 genocide in Rwanda. These studies have provided an important and enlightening perspective and have generated valuable debate about the role of peacekeeping missions. *Rwanda 1994* takes a significantly different approach to this study, exploring whether the small international military force deployed in Rwanda in 1993—United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda, or UNAMIR—might have done more to stop the genocide completely or at least slow it down significantly. While previous research has underscored some of the limitations that plagued the UNAMIR mission, that explains only a fraction of the failure. This book reveals that a more determined force could have saved the lives of hundreds of thousands of defenseless civilians.



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SNOWMOBILES AND GRAND IDEALS

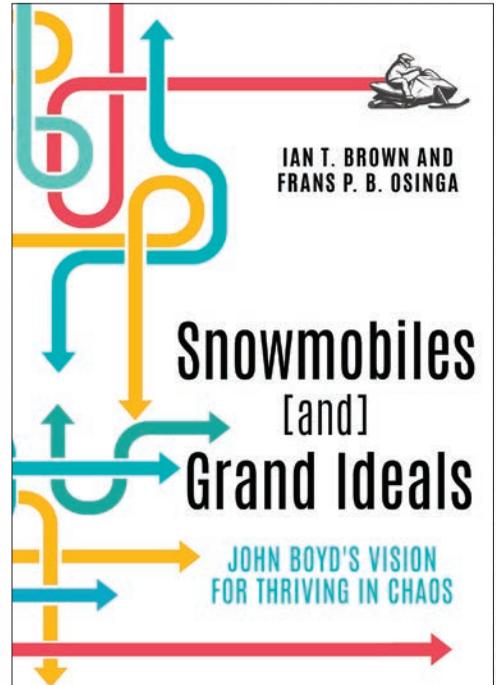
John Boyd's Vision for Thriving in Chaos

By Ian T. Brown and Frans P. B. Osinga

paperback | 6 x 9 | 680 pp.

About the Book

John Boyd is well known to have formally written down very little of his own theories on war and conflict, making researching his concepts challenging and leading many to infer meanings based on their own interpretations—or others'—of what little easily accessible evidence of his thinking remains. In *Snowmobiles and Grand Ideals*, his thoughts are revealed in his own words delivered during his lectures on his strategic concepts through the painstaking archival work of Ian T. Brown and with supporting analysis by Frans P. B. Osinga. Original presentation slides, transcriptions of audio recorded during lectures, marginalia, hand-drawn conceptual sketches, and other archival documents present Boyd's unfiltered intellectual contributions to the body of thought on winning and losing in battle. This work is intended to remove as many barriers as possible to accessing Boyd's vision of success in conflict.



THE BOUNDARIES OF WAR

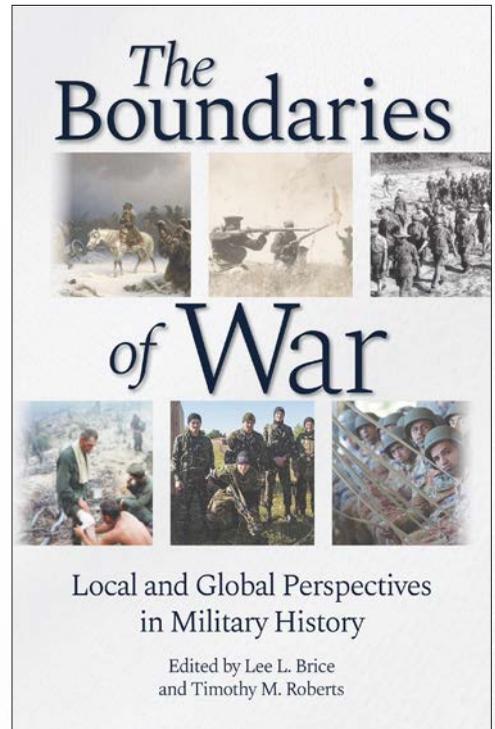
Local and Global Perspectives in Military History

Edited by Lee L. Brice, PhD, and Timothy M. Roberts, PhD

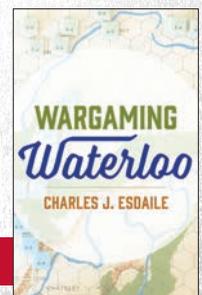
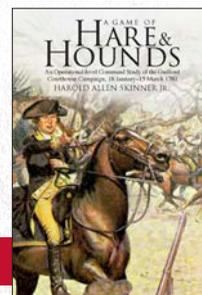
paperback | 6 x 9 | 296 pp.

About the Book

The expansion of trade and communication networks has been active since the fifteenth century and has had an undeniable impact on connecting military activity around the world. This fact is visible in the historical record, but has it in the last several decades transformed the historiography of military history? *The Boundaries of War* offers a discussion on whether the transnational turn in historical scholarship suggests that all warfare is derivative of larger global patterns, or if there are local, regional, or national “ways of war” that differentiate conflict within that certain geographical space, which historians should acknowledge. The authors consider how much military historians should focus on local or idiosyncratic factors to explain their subject matter and whether they should consider global phenomena in their research.



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COALITION LEADERSHIP

Lessons Learned while Commanding a NATO Brigade in Afghanistan

By Colonel James L. Creighton, USA (Ret)

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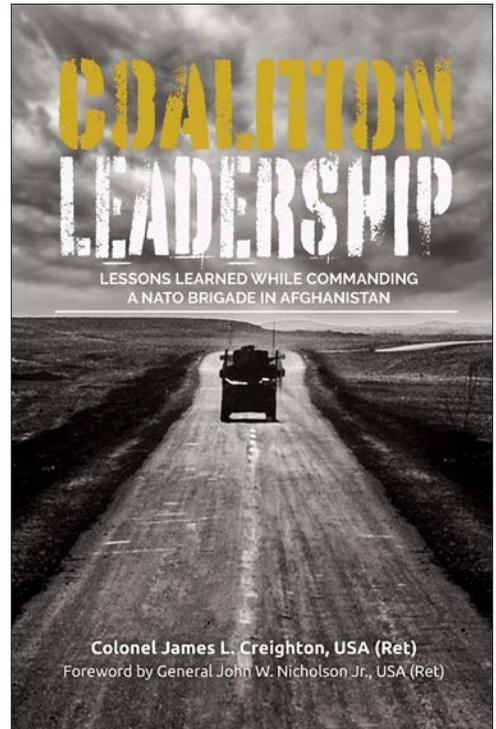
About the Book

United States involvement in wars and humanitarian efforts in Afghanistan, Iraq, and Syria since 1990 have all involved coalitions. In 2010, U.S. Army colonel James L. Creighton commanded a multinational North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) brigade consisting of soldiers, sailors, airmen, and civilians from nine different countries integrated into tactical formations down to the platoon level. This NATO brigade—Combined Team Uruzgan (CTU)—was responsible for defeating the Taliban insurgency in the provinces of Uruzgan and Daykundi, Afghanistan, and enabling the government of Afghanistan to build a stable society. In this book, leadership lessons resonate from the experiences and stories that the men and women of CTU shared during a year of counterinsurgency operations.

Praise for *Coalition Leadership*

“Jim Creighton has capitalized on his experience as a multinational NATO brigade commander in Afghanistan to explore vital leadership lessons learned. He has brilliantly woven his firsthand combat experience leading thousands of soldiers and civilians from nine different countries into an engaging narrative that highlights the many aspects of leading complex international organizations. His insights are keen—and as applicable to an international business environment as they are to military and civilian combat situations.”
~ Alex Gorsky, Former Chairman and CEO, Johnson & Johnson

“In a world of business ecosystems, shifting global dynamics, and self-reinforcing mindsets, Jim Creighton brings us a sophisticated yet practical solution: coalition leadership. Every manager today, from CEO to first-line supervisor, is a manager of coalitions of talent—but until now there has not been a strong and field-tested guidebook for how leaders can accomplish great things when surrounded by conflicting personalities and purposes. This book is destined to be underlined and earmarked, chock-full of lessons on leadership forged in wartime yet powerfully relevant for any time.”
~ Sydney Finkelstein, Professor of Management, Dartmouth College



POWER PROJECTION

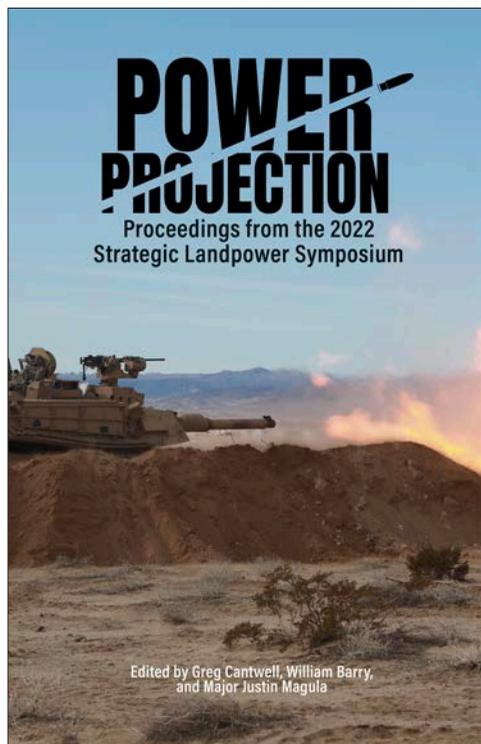
Proceedings from the 2022 Strategic Landpower Symposium

Edited by Colonel Gregory Cantwell, William Barry, and Major Justin Magula

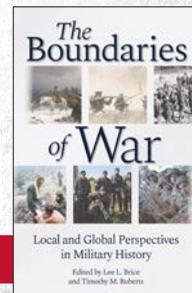
paperback | 6 x 9 | 152 pp.

About the Book

This volume serves as the culmination of many months of preparation and detailed research for the 2022 Strategic Landpower Symposium at the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, PA. During the symposium, participants examined the challenges of intelligence, sustainment, leadership, homeland defense and homeland security, information operations, irregular warfare, security force assistance, special operation forces, partnership programs, strategic guidance, and future trials. This book collects this important research and hopefully inspires new ideas for scholars to continue researching and thinking about future challenges to create novel concepts to share later.



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MARINES IN CRISIS

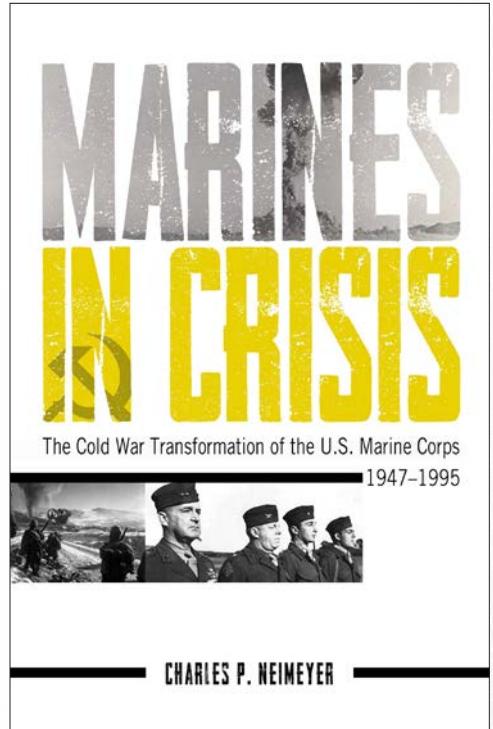
The Cold War Transformation of the U.S. Marine Corps, 1947–1995

By Charles P. Neimeyer, PhD

paperback | 6 x 9 | 493 pp.

About the Book

Throughout the Cold War and into the 1990s, the Marine Corps faced multiple strategic inflection points. Some of these moments were fights for institutional survival, some were based on emerging technology or internal upheaval, and others were more concerned with developing operational doctrine. When compared to the development of its amphibious warfare doctrine between World War I and World War II, these Cold War decisions related to the Marine Corps came about at an astonishing pace. Many of these post-World War II moments came only after painful experiences in increasingly complex and multidimensional Joint combat operations or humanitarian interventions, where international politics, rapidly changing technology, new societal norms, and even culture played an ever-larger role on the battlefield. For the Marine Corps, the Cold War and beyond seemingly required its senior leaders to predict the rapid-fire changes that impacted the new way of war and evolving politics of conflict. In response, those leaders continually transformed the Marine Corps to ensure it played a significant role in U.S. military matter.



ON CONTESTED SHORES

The Evolving Role of Amphibious Operations in the History of Warfare, volume 2

Edited by Timothy Heck, B. A. Friedman, and Walker D. Mills

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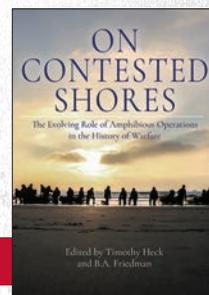
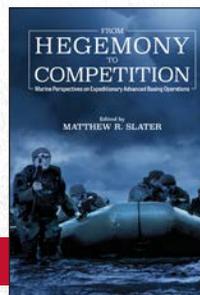
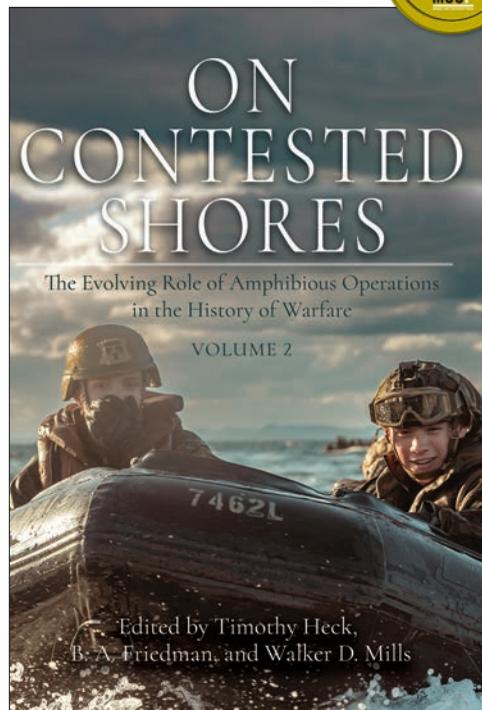


About the Book

The second volume of *On Contested Shores* builds on the success and reception of the first, providing historians, theorists, and especially practitioners with a new resource to explore the history and the future of amphibious operations.

This second volume arrives as the U.S. Marine Corps' Force Design 2030 effort reaches a faster pace under a new Commandant. New original scholarship and research provides readers with a wealth of examples, new information about historical case studies, and deeper examinations of a wider array of amphibious issues. No other volume or set on amphibious operations provide such a diverse array of case studies and insights by leading researchers from around the world.

Since the release of the first volume, shores are newly contested in Ukraine and in the Red Sea, and preparations for a potential amphibious invasion of Taiwan have reached a fevered pitch. This second volume digs deeper into the epic history of amphibious operations and provides more insights into how they can be executed in the future.



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EVOLUTION ON DEMAND

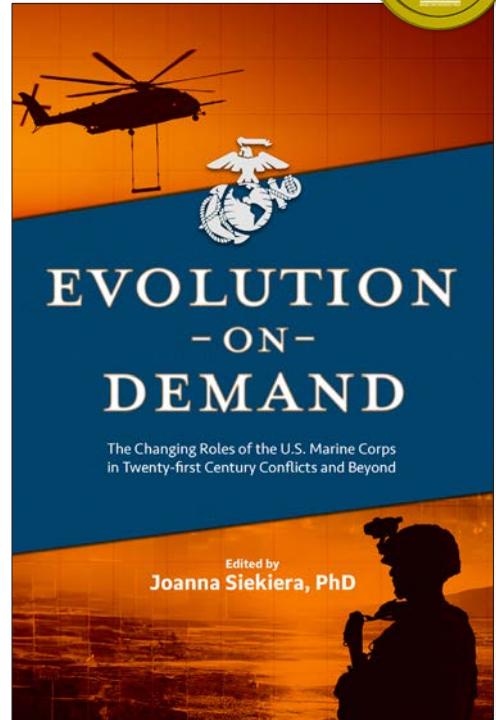
The Changing Roles of the U.S. Marine Corps in Twenty-first Century Conflicts and Beyond

Edited by Joanna Siekiera, PhD

paperback | 6 x 9 | 316 pp.

About the Book

The future battlespace promises to be complex, unpredictable, and multifaceted. To answer its challenges, military professionals must think deeply and innovatively about warfare's evolving character and how to gain decisive advantage across a hotly contested global landscape. *Evolution on Demand: The Changing Roles of the U.S. Marine Corps in Twenty-first Century Conflicts and Beyond*, featuring the work of nonresident fellows of the Brute Krulak Center for Innovation and Future Warfare, offers critical insights into the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. Drawing on a range of perspectives and areas of expertise, they explore the strategic, operational, and technological factors that will shape military conflict in the years to come. Each chapter not only provides an in-depth analysis of specific challenges but also offers practical recommendations for how the Marine Corps and its allies can prepare to win the future fight. The contributions in this volume underscore the need for militaries, particularly the U.S. Marine Corps, to adapt to these changes and remain at the cutting edge of innovation and strategy.



THEY WERE CHOSIN

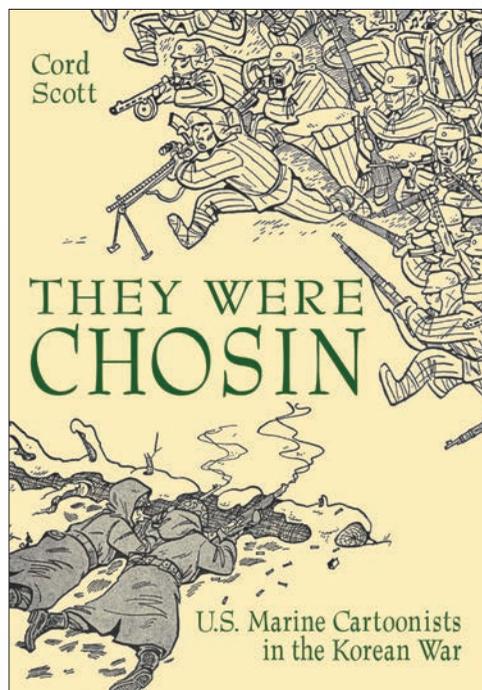
U.S. Marine Cartoonists in the Korean War

By Cord A. Scott

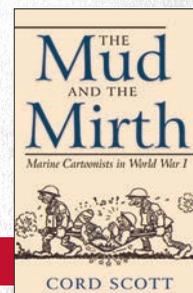
paperback | 7 x 10 | 256 pp.

About the Book

They Were Chosin is based on a previous work, *The Mud and the Mirth*, which details U.S. Marine cartoonists in World War I. This book focuses again on one primary artist, Norval E. "Gene" Packwood, and two books he wrote and illustrated during the late 1940s and early 1950s: *Leatherhead: The Story of Marine Corps Boot Camp* and *Leatherhead in Korea*. *They Were Chosin* offers a humorous perspective on what was going on during the war. This book is not meant to be a definitive visual history of the Korean War. It is meant to share an aspect of the war, told through the cultural lens of comic characters.



Also of Interest



TAMING AMERICA'S WARRIORS

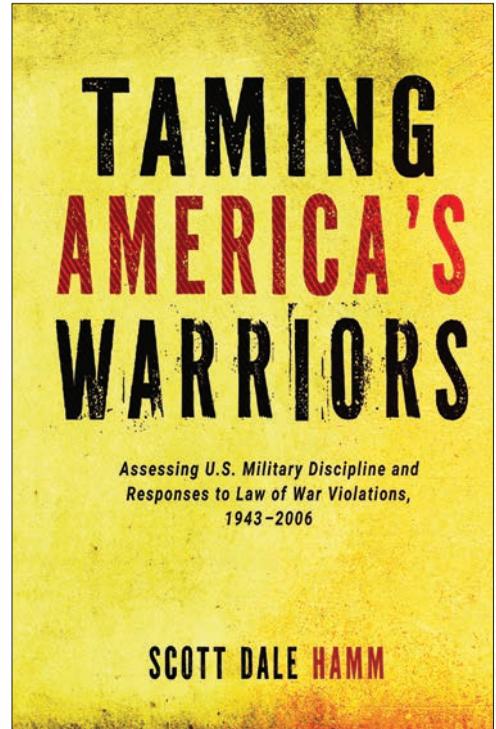
**Assessing U.S. Military Discipline
and Responses to Law of War Violations, 1943–2006**

By Scott Dale Hamm, PhD

paperback | 6 x 9 | 266 pp.

About the Book

Violence against noncombatants remains a regrettable and persistent feature of war. *Taming America's Warriors* focuses squarely on U.S. land forces, assessing their commitment to fighting within the laws of war and their own set of professional values and exploring the factors that contribute to soldiers and Marines choosing to disregard those values, along with their training, to commit crimes that are detrimental to their missions. Retired Marine Dr. Scott Hamm analyzes several cases of American war crimes in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries and identifies the progress that has been made in reducing violence against noncombatants as well as failures to hold perpetrators and those who enable their crimes accountable. *Taming America's Warriors* is a valuable roadmap to diminishing the incidence of war crimes through an understanding of the law, as well as recognizing that they can be fostered by influences within and outside of the military.



FROM BOOT CAMP TO THE NAVAL ACADEMY

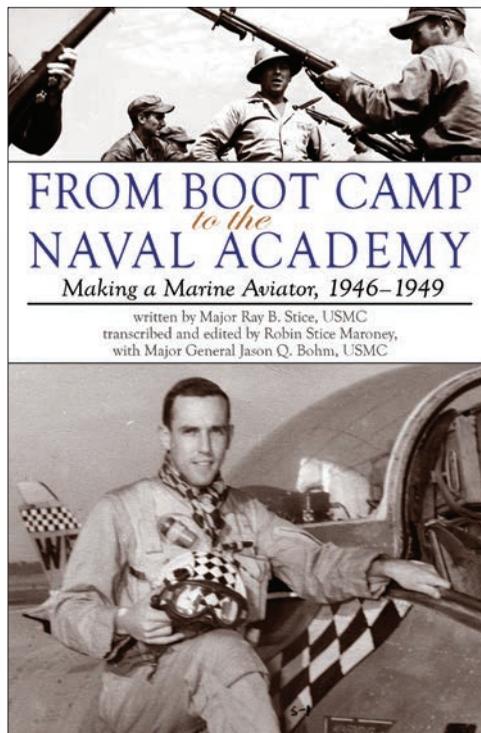
Making a Marine Aviator, 1946–1949

By Major Ray B. Stice, USMC
transcribed and edited by Robin Stice Maroney,
with Major General Jason Q. Bohm, USMC

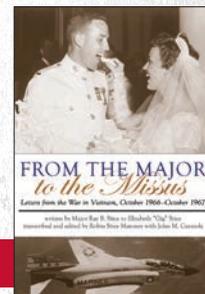
paperback | 6 x 9 | 424 pp.

About the Book

Ray B. Stice was an ordinary teenager, who was dealing with the normal challenges of youth in the postwar period after World War II. This collection of letters, photographs, and historical records documents Stice's determination to continue a long family history of military service but also to make his own mark on the world. Within these pages, the reader experiences first hand the daily mental and physical challenges of joining the Corps in 1946, and it reveals the patriotism and excitement of a young man yearning to earn the title of United States Marine. As days pass, especially during boot camp, readers will see how Stice became more disciplined and focused and the correspondence reveals a growing confidence, maturity, and leadership skills. *From Boot Camp to the Naval Academy* presents an unforgettable portrait of what it takes to become a Marine and offers an inspiring story of spirit and valor.



Also of Interest



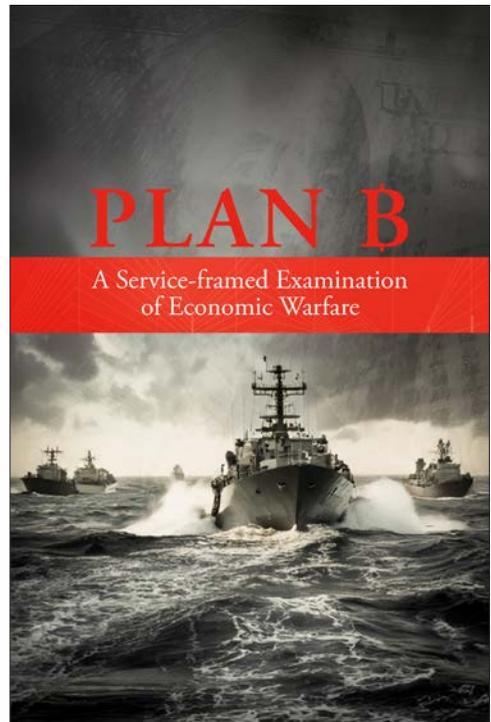
PLAN B

A Service-framed Examination of Economic Warfare

paperback | 6 x 9 | 180 pp.

About the Book

PLAN B: A Service-framed Examination of Economic Warfare by Nate Barrick is a report that is the result of a series of ongoing discussions in the Commandant's former Office of Net Assessment about U.S. thinking on the strategy and approaches applied to current military problems, specifically related to the challenge of the People's Republic of China (PRC) as a possible, near-peer adversary. As part of a new series that explores alternative futures and understanding the future character of war, this report examined what might be the implications from a possible Sino-American conflict for the U.S. Marine Corps in terms of expanded roles and missions.



MILITARY BUREAUCRACY AND DECISION MAKING

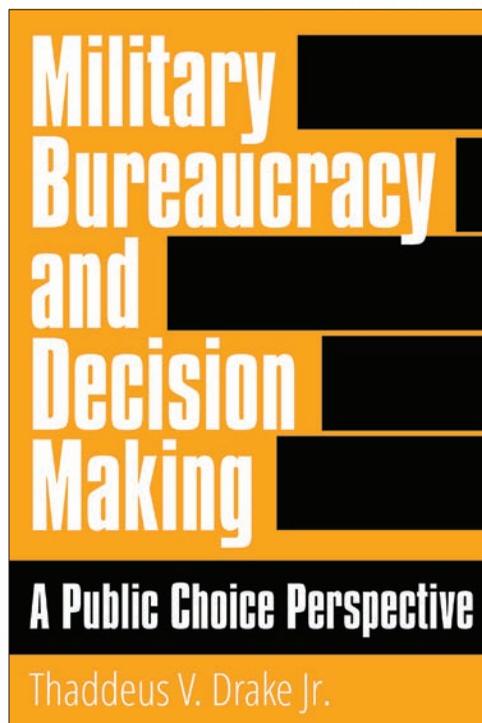
A Public Choice Perspective

By Thaddeus V. Drake Jr.

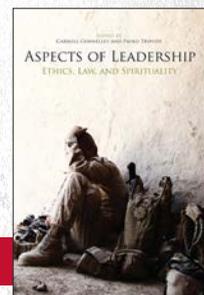
paperback | 6 x 9 | 369 pp.

About the Book

Military Bureaucracy and Decision-Making takes an unusual perspective on military decision-making. It is, first and foremost, about how military decisions are made at all echelons. It offers a way of thinking that explains many military decisions by using a framework that has rarely been applied to the military and the people who comprise it. Second, it is about a microeconomic approach to military personnel, public choice theory, human agency, and individuals who each have their own unique and personal preferences. Third, it incorporates recent evidence that demonstrates an understanding of the fundamental human motivation to seek social status and reputation.



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TREASONOUS TIDES

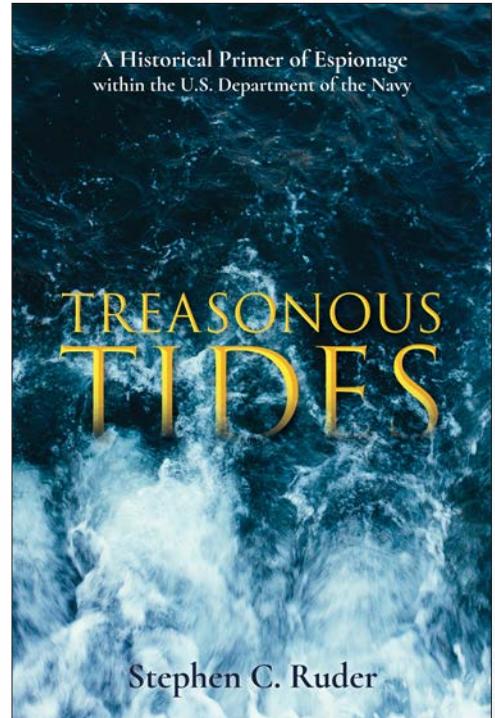
**A Historical Primer of Espionage
within the U.S. Department of the Navy**

By Stephen C. Ruder

paperback | 6 x 9 | 475 pp.

About the Book

Treasonous Tides looks back at more than a century of espionage conducted against and within the U.S. Department of the Navy (DON) to discern the trends that will illuminate the future of U.S. naval counterintelligence. Based on the principles of war, this book suggests a new way to interpret naval counterintelligence that emphasizes the merging of intelligence and law enforcement to ensure that the DON wins the war at sea. Including more than 50 espionage cases that impacted the DON from 1898 to 2010, the book places each case into historical perspective, provides a brief overview, and outlines the significance and lessons learned for each. This analysis highlights trends that remain applicable today while revealing how the DON's past apathy and lack of investment in counterintelligence led to strategic surprise on several occasions. The book also provides unique insight into the motivations and methods of those who spied against the DON, most of which remained remarkably consistent for more than a century. At the strategic level, the book clarifies the relative significance of each case and uses that information to suggest an operational prioritization for the future. From senior naval leaders to academics, commanding officers to individual investigators, everyone involved in resourcing, planning, executing, and benefiting from U.S. naval counterintelligence will profit from the history and analysis presented in *Treasonous Tides*



COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS

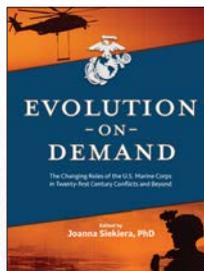
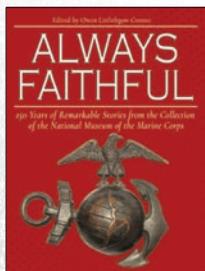
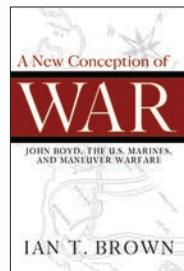
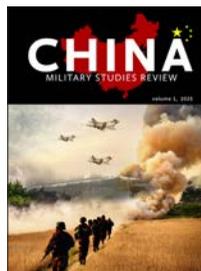
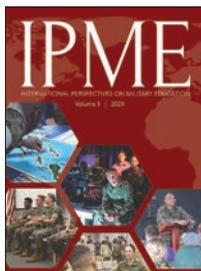
Professional Reading Program

General Eric M. Smith, 39th CMC

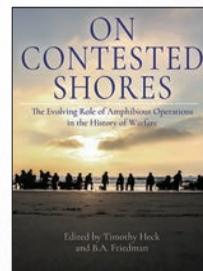
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CMC Choice



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The Marine Corps has a long history of encouraging its servicemembers to educate themselves on not just the history of the Corps but about the larger world around them. In 1989, the reading list was codified, and since then, each Commandant has issued their Commandant's Professional Reading List to improve Marines' understanding of the military profession, the nature of warfare, and develop decision-making and critical-thinking skills. To support the endeavor for lifelong learning, the list is divided into subtopics: Commandant's Choice, Profession of Arms, Innovation, Leadership, Strategy, Foundational, Podcasts, and Periodicals.





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POPULAR BACKLIST

ALWAYS FAITHFUL

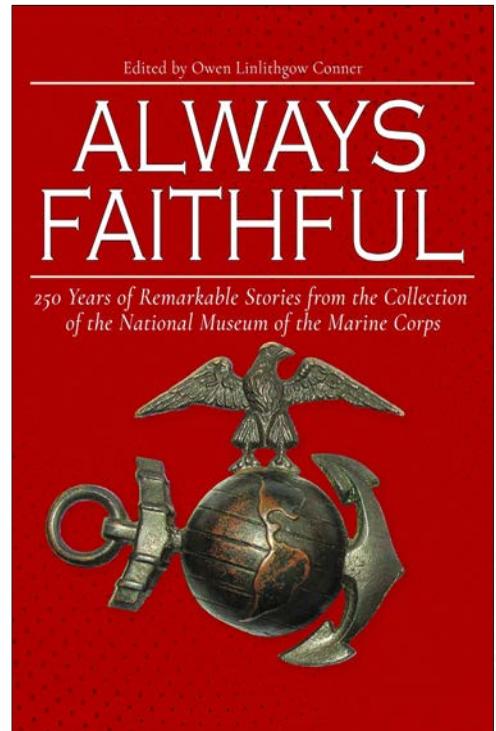
250 Years of Remarkable Stories from the Collection of the National Museum of the Marine Corps

Edited by Owen Linithgow Conner

paperback | 9 x 12 | 289 pp.

About the Book

The permanent collection of the National Museum of the Marine Corps in Triangle, Virginia, contains more than 64,000 artifacts documenting 250 years of U.S. Marine Corps history. From the Revolutionary War to the modern-day battlefields of Afghanistan and Iraq, these artifacts bear witness to and detail the remarkable stories of the men and women who make the Corps what it is today. This high-quality coffee-table-style book features 50 artifacts, handpicked by museum curators, whose fascinating histories serve to honor the 250th birthday of the Marine Corps.



WARGAMING WATERLOO

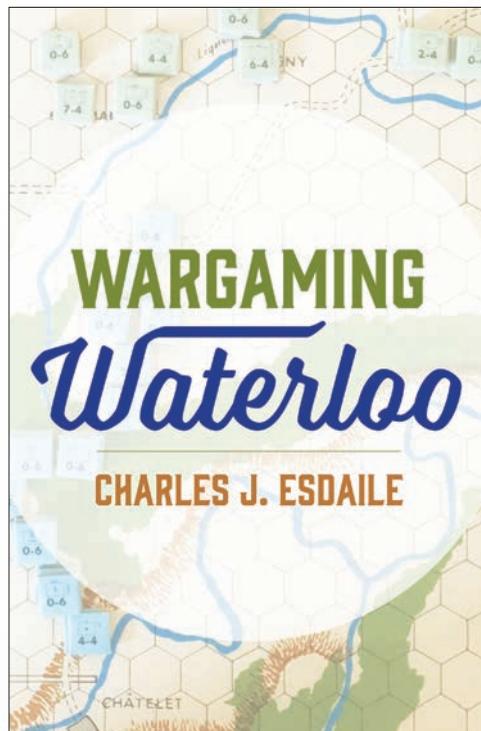
By Charles J. ESDAILE, PhD

paperback | 6 x 9 | 336 pp.

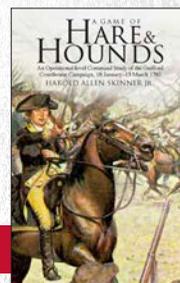
About the Book

Wargaming—the simulation of complex war situations—is becoming increasingly more relevant to political and military discourse as U.S. armed forces lean more heavily on it as a training tool to hone warfighters’ decision-making skills and to shape defense plans and policies. And while wargaming can be useful for informing predictions of future military conflicts, it is also an excellent tool for understanding past conflicts.

Wargaming Waterloo explores three key aspects of wargaming as a practice by focusing on the iconic battle that led to Napoléon Bonaparte’s defeat in 1815. A longtime subject of both fascination and controversy, the Battle of Waterloo presents particular problems as a board, map, or tabletop wargame and also poses a serious research question: just how good a chance did Napoléon have at victory when he confronted the duke of Wellington at Mont Saint-Jean and how would the strategic situation have to be different to enable Napoléon to prevail?



Also of Interest



WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A MAN

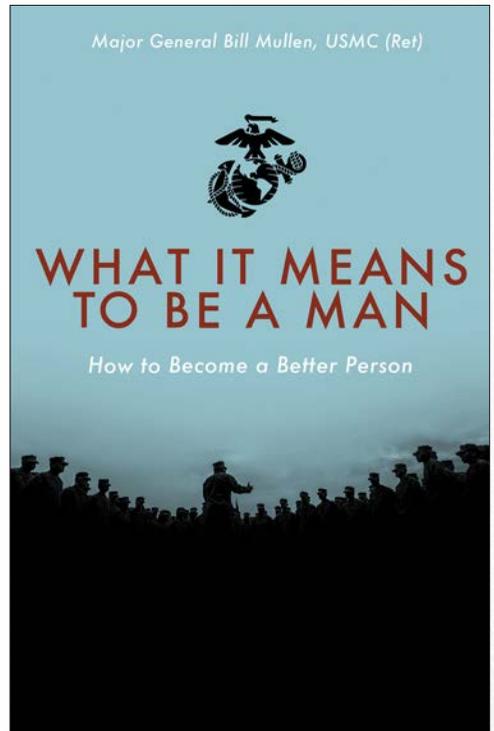
How to Become a Better Person

By Major General Bill Mullen, USMC (Ret)

paperback | 5 x 8 | 208 pp.

About the Book

We all have flaws because, as humans, we are all inherently fallible. If we can focus on becoming better people in life, it will likely help mitigate that fallibility. *What It Means to Be a Man* focuses on the concept that if all young Marines internalize the words and thoughts presented here, and use them to not only be better Marines but, more importantly, better people, then we can be a much better Service overall. The U.S. Marine Corps and the American people have invested so much time, effort, and money into them that they are more than worth the effort to make them better people now but also for when they take off the uniform and return to civilian society.



BOOTS AND SUITS

Historical Cases and Contemporary Lessons in Military Diplomacy

Edited by Ambassador Philip S. Kosnett (Ret)

Foreword by General Kenneth F. McKenzie (Ret)

paperback | 6 x 9 | 440 pp.

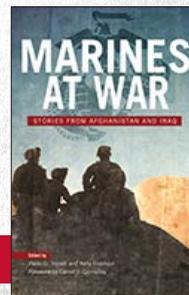
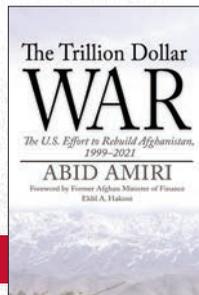
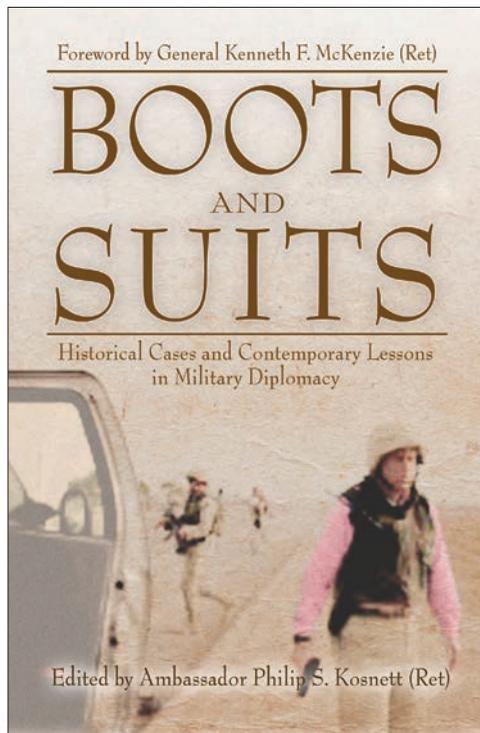
About the Book

Written by a dream team of scholars, government officials, military officers, and diplomats, *Boots and Suits* uses a case study approach to demonstrate how governments seek to use military and diplomatic power in tandem to pursue policy goals. Authors dig into historical events, such as Imperial Russia's pre-World War I use of hard power and American efforts in the 1970s to build influence in the Persian Gulf through arms sales. Other chapters analyze contemporary issues, such as the evolution of U.S. and NATO policies on assistance to Ukraine, American, and Chinese use of naval power to build diplomatic leverage with Pacific nations, and the contentious evolution of Turkish-American defense relations in the twenty-first century. Of particular interest to practitioners of diplomacy in and out of uniform, a "Lessons Learned" section details the experiences of military officers and muddy-boots diplomats in hot spots like Iraq, Afghanistan, and Haiti. *Boots and Suits* offers important insights for all those concerned with the future of war and peace.

Praise for *Boots & Suits*

"[*Boots & Suits*] is an excellent step on the path to broadening our view of how the military interacts with diplomats. The historical examples are trenchant and clear, and the contemporary cases are meaningful. Most importantly, the strong contributions from current practitioners are able to apply theory to real situations."

~ General Kenneth F. McKenzie, USMC (Ret)



Also of Interest

SHARED EXPERIENCE

Organizational Culture and Ethos at the U.S. Marine Corps' Basic School, 1924–1941

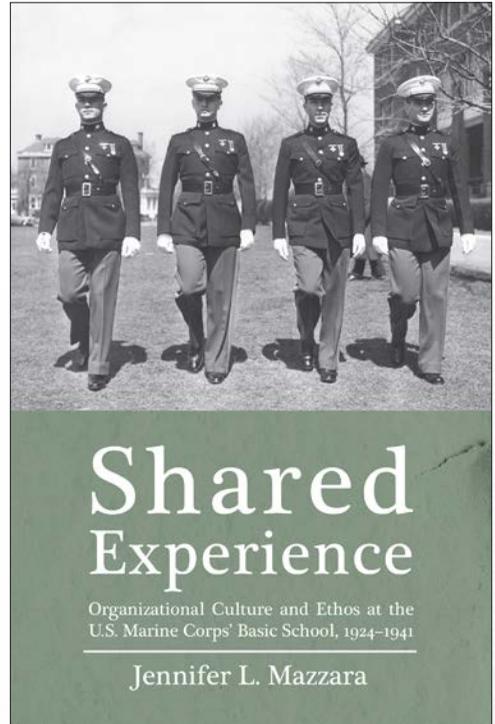
By Jennifer L. Mazzara, PhD

paperback | 6 x 9 | 444 pp.

About the Book

From early in the modern history of the Marine Corps, The Basic School (TBS) has played an enormously important role in acculturating Marine officers in the profession of arms. Author Jennifer Mazzara's exhaustive and detailed research, which included examining the curricula of prewar TBS, shows that the TBS product, the Marine lieutenant, was fundamental to the early victories of the Second World War. As the only basic-level post-commissioning school in the United States that imparts a generalist education, rather than specialist training, TBS is unique among the military schools operated by the U.S. armed forces. Its distinctiveness stems from two primary features: its structure, and what it provides to its graduates. The TBS curriculum is utterly immersive and inculcates in all Marine lieutenants the ethos of the Corps and the nearly spiritual reality of what it means to be an officer of Marines with the responsibility of leading Marines in combat. Every TBS officer is put through the same grueling crucible of preparation to be a rifle platoon commander.

Mazzara's examination of how TBS was conducted during the interwar period sheds light on the backgrounds and experiences of the officers who were most responsible for carrying out the Pacific campaigns of World War II. This history reveals TBS's essential qualities during the interwar period, but it also illuminates the timeless and immutable reality and necessity of this institution that has bound generations of Marine officers to each other and to the Corps.



THE RACE WITH NO FINISH LINE

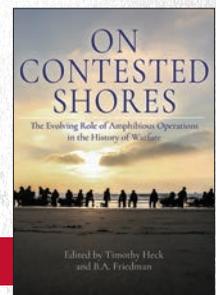
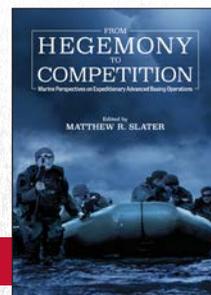
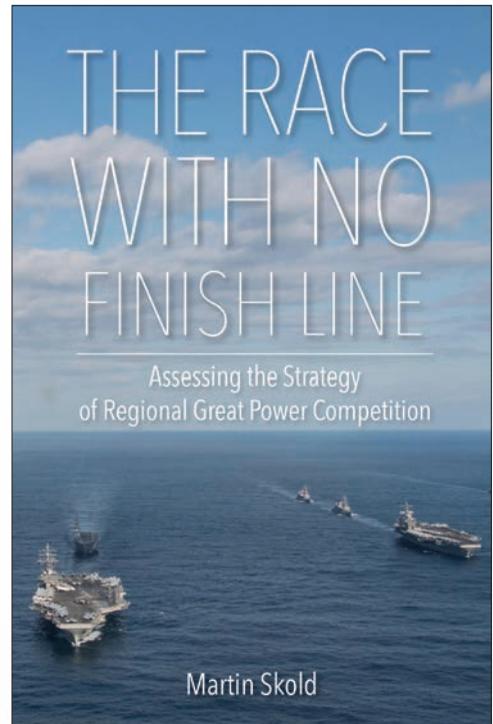
Assessing the Strategy of Regional Great Power Competition

By Martin Skold, PhD

paperback | 6 x 9 | 440 pp.

About the Book

The Race with No Finish Line offers a framework for understanding the strategies of states engaged in competition for regional hegemony. Drawing on a variety of strategic literature, this book synthesizes a theoretical approach to analyzing the strategies of these states. Employing insights drawn from business strategy, the author argues for an essentially asymmetric understanding of fundamental policy goals for states engaged in competition for control of a region of the globe, with one state attempting to maintain a dominant position and another attempting, by focusing limited resources, to supplant it. This competition is understood metaphorically—based on an anecdote from the end of the Cold War—as a “race with no finish line,” with the reigning hegemon attempting to extend the race beyond the challenger’s endurance and the challenger attempting to create a finish line and cross it. This book lays the groundwork not only for more rigorous inquiry into the strategic decision-making of states in past competitive scenarios but also for analysis of current competitions for influence and control in numerous regions.



Also of Interest

FORGING WARGAMERS

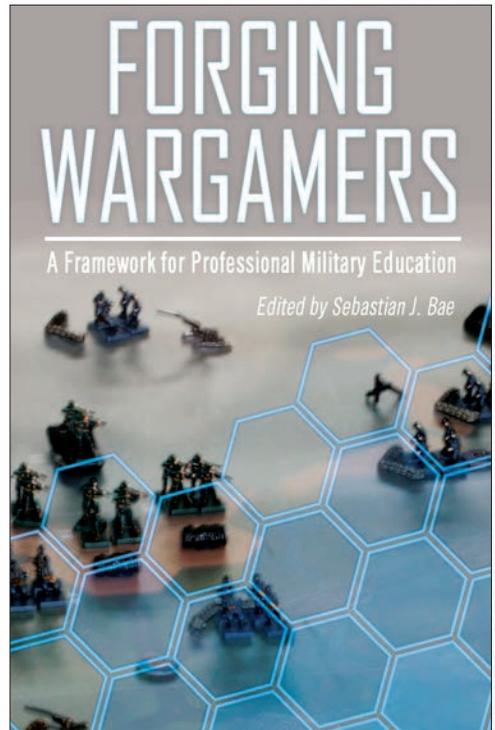
A Framework for Professional Military Education

Edited by Sebastian J. Bae

paperback | 5 x 8 | 288 pp.

About the Book

How do we establish or improve wargaming education, including sponsors, participants, and future designers? The question stems from the uncomfortable truth that the wargaming discipline has no foundational pipeline, no established pathway from novice to master. Consequently, the wargaming community stands at a dangerous precipice at the convergence of a stagnant labor force and a patchwork system of passing institutional wargaming knowledge. Unsurprisingly, this can lead to ill-informed sponsors, poorly scoped wargames, an unreliable standard of wargaming expertise, and worst of all, risks the decline of wargaming as an educational and analytical tool. This fundamental challenge is a recurring theme throughout this volume and each author offers their own perspective and series of recommendations.



WARFARE IN PEACETIME

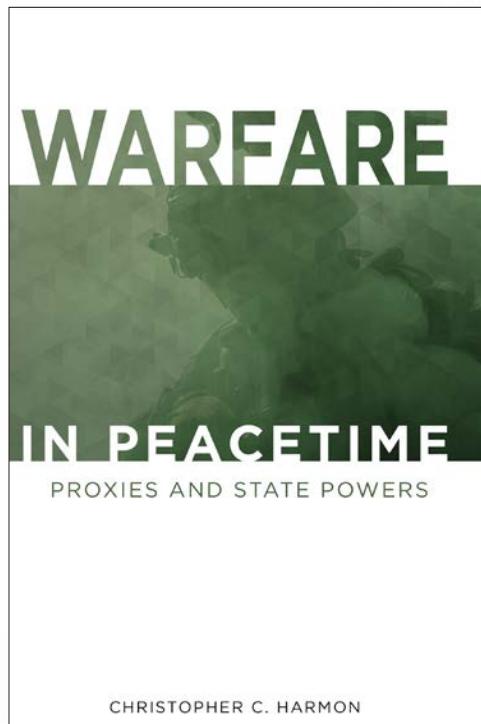
Proxies and State Powers

By Christopher C. Harmon, PhD

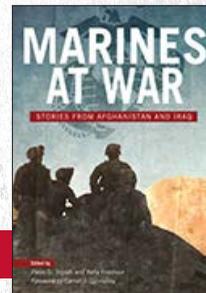
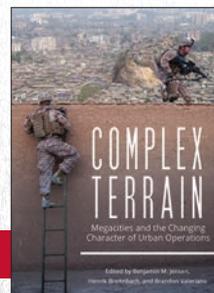
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About the Book

Dr. Christopher C. Harmon's *Warfare in Peacetime* discusses low-intensity conflicts and the use of proxies by nations that wish to advance their interests during eras of relative peace. Harmon explores Cold War-era proxies, such as the USSR and Cuba, to more contemporary topics like India and the Tamil Tigers. Other areas of research include Iran and Hezbollah, the Reagan Doctrine and Nicaragua, and other thought-provoking topics on proxy wars. *Warfare in Peacetime* will serve as an illuminating book on the ever-present subject of proxy wars.



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AN ANNOTATED GUIDE TO TACTICS

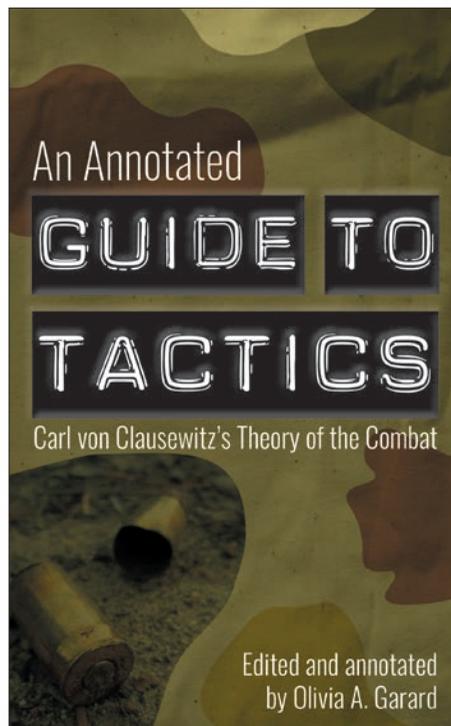
Carl von Clausewitz's *Theory of the Combat*

Edited and annotated by Olivia A. Garard

spiral bound | 5 x 8 | 264 pp.

About the Book

The philosophy on which the Marine Corps' seminal war-fighting doctrine is based rests on a tradition of professional military scholarship that reaches back to Carl von Clausewitz's treatise *On War*. Clausewitz's lesser-known and often-misunderstood *Guide to Tactics*, republished here for the first time as a stand-alone English text with critical annotations, serves as the foundation of the Marine Corps' war-fighting philosophy and provides a guide to thinking about the nature of tactics and combat for the modern warfighter.



“For anyone interested in strategy, tactics, or Clausewitz, this book is a valuable addition to your library. If you are like the reviewer, you will find yourself highlighting text and writing marginal notes for later study.”

~ Lieutenant Colonel Kurt P. VanderSteen, USAR

FROM HEGEMONY TO COMPETITION

Marine Perspectives on Expeditionary Advanced Basing Operations

Edited by Matthew R. Slater, PhD

paperback | 6 x 9 | 224 pp.

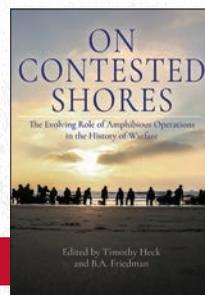
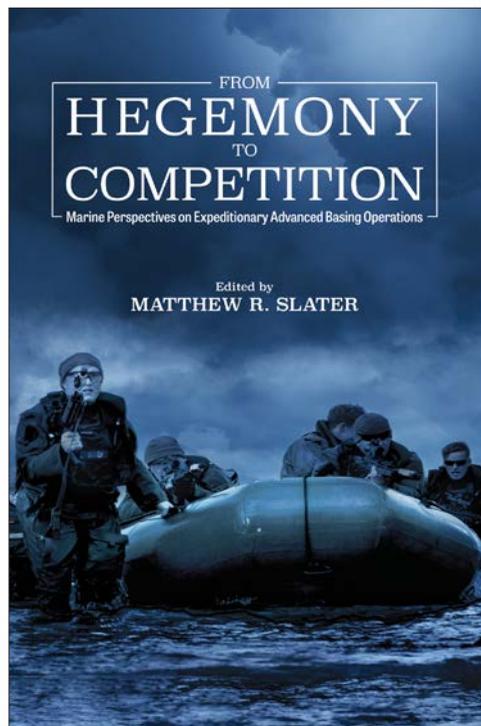
About the Book

The end of the Cold War in 1991 brought the United States more than two decades of global leadership and prosperity. Neorealist international relations theory correctly predicted that hegemony, although the most stable power arrangement, is doomed to deteriorate as rising competitors band together to challenge the existing world order. As the United States pivots from hegemony to competition, the Department of Defense is adjusting its capabilities to confront the Chinese Communist Party and the Russian oligarchy. The U.S. Marine Corps may be considered at the forefront of the rapidly changing force structure. These changes will not rely on the acquisition of new weapons systems for success. Instead, the capacity of Marines to accommodate new ways of thinking, normalize chaotic processes, and adapt to dynamic operational environments will determine their outcome. This volume provides a window into how current and future Marine leaders will grapple with this historic challenge.

“In challenging and refining the EABO concept, these authors follow in the footsteps of previous generations of Marines, who wrote while stationed in schools or in the fleet and who imagined and perfected new warfighting capabilities.”

~ Michael F. Morris

Associate Professor of Military History
School of Advanced Warfighting, Marine Corps University



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A NEW CONCEPTION OF WAR

John Boyd, the U.S. Marines, and Maneuver Warfare

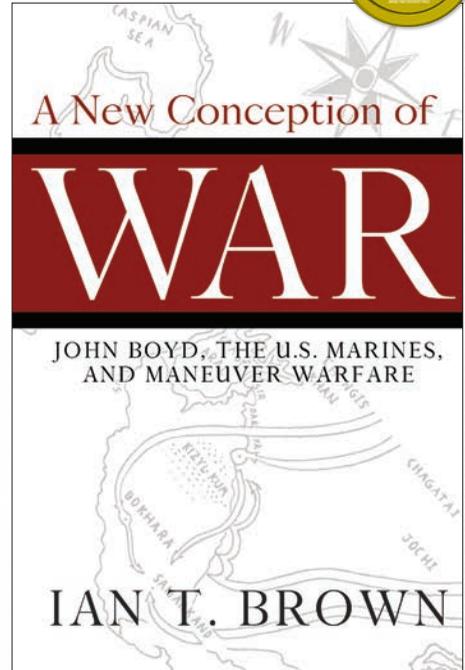
By Ian T. Brown

paperback | 6 x 9 | 360 pp.



About the Book

In 1989, the Marine Corps formally adopted a theory of conflict called maneuver warfare and described its tenets in a short but revolutionary doctrinal manual simply titled *Warfighting*. This conflict theory evolved along two paths that wound their way through the landscape of the late Cold War period before coming together in 1989. *A New Conception of War* traces this story from the post-Vietnam War years to the present. The first path was forged by U.S. Air Force colonel John R. Boyd, whose ideas on warfare were shaped by a military career during the height of the Cold War and his own passion for challenging conventional wisdom in the search for new and useful ideas. The second path was navigated by many thinkers within the Marine Corps during a period of institutional soul-searching after Vietnam. Drawing on new and previously unpublished material from the major players of this period, including a full transcript of Boyd's "Patterns of Conflict" lecture, *A New Conception of War* captures a period of remarkable intellectual ferment within the Marine Corps and the development of a unique conceptual framework for warfighting that continues to inspire Marines today.



"*A New Conception of War* skillfully brings an extraordinary, historic episode to a new generation of Marine Corps leaders and, in a larger context, to any leader who is contemplating leading change."

~ Dale C. Rielage, U.S. Pacific Fleet director for Intelligence and Information Operations

"Brown has done a magnificent job laying out how the maneuver debate played out from the Marine perspective and mostly avoiding what David C. Metz has termed 'Boyd Mania.' He fills a much-needed niche in trying to balance and historically assess Boyd's influence, intelligently narrowed to just the USMC and the maneuver debate."

~ Brian R. Price, Air Command and Staff College

THE MUD AND THE MIRTH

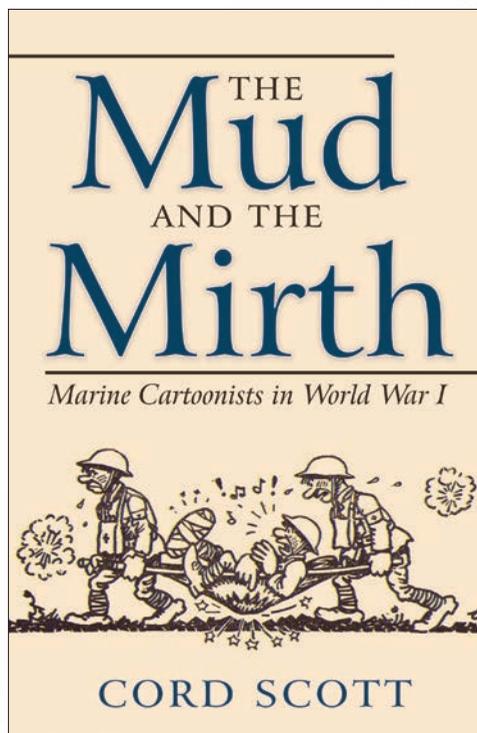
Marine Cartoonists in World War I

By Cord Scott

paperback | 6 x 9 | 136 pp.

About the Book

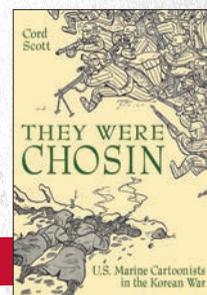
Visual arts constitute a significant portion of the Marines' life, from training manuals to public appearances. Illustrations may inform, educate, or entertain the masses, be they civilians or military personnel. *The Mud and the Mirth* takes a deeper look at comic illustrations from the earliest publications for the Marine Corps—the *Recruiters Bulletin*, the *Marines Magazine*, and the *Marines Bulletin*—prior to World War I, as well as presents the entire collection of *Stars and Stripes* cartoons illustrated by Marine cartoonist Abian A. Wallgren



“Dr. Scott . . . has helped illuminate brilliantly this understudied and important part of the Corps’ history.”

~ Mark R. Folse, PhD

Also of Interest



DISASTER LABS

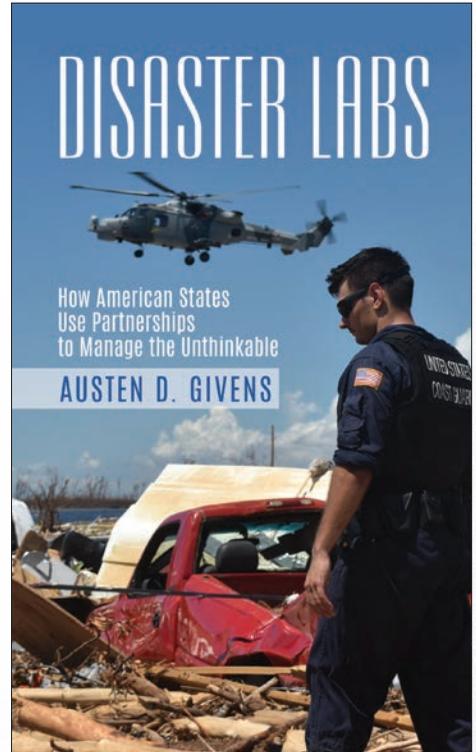
How American States Use Partnerships to Manage the Unthinkable

By Austen D. Givens

paperback | 5 x 8 | 352 pp.

About the Book

Disaster Labs explores how state governments partner with businesses and nonprofits to manage large-scale emergencies in California, Florida, New York, and Virginia. For these disaster-management collaborations to continue, state governments, businesses, and nonprofits must plan now for their future. These collaborations also need the freedom to shape their partnerships in each of their unique state environments. Each state has distinct attributes that make state-level partnerships attractive. These range from differing types of disasters, political environments, nonprofit sectors, and commercial entities. Without undue federal interference, these state-level, public-private partnerships work best to achieve results and provide relief to disaster-prone areas.



“This book is a must read for anyone who wants to know—or needs to know—how we can optimize America’s readiness to prevent or respond to major disasters. In particular, Givens explains how and why private companies need to be involved in disaster planning. Some cities and states are effectively including the private sector in disaster planning; others are not. Excluding such companies from the planning table is a mistake—and this highly readable book provides a roadmap for how to make sure that vital private sector interests stay engaged.”

~ Irwin Redlener, Director, National Center for Disaster Preparedness, Columbia University

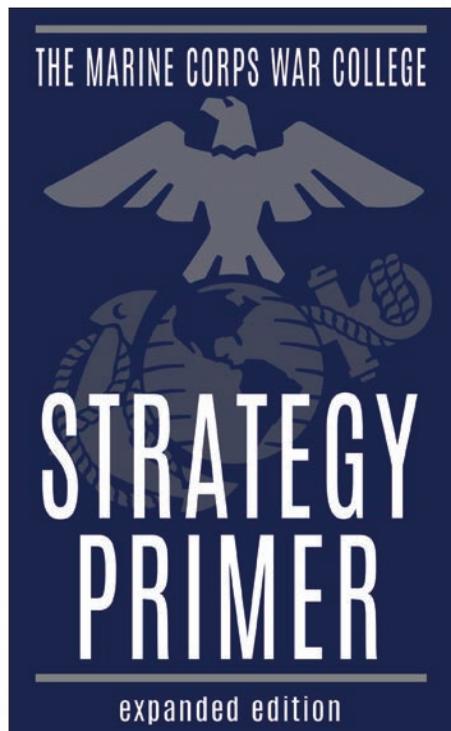
THE MARINE CORPS WAR COLLEGE STRATEGY PRIMER

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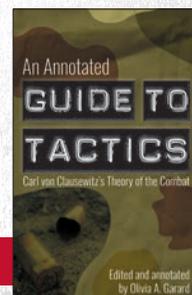
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About the Book

The process of strategy making is neither easy nor for the feeble-minded. In fact, the creation of workable strategic approaches to the most intractable problems on the planet is an intellectual exercise unmatched in human endeavors. The strategist—particularly the military strategist—must often choose between multiple contradictory solutions and approaches in the midst of mayhem. History is filled with the destruction of empires and nations that got it wrong. Whether the United States remains a preeminent power in the twenty-first century will in no small measure rest on the capability of strategists graduating from the nation's war colleges today. This primer, now in its second edition with the addition of brand-new content, is designed to help Marine Corps War College (MCWAR) students think creatively and critically about strategy-making processes. By presenting a sampling of principles and methodologies drawn from some of the most important works on the topic, this primer will streamline many of the contradictions that strategy makers will encounter during their time at MCWAR and throughout their careers.



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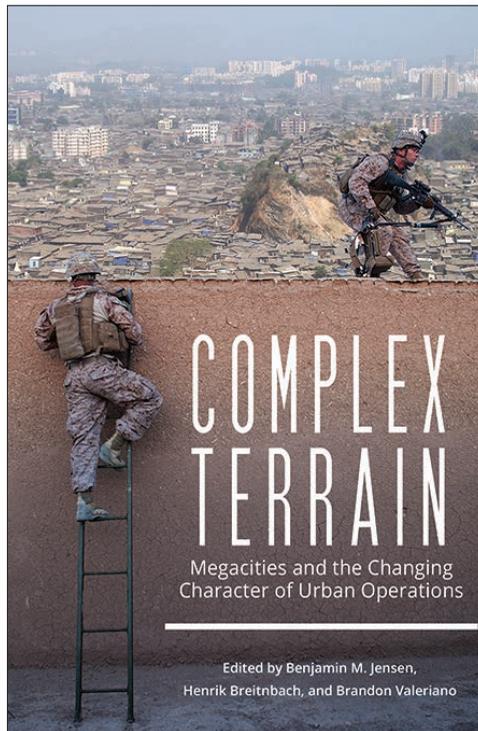
Megacities and the Changing Character of Urban Operations

Edited by Benjamin M. Jensen, PhD; Henrik Breitenbach, PhD;
and Brandon Valeriano, PhD

paperback | 6 x 9 | 400 pp.

About the Book

This edited volume, composed by military professionals in the Gray Scholars Program at Marine Corps University, describes the changing character of urban operations. The pattern of human settlement and interaction is changing and the future is urban. Because the majority of the world's population lives within cities, the future of strategic competition and conflict reside there as well. The density and connectivity of urban environments create a new type of complex terrain. Interests change from neighborhood to neighborhood, often intersecting global, political, and economic networks. Each city block sees shifting allegiances that often seem unclear from the outside. The cityscape compresses time and space while increasing uncertainty and complicating the conduct of military operations.



A GAME OF HARE & HOUNDS

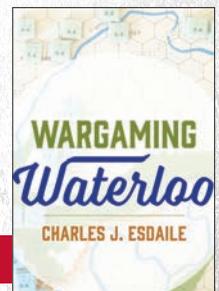
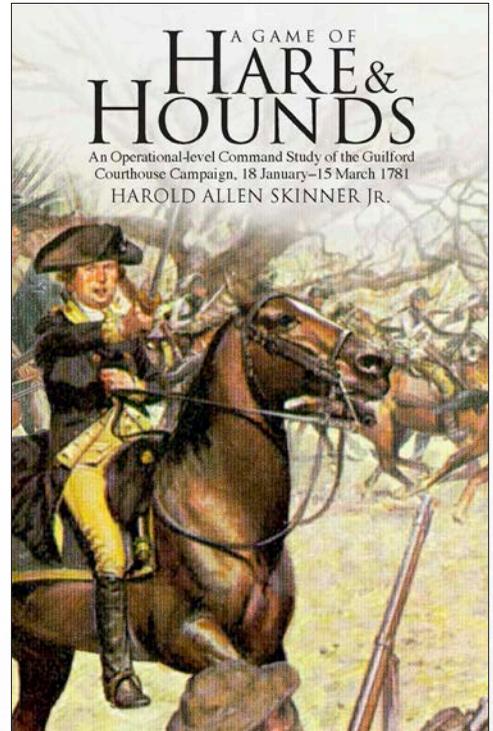
**An Operational-level Command Study
of the Guilford Courthouse Campaign, 18 January–15 March 1781**

By Harold Allen Skinner Jr.

spiral bound | 6 x 9 | 184 pp.

About the Book

How did a narrow tactical victory for the British at Guilford Courthouse, North Carolina, during the American Revolutionary War lead to the failure of the British Southern Campaign? This volume offers an indispensable point of departure for a staff ride to the battlefield at Guilford Courthouse, providing a systematic analysis of this key battle in the American Revolution. Author Harold Allen Skinner Jr.'s narrative establishes necessary context to illuminate the decisions that shaped the overall contest in the South between American and British armies. Skinner's deft presentation of the events leading up to and during the pivotal battle of Guilford Courthouse reveals insights at the three levels of war and provides a balanced treatment of issues, such as command at the strategic and operational levels and organization of armies, weapons, and tactics. His approach gets straight to the central purpose and greatest value of a staff ride: the critical process of analyzing how and why events played out as they did.



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INFORMATION WARFARE

Forging Communication Strategies for Twenty-first Century Operational Environments

By James P. Farwell

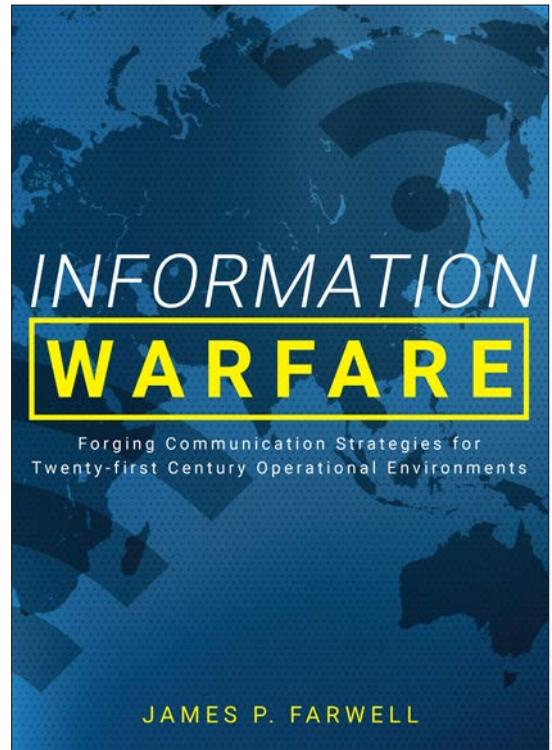
paperback | 8.5 x 11 | 200 pp.

About the Book

Great political and military leaders understand that communication strategies are key to victory in any conflict. Seizing the narrative can enable victory while failure to do so yields that advantage to the adversary. Gone are the days when competing armies confronted one another across battlefields. The information environment has made engagements and conflict both local and global all at once such that—as never before—information warfare is critical to victory. Understanding culture, history, local political dynamics, the interactions of different players, and the need to forge cohesive communication plans at the strategic, operational, and tactical levels matters more than ever to commanders and operators. In *Information Warfare*, Farwell describes how commanders and operators must and can define winning outcomes and the strategies, operations, and tactics to achieve them. He lays out concrete, actionable steps to get results and places them in historical context, then provides a workbook to assist readers in devising communication strategies that produce victory in the sphere of information warfare.

“The principal strength of *Information Warfare* is its practicality. . . . Among other strengths is the excellent use of historical examples. Farwell presents historical vignettes with just enough detail to situate the reader and then immediately proceeds to distill lessons from the examples.”

~ Christopher Paul



OIL & WAR

How the Deadly Struggle for Fuel in World War II Meant Victory or Defeat, Reprint Edition

By Robert Goralski and Russell W. Freeburg,
with a new foreword by Admiral James G. Foggo III, USN (Ret)

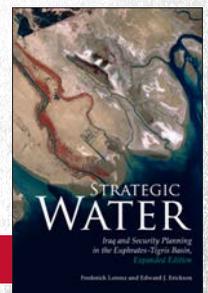
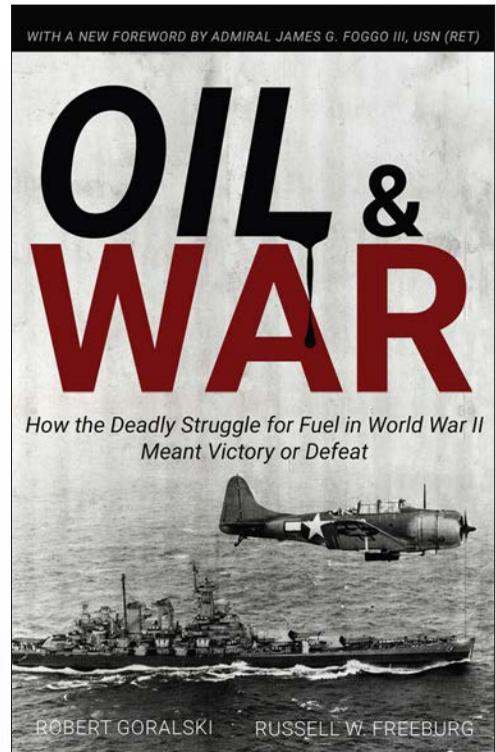
paperback | 6 x 9 | 424 pp.

About the Book

The world's economy runs on oil. One of the great untold stories of World War II is about the strategic decisions and combat for the control of enough oil so that the Axis powers could wage an aggressive war. Conversely, the Allied powers were determined to keep oil from the Axis. *Oil & War*, originally published in 1987, was the first book to explain this intricate dance of death from the viewpoints of both the Axis and Allied sides. Adolf Hitler began planning his grab for oil-producing lands in the 1930s; he also started building plants capable of producing synthetic fuels. The Japanese had their plans too. The Americans, English, and Australians had to counterpunch. They very nearly lost the war because they did not move quickly enough. The race was far closer than previously believed. This anecdotal narrative about the important role that oil played in World War II provides a view of the forces that controlled the greatest war in history—and a stunning analysis of the importance of oil in terms of world peace for years to come.

“We need more innovation and diversification in our energy resources and infrastructure. Hydrocarbons and fracking are not the only answer. Research, development, and investment must continue in renewable means of energy production, including wind, solar, hydroelectric, and, yes, nuclear power. Other nations have done this safely, and so can we. Civilian industry can do the same. We must ensure that oil is never used as a weapon against the United States or its allies. It is time to think outside of the box.”

~ Admiral James G. Foggo III, USN (Ret)



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ON CONTESTED SHORES

The Evolving Role of Amphibious Operations in the History of Warfare

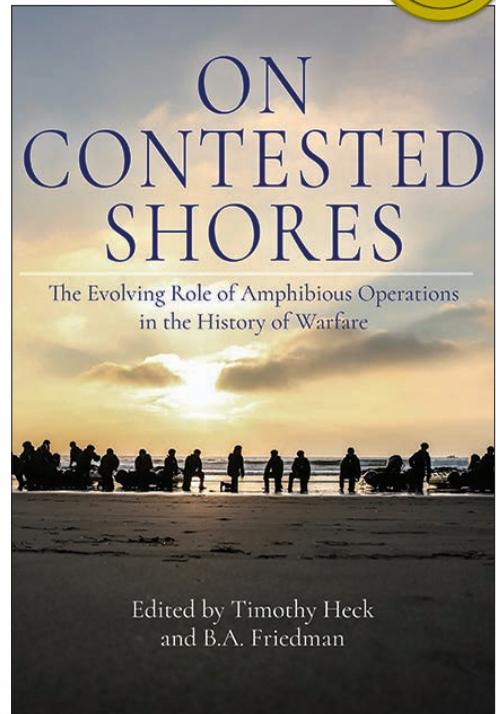
Edited by Timothy Heck and B.A. Friedman

paperback | 7 x 10 | 452 pp.



About the Book

Perhaps no prediction has been as consistently made—and as consistently wrong—as the imminent death of amphibious operations. Whatever the changes in warfare and technology, the necessity of amphibious force projection endures, long outliving those who claim its time has passed. Changes in how amphibious operations are conducted, however, are just as consistent. This essential contributed volume arrives at a vital point of transition. These essays highlight both changes and continuities, examining historical amphibious operations as early as the sixteenth century to the near future, describing both lesser-known cases and offering more nuanced views of famous campaigns, such as Gallipoli and Normandy. With the release of the U.S. Marine Corps' *Force Design 2030*, this volume gives historians, theorists, and practitioners an opportunity to ground the coming changes in the historical context as they seek to find out what it takes to win on contested shores.



“On Contested Shores provides a fascinating collection of historical facts, some folklore, loads of guts and gumption, predictions, and the value of training. The Indian Navy and Army would both do well to study this book carefully.”

~ Captain Rikeesh Sharma, IN (Ret)

“On Contested Shores fullfills one of the best qualities of a dedicated collection with a ‘fill a gap’ mission: marshalling a diversity of material towards improving our perception of a subject. Individually and collectively, the historical chapters offer a wealth of insight on their subjects and all but the most committed aficionados will learn something new.”

~ Dr. Steven Loveridge

PACIFIST TO PADRE

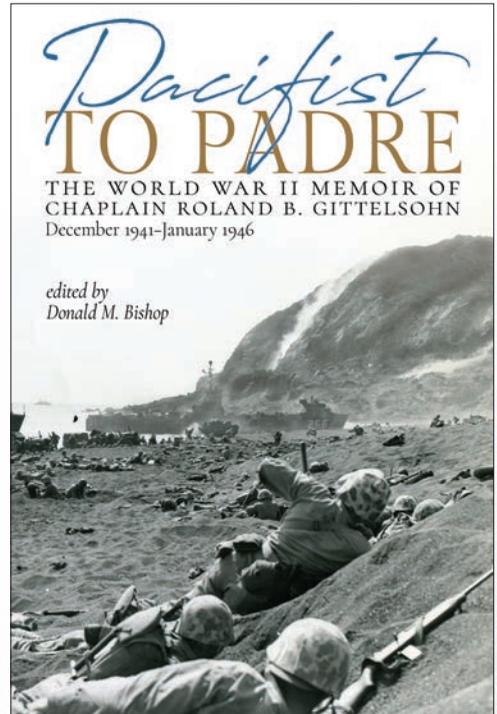
The World War II Memoir of Chaplain Roland B. Gittelsohn,
December 1941–January 1946

Edited by Donald M. Bishop

paperback | 5 x 8 | 376 pp.

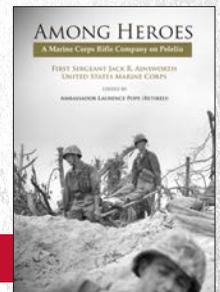
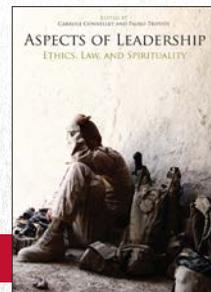
About the Book

Roland B. Gittelsohn, the first Navy rabbi assigned with U.S. Marines, served in the Pacific during World War II. In this compelling book, written in 1946 but now published for the first time, he relates his odyssey from doctrinaire pacifist to “pacifist no more,” his training, and his ministry to Marines and sailors on Iwo Jima. His sermon at the dedication of the 5th Marine Division cemetery riveted all Americans, though it would only be heard by a small gathering that day. Woven through his account are reflections on morale, service, leadership, and interfaith understanding. He illuminates the vital, influential, and uniquely American institution of our military chaplaincy. *Pacifist to Padre* is the story of a rabbi deeply committed to peace and hope, who would be called “padre” by Marines and sailors in a gruesome battle.



“I read Gittelsohn’s memoir after the fall of Kabul, Afghanistan, in 2021 with a feeling of emptiness as I asked, ‘What was it all for?’ I felt as if he were reaching through the pages, telling me that I was asking the wrong question. He was asking me what I was doing to make the world a better place: ‘What are you doing about all this?’ Why wasn’t I working to achieve a better world in the name of those who cannot experience it anymore? ‘Spend the rest of your days achieving justice and fulfillment for him,’ Gittelsohn writes of the fallen soldier. And then the soldier lives on.”

~ Jonathan Bratten,
U.S. Army National Guard officer and historian



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PATTERNS OF INFLUENCE

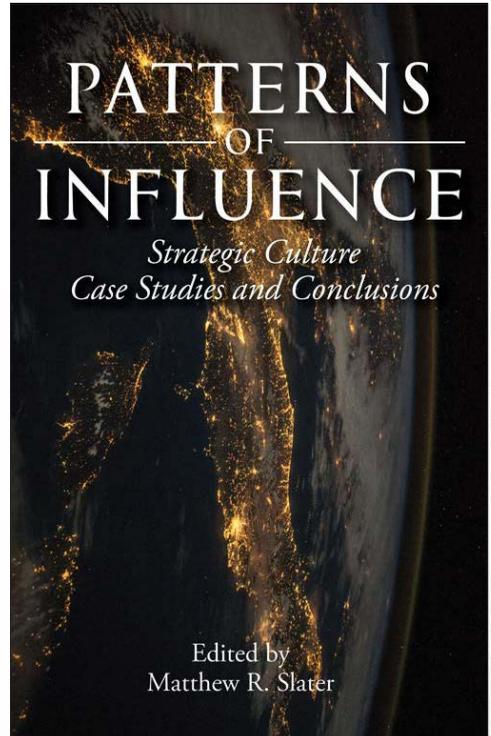
Strategic Culture Case Studies and Conclusions

Edited by Matthew R. Slater, PhD

paperback | 5 x 8 | 240 pp.

About the Book

Patterns of Influence is a timely book because of its applicability to the emerging strategic environment. The world is realigning into a multipolar power structure. The world is realigning into a multipolar power structure. Multipolar structures are typically complex, especially when considering the overlapping spheres of influence claimed by the competing powers in the international system. *Patterns of Influence* enables researchers to cope with the complexity of multipolar networks by promoting a strategic culture approach that provides a better understanding of internal state decision making. This book provides important commentary regarding the overall utility of strategic culture on states with limited federal governance, newer states that are still forming political processes and institutions, and smaller states that may become lost in the wake of regional powers. This study of strategic culture is written by scholars who are experienced working within the Department of Defense, including chapters on China, Afghanistan, Brazil, and Kosovo. Not only are the case studies geographically dispersed but also include large and small states, states with fragmented and cohesive political and social systems, and recently installed and more established governments. The eclectic group of case studies provides a broad basis to compare outcomes based on the strategic culture approach.



PHASE LINE ATTILA

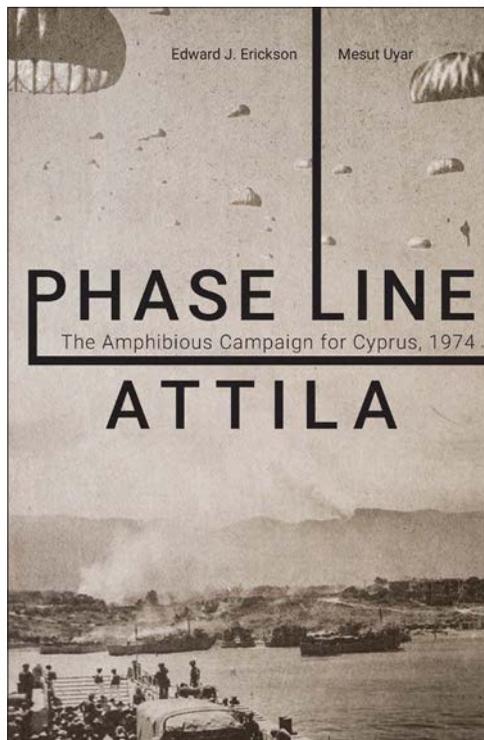
The Amphibious Campaign for Cyprus, 1974

By Edward J. Erickson, PhD; and Mesut Uyar, PhD

casebound | 6 x 9 | 280 pp.

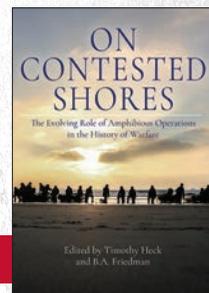
About the Book

Phase Line Attila describes the successful Turkish amphibious invasion of Cyprus, which culminated in the partitioning of the island of Cyprus into Turkish and Greek-Cypriot zones. The invasion is an understudied amphibious operation that occurred in the post-World War II era. The invasion was prompted by the increasing levels of violence between Turkish and Greek Cypriots, which led to the involvement of both Greece and Turkey in the island's affairs. This book is a nuanced examination of the successful Turkish amphibious operation to carve out a Turkish-Cypriot zone in north Cyprus in Operation Yildiz Atma-4.



“*[Phase Line Attila is]* an important contribution to modern military history from multiple fronts documenting a not well-known military operation and capturing the planning through execution of one of the very few post WWII Joint amphibious operations against a contested battlespace.”

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POLITICAL WARFARE

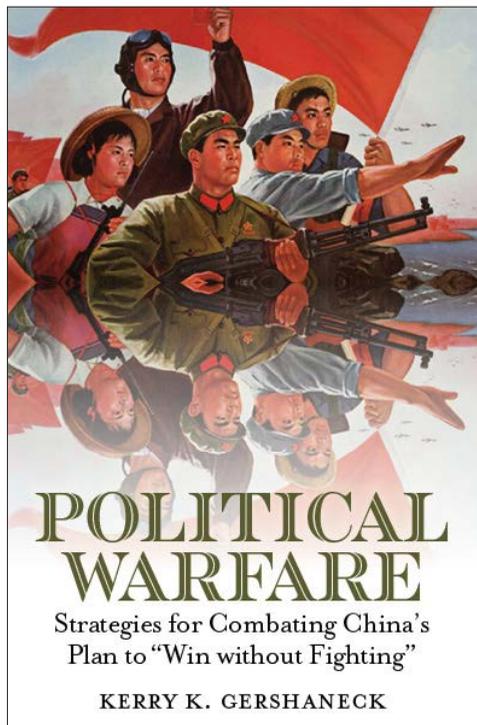
Strategies for Combating China's Plan to "Win without Fighting"

By Kerry K. Gershaneck

paperback | 6 x 9 | 216 pp.

About the Book

The People's Republic of China (PRC) is at war with the world. It is a war fought mostly for control and influence, using coercion, corruption, and violent covert operations. The PRC prefers to win this war by never having to fire a shot, but its increasingly powerful military and paramilitary forces loom ominously in the background in support of its expanding war of influence. In *Political Warfare*, Professor Kerry K. Gershaneck describes how the PRC employs political warfare as its primary weapon to destroy its adversaries, including the United States and many of its allied and partner nations. Failure to understand China's political warfare and how to confront it may well lead to America's strategic defeat before initiation of armed conflict or to operational defeat of U.S. military forces on the battlefield. Ultimately, Gershaneck argues in this detailed study, the United States must relearn how to fight on the political warfare battlefield to identify, deter, counter, and defeat this existential threat.



"[*Political Warfare* is] the mental equivalent of physical boot camp training—it introduces you to the fight and teaches you the tactics and the strategies needed to defend yourself, and hopefully win. If you think the fight doesn't involve you, the book shows you why you are already in the ring, and likely losing."

~ Cleo Paskal, *Sunday Guardian*

"Gershaneck provides an in-depth account of the PRC's political warfare, illuminating its history, goals, and tactics. He also delves into case studies of Chinese political warfare operations designed to undermine Taiwan and Thailand, though his framework for understanding the PRC's political warfare can also be applied to other countries facing PRC pressure."

~ Global Taiwan Institute

THE TRILLION DOLLAR WAR

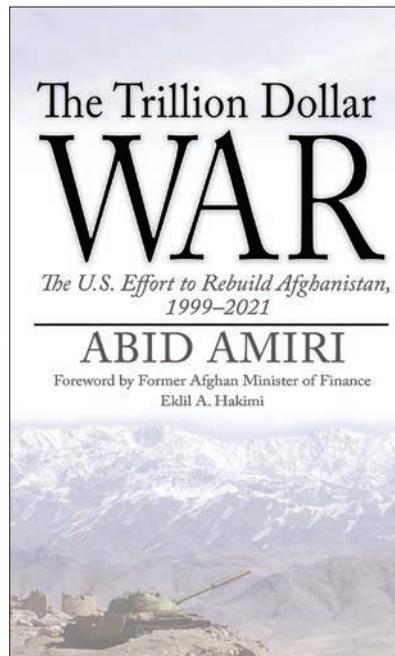
The U.S. Effort to Rebuild Afghanistan, 1999–2021

By Abid Amiri

paperback | 5 x 8 | 256 pp.

About the Book

What if the U.S. war on terror in Afghanistan was fought not by the military but by educating the Afghan youth, and what if the trillion dollars had been spent instead on economic development in Afghanistan rather than on bombs and fighter jets? *The Trillion Dollar War* helps explain the United States' efforts to rebuild Afghanistan during the last 20 years. The book outlines the successes and failures of both Afghans and Americans in this endeavor. In addition, it provides an in-depth analysis of the cost of America's longest war, and it asks whether spending more on education and infrastructure than on weapons of war would have resulted in a different outcome.



“Honestly assessing the failures of U.S. policy in Afghanistan, this book is a powerful call for human understanding and global responsibility. Abid Amiri brings a wealth of personal experience and detailed knowledge of the complex factors shaping Afghanistan’s troubled recent history of violence and international betrayal.”

~ Dr. John Collins, St. Lawrence University

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CULTURE GENERAL GUIDEBOOK

Globally Applicable Concepts and Skills for Military Professionals

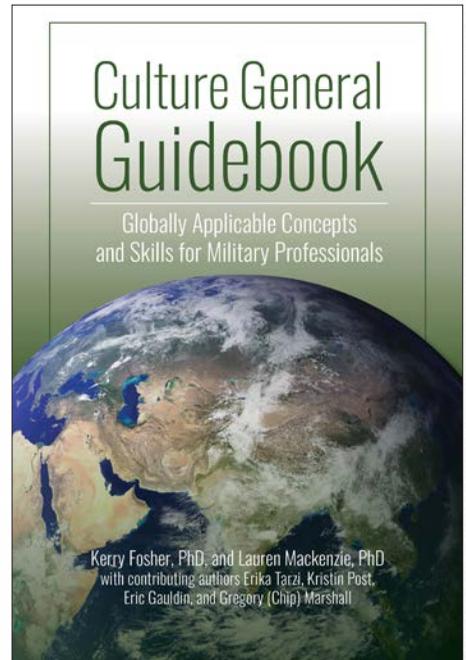
By Kerry B. Foshier, PhD; and Lauren Mackenzie, PhD

with contributing authors Erika Tarzi, Kristin Post, Eric Gauldin, and Gregory Marshall

paperback | 6 x 9 | 264 pp.

About the Book

Current and future operating environments require forces that are as prepared as possible to deal with a multitude of complexities, not least of which are the people within those operating environments and a need to understand them. At the core of understanding people is culture, and developing competence in the art of understanding people through culture requires a deliberate and persistent effort. This guidebook represents an important step in adopting a methodical approach to culture in operations and describes an evolutionary approach to understanding the human dimension. The concepts and skills presented here under the umbrella of culture general provide a pragmatic toolkit to prepare servicemembers for global employment through the deliberate application of culture general knowledge and skills to specific cultures and regions. The concepts and skills presented in the guidebook are general in nature, and applicable in many, if not most, intercultural interactions. This guidebook serves as a good baseline for military personnel to develop the cognitive, metacognitive, and behavioral skills they need in an increasingly complex national security environment.



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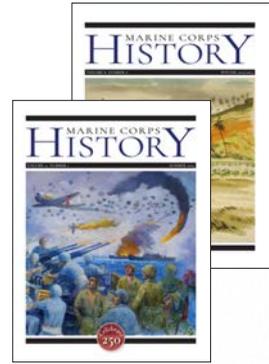


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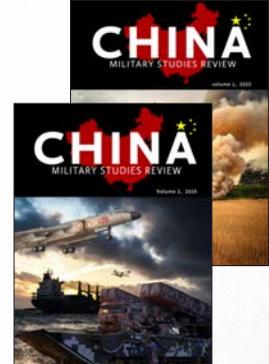
Marine Corps History publishes twice a year, and the editors are accepting new articles, historiographical essays, and book reviews on all topics within the long history of the Corps, including the Civil War, the Spanish-American War, the Banana Wars, World War I, World War II, Korea, the Cold War, Vietnam, Iraq, Afghanistan, and other historical topics. Articles all focus on some aspect of the Corps either directly or indirectly, including foreign marines and Joint operations.



CHINA MILITARY STUDIES REVIEW

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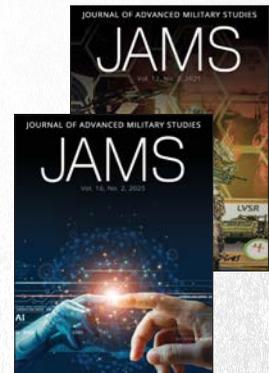
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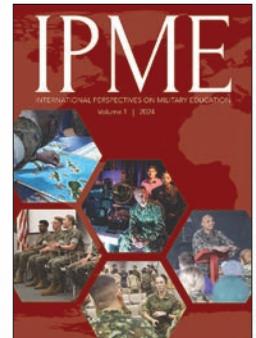
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