Primary Reading for Majors and Lieutenant Colonels Deploying to Iraq or Afghanistan

(Books in bold are priority when time is an issue)

Iraq History
1. Phebe Marr, *The Modern History of Iraq*
2. Charles Tripp, *A History of Iraq*

Afghanistan History
1. Sir Martin Ewans, *Afghanistan: A New History*

Terrorism
1. Malise Ruthven, *A Fury for God: the Islamist Attack on America*

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Stability Operations
3. Thomas Marks, *Maoist Insurgency Since Vietnam*

Interagency Operations
2. David Fromkin, *A Peace to End All Peace: The Fall of the Ottoman Empire and the Creation of the Modern Middle East*

Culture

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The complete Counterinsurgency Reading List, to include supplementary reading titles, as well as the official Marine Corps Reading Program list can be found at: http://www.mcu.usmc.mil/reading/