

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

History/ General Area Studies:

1. Helen Chapin Metz, ed., *Iraq: A Country Study* (Washington, DC: Federal Research Division, Library of Congress, 1990)
2. Regarding Afghanistan, the most up-to-date work is Sir Martin Ewans, *Afghanistan: A New History*
3. Michael Barry, *A History of Modern Afghanistan* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2004)
4. Peter R. Blood, ed., *Afghanistan: A Country Study* (Washington, DC: Federal Research Division, Library of Congress, 1997)
5. Philip Hitti, *The Arabs: A Short History* (revised, 10th edition) (much better, I think, than Albert Hourani's work)
6. *Iraq: An Introduction to the Country and the People*, Marine Corps Institute, 2004
7. David Fromkin, *A Peace to End All Peace: The Fall of the Ottoman Empire and the Creation of the Modern Middle East*, Henry Holt Press, 2001.
8. Samir Al-Khalil, *Republic of Fear: The Inside Story of Saddam's Iraq*, California Press, 1990
9. A. J. Barker, *The Bastard War: The Mesopotamian Campaign 1914-1918*, The Dial Press, 1967.
10. Anthony Cordesman, *The Iran-Iraq War and Western Security, 1984-1987*, Rusi Military Power Series, 1987.
11. Michael Gordon & Bernard Trainor, *The General's War" The Inside Story of the Conflict in the Gulf*, Little, Brown and Company, 1994.
12. Williamson Murray and Robert Scales, *The Iraq War: A Military History*, Harvard University Press, 2003.
13. W. Andrew Terrill, *Nationalism, Sectarianism, and the Future of the U.S. Presence in Post-Saddam Iraq* (Carlisle Barracks, PA: SSI, July 2003)
URL: <http://www.strategicstudiesinstitute.army.mil/pubs/display.cfm?PubID=180>
14. Center for Strategic and International Studies

URL: http://www.csis.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=28&Itemid=72
Washington-based think tank, which issues periodic research, reports, including on insurgency, Iraq, and the general Middle East.

15. U.S. Institute of Peace: Focus on Iraq

URL: <http://www.usip.org/iraq/>

U.S. government-funded think tank's website, provide Iraq-related resources and reports.

16. International Crisis Group

URL: http://www.crisisgroup.org/home/index.cfm?action=act_keyword&l=1&keyword=iraq

<http://www.crisisgroup.org/home/index.cfm?id=1266&l=1>

Independent think tank, which produces analyses of crisis areas—in this case of Iraq and Afghanistan.

Stability/ Interagency Studies:

1. Sean Naylor, *Not a Good Day to Die: The Untold Story of Operation Anaconda* (New York: Penguin, 2005)

2. W. Andrew Terrill and Conrad C. Crane, *Precedents, Variables, and Options in Planning a U.S. Military Disengagement Strategy from Iraq* (Carlisle Barracks, PA: SSI, October 2005).

URL: <http://www.strategicstudiesinstitute.army.mil/pubs/display.cfm?PubID=627>

Examines war termination options in Iraq.

3. Steve Coll, *Ghost Wars: The Secret History of the CIA, Afghanistan, and Bin Laden, from the Soviet Invasion to September 10, 2001* (New York: Penguin, 2004)

4. Andjela Jurisic, "Humanitarian-Military Relationship Moving in Reverse?" *Small Wars and Insurgencies*, vol. 15 (Winter 2004), 170-188

5. Richard Russell, "Tug of War: The CIA's Uneasy Relationship with the Military" in Roger Z. George and Robert D. Kline, eds., *Intelligence and the National Security Strategist: Enduring Issues and Challenges* (Washington, DC: National Defense University Press, 2004), 479-491

6. Jonas L. Blank and L. Erik Kjonerrod, "Interagency Capabilities," in Hans Binnendijk and Stuart Johnson, eds., *Transforming for Stabilization and Reconstruction Operations* (Washington, DC: National Defense University Press, 2004), 107-113

7. CSIS, "Beyond Goldwater-Nichols: U.S. Government and Defense Reform for a New Strategic Era, Phase 2 Report," July 2005

8. Martin J. Gorman and Alexander Krongard, "A Goldwater-Nichols Act for the U.S. Government," *Joint Forces Quarterly*, no. 39 (Autumn 2005), 51-58

9. Larry Diamond, *Squandered Victory: The American Occupation and the Bungled Effort to Bring Democracy to Iraq*, Times Books, 2005

10. George Parker, *The Assassin's Gate: American in Iraq*, Farrar, Straus, & Giroux, 2005

11. Jt Pub 3-57 (Civ-Mil Ops)

12. FM 3-07 (US Army SASO doctrine)

13. Other Useful Joint and Service Pubs:

JP 3-07.1 (JTTP for FID. The MOOTW doctrine (3-07) is also helpful, but not a TTP)

FM 3-06 (Urban Ops)

FM 3-07.21 (the Army's tactical manual for COIN, and very, very good)

FM 31-20-3 (Army TTP manual for FID)

FM 90-8 ("counter-guerrilla" ops)

FMFM 8-2 ("counter-insurgency" ops, which is not the same as counter-guerrilla ops)

Also highly recommend a new Joint SOF University pub by Joe Celeski:
Operationalizing COIN (JSOU Report 05-2)

Terrorism/ Counterinsurgency:

Tier One

1. H. John Poole, *Tactics of the Crescent Moon; Militant Muslim Combat Methods* (Emerald Isle, NC: Posterity Press, 2004). Good overview of TTP employed by extremist Islamic-motivated movements.

2. James Corum and Wray Johnson, *Airpower in Small Wars* (the only book on the subject of aviation in COIN of any worth and currently being used by 1 MEF in planning for their return to al-Anbar: the intro chapter and chs. 5, 7, and 10 are must reads; the others can be passed over)

3. Bard O'Neill, *Insurgency and Terrorism* (a simple framework for analyzing insurgencies, using Jominian technique to achieve a Clausewitzian result)

4. Russian General Staff, *The Soviet-Afghan War: How a Superpower Fought and Lost* (Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 2002)

5. Lester Grau, ed., *Bear Went over the Mountain: Soviet Combat Tactics in Afghanistan* (Diane Publishing, 1996)

6. Bing West, *No True Glory: A Frontline Account of the Battle for Fallujah* (New York: Bantam Books, 2005)

7. Olga Olikier, *Russia's Chechen Wars 1994-2000: Lessons from the Urban Combat* (Rand Corporation, 2001)
8. Williamson Murray and R. H. Scales, Jr., *The Iraq War: A Military History* (Cambridge, MA: Belknap Press, 2003)
9. Roger Trinquier, *Modern Warfare: A French View of Counterinsurgency* (New York: Frederick A. Praeger, 1964)
10. Bard O'Neill, *Insurgency and Terrorism: Inside Modern Revolutionary Warfare* (Washington, DC: Potomac Books, 2001)
11. Max Boot, *The Savage Wars of Peace: Small Wars and the Rise of American Power* (New York: Basic Books, 2002)
12. John J. McCuen, *The Art of Counter Revolutionary Warfare* (Harrisburg: Stackpole Books, 1965)
13. Douglas Blaufarb, *The Counterinsurgency Era: U.S. Doctrine and Performance, 1950 to Present* (London: Free Press, 1977)
14. C. E. Callwell, *Small Wars: Their Principles and Practice: A Tactical Textbook for Imperial Soldiers* (London: Lionel Leventhal, 1990)
15. Alli Ahmad Jalali, *Afghan Guerrilla Warfare: In the Words of the Mujahideen Fighters* (MBI Publishing: 2002)
16. T.E. Lawrence, *Seven Pillars of Wisdom*, Anchor Books, 1926.
17. Andrew Feickert, *U.S. Military Operations in the Global War on Terrorism: Afghanistan, Africa, the Philippines, and Colombia* (Washington, DC: CRS Report to Congress, August 2005).
URL: <http://fpc.state.gov/c4763.htm>

Tier Two

1. Frank Kitson, *Low Intensity Operations* (the modern British outlook on the subject)
2. Nathan Leites and Charles Wolf, *Rebellion and Authority: An Analytical Essay on Insurgent Conflicts* (an in-depth systems analysis approach that's still useful)
3. Thomas Marks, *Maoist Insurgency Since Vietnam* (how to understand the origins and development of an insurgent movement, and their "operational art")
4. Andrew Molnar, et. al., *Human Factors Considerations of Undergrounds in Insurgencies* (Vietnam-era but still useful look at why people join insurgencies)

5. Sir Robert Thompson, *Defeating Communist Insurgency: The Lessons of Vietnam and Malaya* (old (1966) but definitive, and much better than the Nagl book so popular now)
6. Wray R. Johnson, *Vietnam and American Doctrine for Small Wars* (explains why we do so badly at this business of small wars)
7. Gérard Chaliand, *Guerrilla Strategies: An Historical Anthology from the Long March to Afghanistan* (nice, concise history) [a nice substitute for this book would be John Ellis, *From the*
8. *Barrel of a Gun: A History of Guerrilla, Revolutionary and Counter-Insurgency Warfare, from the Romans to the Present* (a short, easy to read history)]
9. Roger Trinquier, *Modern Warfare: A French View of Counterinsurgency* (still useful: examines the structure of clandestine groups and how to turn the tables on them using their TTPs)
10. John Akehurst, *We Won a War* (the successful British effort in Oman and good insight into the relationship between COIN and counter-guerrilla ops)

Middle East Culture:

Tier One

1. Raphael Patai, *The Arab Mind* [current edition]
2. Strategic Studies Institute, *The United States and Iraq's Shiite Clergy: Partners or Adversaries?*
3. Margaret K. Nydell, *Understanding Arabs: A Guide for Modern Times* (Boston: Intercultural Press, 2005). A practical, sophisticated guide to values and cultural norms in the Arab world, acknowledging the variety of experiences by region and social class.

Tier Two

1. Philip Hitti, *Makers of Arab History* (1968) (It's short and very good)
2. Philip Hitti, *Islam: A Way of Life* (1970) (Useful companion to his book on "makers" of Arab history)
3. Peter Mansfield, *The Arabs* (a newer and equally straightforward history)