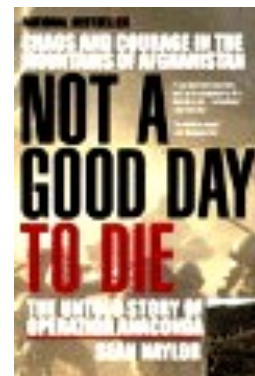
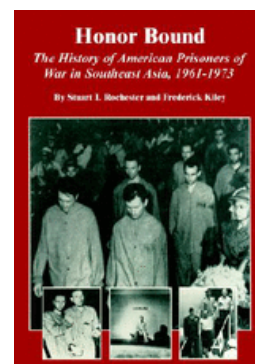


Recommended Reading for Professional Development

Not a Good Day To Die, Naylor, Sean. The story of *Operation Anaconda*, Afghanistan, during March, 2002. Written by Sean Naylor, who was there covering the battle for the *Army Times*. Using boots-on-the-ground interviews with participants, he looks at the tactical as well as strategic events that impacted the course of the battle.

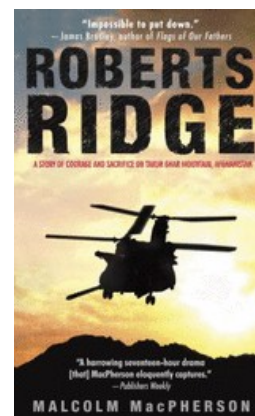


Air Commando One: Heinie Aderholt And America's Secret Air Wars, Warren A. Trest. In the history of US special operations, few soldiers stand out as prominently as General Heinie Aderholt. He merged the different special ops cultures and focused their resources. A soldier's soldier and a strong leader, General Aderholt simply got difficult jobs done and this book tells you how.

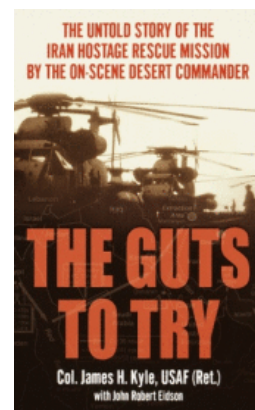


Honor Bound, Rochester, Stuart I. and Kiley, Frederick. An extensive history of American prisoners of war held in Southeast Asia from 1961-1973. Includes the stories of nearly 800 American PWs held during the Vietnam War and contains an unabridged listing of every PW held.

Roberts Ridge, MacPherson, Malcom. An in-depth, minute-by-minute account of the battle of Takur Ghar mountain, Afghanistan. It is a detailed account of Navy SEAL Neil Roberts and six other special forces operators who fought and died valiantly against a fierce and ruthless enemy.



The Guts to Try, Colonel Jim Kyle and John R. Eidson. This book is an excellent account of the planning and execution, and ultimate failure, of *Operation Eagle Claw*. Col Jim Kyle was the overall commander at Desert One and he examines why *Eagle Claw* failed.



No Room for Error: The Covert Operations of America's Special Tactics Units from Iran To Afghanistan Colonel John Carney (ret.). In a frank and engaging manner, Col. Carney lays out the history of Air Force Special Tactics from the early 1980s through 2002 and their operations, including: Eagle Claw, Grenada, Panama, Achille Lauro, Desert Storm, Somalia, through Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.

Apollo's Warriors: Us Air Force Special Operations During the Cold War, Colonel Michael Haas. This book is a good survey of the history of Air Force special operating forces. In the book, Colonel Michael Haas, USAF (Ret.) covers the period from World War II through the Vietnam War. In a departure from the survey approach to the rest

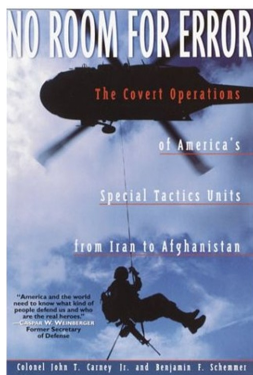


Reading List-Special Operations History (cont.)

of the book, Haas offers a detailed case study on the Raid on Son Tay, a prison camp suspected of holding American Prisoner's of War.

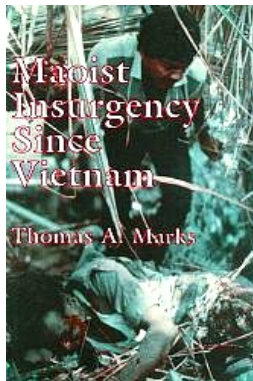
Creech Blue: Gen Bill Creech and the Reformation of the Tactical Air Forces, 1978-1984, Lt Col James C. Slife.

General Creech shaped the Air Force of today through his actions as the commander of Tactical Air Command (TAC) from 1978 until 1984. In this book, Lt Col James C. Slife, chronicles the influence General Creech had in the areas of equipment and tactics, training, organization, and leader development.



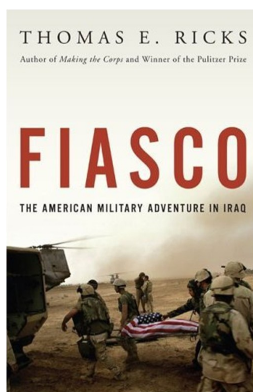
Black Hats and White Hats: The Effect of Organizational Culture and Institutional Identity on the Twenty-third Air Force, Lt. Col.

Ioannis Koskinas. This book provides a unique parallel review of the histories of Air Force special operations and combat search and rescue forces. Lt. Col. Koskinas examines the 1983-89 merger of these two communities under the banner of the Twenty-third Air Force and demonstrates how ingrained culture and hidden agendas may have ultimately affected the dissolution of the merger. In light of the 2003 merger of combat search and rescue and special operations under the Air Force Special Operations Command, the author offers lessons learned from the Twenty-third Air Force merger and suggests that could help commanders avoid hazards that could undermine organizational success.



Reading List-Studies in Irregular Warfare

Counterinsurgency Redux, Kilcullen, David. This short paper by Kilcullen does an excellent job in quickly tying in classic counterinsurgency thoughts with a more modern twist, especially showing the way technology has changed the way insurgencies are fought.



Maoist Insurgency Since Vietnam, Marks, Thomas. (1996) Dr. Marks analyzes the differences between the American experience in Vietnam vs. the multiple other insurgencies in Asia in the recent past. He notes some of the mistakes made by the US in Vietnam, and that the US must learn from our mistakes in order not to repeat them.

Fiasco: The American Military Adventure in Iraq, Ricks, Thomas. (2006). The title suggests the book might be simply a diatribe against

Reading List-Studies in Irregular Warfare (cont.)

the US governments decision to invade Iraq, it is actually a detailed and well investigated report on the whys of the invasion and the conduct of the US military up to 2006.

Defeating Communist Insurgency: The Lessons of Malaya and Vietnam. Thompson, Sir Robert. (2005). Sir Robert wrote this book (possibly what is the premier book on counterinsurgency) after his successful effort in Malaya and after his stint as an advisor to US forces in Vietnam. In the book, he lays out five basic rules for any counterinsurgency (not just limited to communist insurgents) and gives an excellent overall lesson on the basics of counterinsurgency.

United States Army, Field Manual 3-24 Counterinsurgency. (2006). FM 3-24 is the current doctrine document on counterinsurgency for both the US Army and USMC. While that alone makes it a must read, the 3-24 is extremely readable for an Army manual and does an excellent job in using past masters of COIN like Thompson, Galula, Kitson, and Fall to explain the how and why counterinsurgency must be fought.

The Michael Scheuer “trilogy”

Through Our Enemies’ Eyes: Osama bin Laden, Radical Islam, & the Future of America, Scheuer, Michael (2003).

Imperial Hubris: Why the West is Losing the War on Terror, Scheuer, Michael (2004).

Marching Towards Hell: America and Islam After Iraq, Scheuer, Michael (2008)..

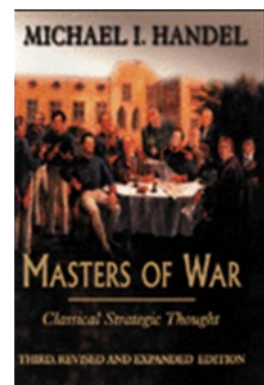
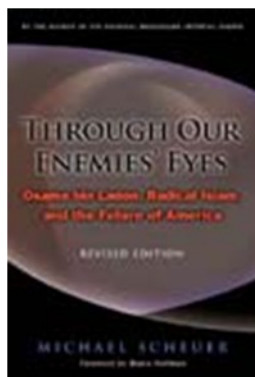
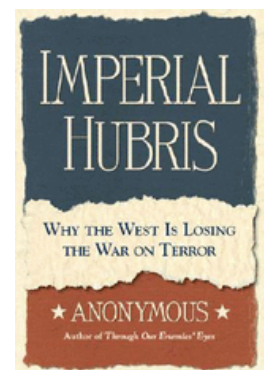
Michael Scheuer, a retired CIA officer, seeks to educate on the nuances of US foreign policy with respect to violent Islamic insurgency. The theme of the trilogy can be captured in the title of the first book: attempting to look at ourselves through the perspective of the enemy.

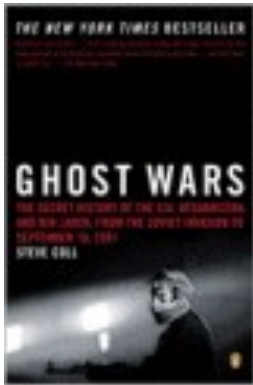
Masters of War: Classical Strategic Thought (3rd ed.), Handel, Michael I. (2001).. This book provides a comprehensive comparative analysis of Clausewitz, Sun Tzu, Mao Tse-Tung, Jomini, and Machiavelli and provides insight into the “asymmetric” approaches of current threats, casting aside the myopic lens through which the West has historically viewed classical military strategy.



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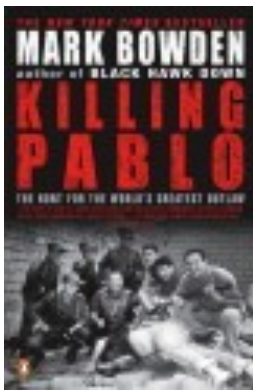
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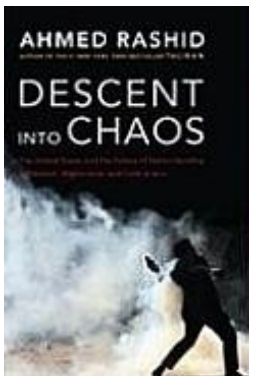
Reading List-Regional Studies

Ghost Wars: The Secret History of the CIA, Afghanistan, and Bin Laden, from the Soviet Invasion to September 10, 2001, Coll, Steve. The subtitle says it all. This 2005 Pulitzer Prize winner, tells the story of how we got to the events of Sept 11, starting with the revolutionary fervor that swept parts of the Islamic world in 1979, up to the embedding of al-Qaeda in Afghanistan where the 9/11 attacks were planned from. For the back story that underpins the current situation in Afghanistan and Pakistan, this book is an easy and necessary read.

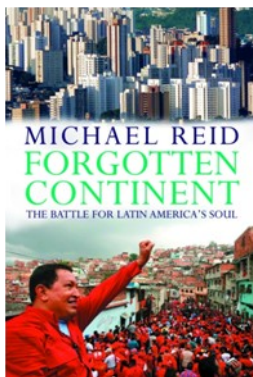


China-U.S. Relations: Current Issues and Implications for U.S. Policy, Kerry Dumbaugh. This paper describes current issues in the U.S. - China relationship to include the global financial crisis, military and national security issues, economic and trade issues, Taiwan, Tibet, Uighur protests, China's foreign relations, environmental issues and Chinese domestic political issues.

Killing Pablo: The Hunt for the World's Greatest Outlaw, Mark Bowden. This book describes the rise and fall of Pablo Escobar, who became one of the narcotic trade's first billionaires. Bowden describes what happened when the U.S. government put its resources behind the hunt for Pablo.



Descent Into Chaos: The United States and the Failure of Nation Building in Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Central Asia, Rashid, Ahmed. Any of this Pakistani journalist's books serve as a good primer to the political/military situation in South and Central Asia. For the most current look, **Descent Into Chaos** is a good summary. Rashid casts the blame for the failure of our nation-building policies equally among U.S., Pakistan, and Afghan leaders. He also includes a chapter on Central Asia to complete the picture.



U.S. Strategic and Defense Relationships in the Asia-Pacific Region, Bruce Vaughn. This paper describes U.S. strategic interests and evolving correlates of power in Asia. The current U.S. strategic response to those interests is examined, to include the U.S. force structure in Asia, security relationships, strategic partnerships and potential policy options for Congress.

Reading List-Regional Studies (cont.)

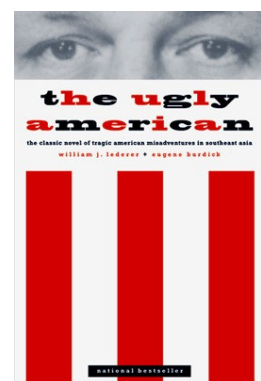
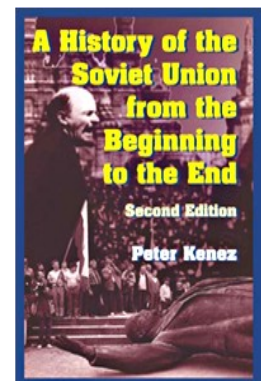
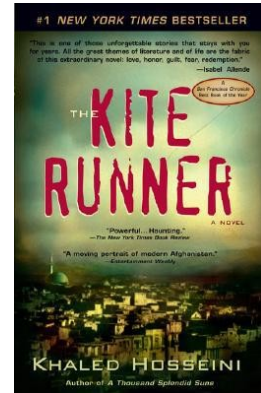
Forgotten Continent, Michael Reid. Reid's book presents a decent overview of issues in contemporary Latin America but makes the argument that many countries are succeeding in their efforts to construct more efficient economies and more inclusive democracies. It provides a quick and readable introduction to regional issues with a hint of historical context.

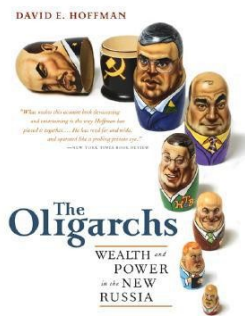
Terrorism in Southeast Asia, Bruce Vaughn, Emma Chanlett-Avery, Ben Dolven, Mark Manyin, Michael Martin and Larry Nicksch. This paper examines the rise of Islamist militancy throughout Southeast Asia. The motives and activities of radical Islamist and terrorist groups in Southeast Asia are examined, as well as U.S. efforts to build cooperative counter-terrorism relationships with Indonesia, Philippines, Thailand, Malaysia and Singapore.

The Kite Runner and **A Thousand Splendid Suns**, Hosseini, Khaled. Either of Hosseini's novels provide a look at Afghan cultural and economic dynamics in personal detail. The novels depict life in Afghanistan during the tumultuous years of the Soviet invasion, the civil war that ensued, and the years of Taliban rule. **The Kite Runner** is written from the male perspective and **A Thousand Splendid Suns** is written from the female perspective. Either novel is a complement to the political/military story told at the strategic level.

A History of the Soviet Union from the Beginning to the End, Peter Kenez. This book does a tremendous job of summarizing the history and development of Russia - from the Revolution in 1917 until the official dissolution of the Soviet Union in 1991. Although his primary focus is on post-revolutionary Russia, Kenez does go back as far as ninth century Kievan Russia.

The Ugly American, William J. Lederer & Eugene Burdick. Very readable "fiction" that coined the phrase for U.S. blunders abroad. Based around U.S. assistance and development in a fictional Southeast Asian country (Vietnam). The story describes how the U.S. failed to connect to and work with host nations for sustainable development. Many of the issues identified in the book still exist today.

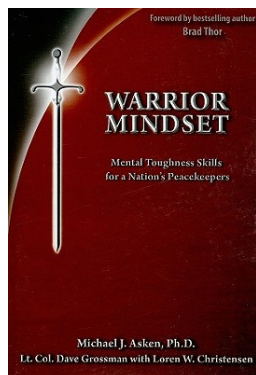




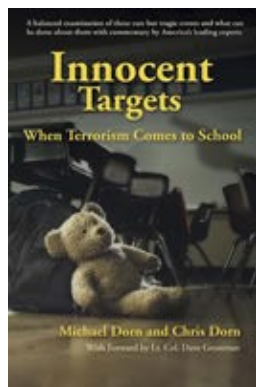
Reading List-Regional Studies (cont.)

Crime, Violence, and the Crisis in Guatemala: A Case Study in the Erosion of the State, Hal Brands.

Guatemala is currently experiencing a full-blown crisis of the democratic state. An unholy trinity of criminal elements-international drug traffickers, domestically based organized crime syndicates, and youth gangs-is effectively waging a form of irregular warfare against government institutions, with devastating consequences.



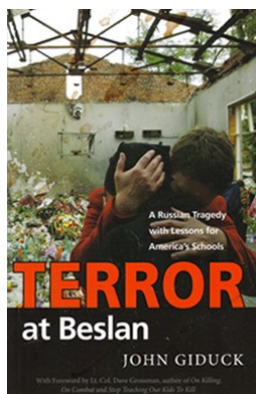
The Oligarchs: Wealth and Power in the New Russia, David Hoffman. As Communism fell apart, Capitalism began to establish itself within Russia. Certain individuals, the oligarchs, capitalized on this emergence to build tremendous wealth and influence in all aspects of Russian life – regardless of the price, the morality, or the legality. This book provides insight into this corrupt evolution and the role of wealth in Russia today.



Reading List-The Warrior Mindset

Warrior Mindset: Asken, J., Grossman, D., and Christensen, L. This book chronicles mental toughness skills for our nation's defenders (military and law enforcement). It catalogs the combat application of performance psychology.

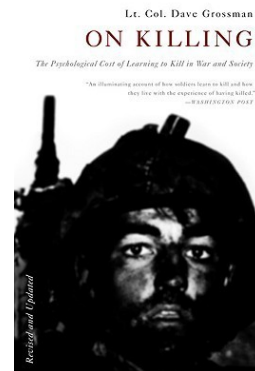
Innocent Targets: Dorn, M., and Dorn, C., with Forward by Grossman, D. This book provides an informed and rational examination of "when terrorism comes to schools". Tracing the history of school terrorist attacks in twelve countries to Beslan and its aftermath, the renowned father and son co-authoring team invoke the counsel of other top experts in evaluating this timely, emotional and critical subject.



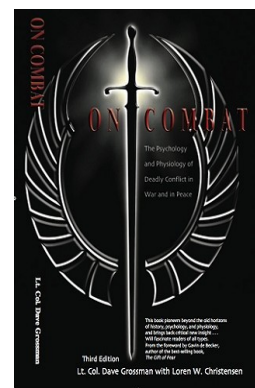
Terror at Beslan: Giduck, J. This book chronicles a Russian tragedy that provides a powerful lesson for parents, community and leadership in American schools. Preventing such a tragedy on American soil, serves as one justification for legal arms. Adherence to the lessons learned from this tragedy, could very well save your child or a loved one's child's life.

Reading List-The Warrior Mindset (cont.)

On Killing: Grossman, Dave, This landmark study--now updated to encompass suicide bombings, school shootings, twenty-first-century military conflicts, recent trends in crime, and more—brilliantly illuminates the techniques the military uses to help soldiers kill and raises vital questions about the implications of escalating violence in our society. The author reconciles the difference between justice and vengeance in the context of killing. Also, he addresses the moral, ethical, and religious perspectives regarding the subject.



On Combat: Grossman, Dave, This book is a must read for combat first timers. At one of LTC (Ret.) Grossman's presentations, a Senior NCO approached him and said, "Sir, the army spent 18 years and thousands of dollars teaching me to kill. This is the first time I have been taught how to deal with it." The author's treatment of sleep deprivation is in itself enough to warrant reading this literary work. This book will allow those not fortunate enough to hear David do their own preparation for the ultimate test .



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