

**Required reading**

* *Ghost Fleet: A Novel of the Next War* by P.W. Singer and August Cole. MCWAR will use *Ghost Fleet* as the basis for a writing diagnostic that students will take shortly after arriving at Quantico.  This assessment will not be counted in academic grading but will used to tailor support to individual writing abilities. US students will have one hour to write their response. International students will be given two hours to write their response.

**Recommended reading (will help calibrate you to issues of discussion at the War College)**

* *Fighting Talk: Forty Maxims on War, Peace, and Strategy* by Colin S. Gray
* *Thinking Fast and Slow* by Daniel Kahneman
* *The Little Book of Economics* by Greg Ip

**Supplementary Readings (as desired)**

* *Thinking in Time: The Uses of History for Decision Maker*s by Richard Neustadt and Ernest R. May
* *Why America Needs a New Way of War* Available at link: <https://www.cnas.org/publications/reports/anawow>
* *Averting Crisis* by Ashley Townshend and Brendan Thomas-Noone, with Matilda Steward

Available at the link: <https://www.ussc.edu.au/analysis/averting-crisis-american-strategy-military-spending-and-collective-defence-in-the-indo-pacific>

* *National Defense Commission Study*

<https://www.usip.org/publications/2018/11/providing-common-defense>

* *Winning a Future War – War Gaming and Victory in the Pacific* by Norman Friedman

<https://www.history.navy.mil/research/publications/publications-by-subject/winning-a-future-war.html>

* *The Washington War* by Dr. Jim Lacey
* *The Back Channel: A Memoir of American Diplomacy and the Case for Its Renewal* by William J. Burns
* *Summits: Six Meetings That Shaped the Twentieth Century* by David Reynolds
* *The Ugly American* by Eugene Burdick