



CHIEF's Sight Picture

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CSAF's Reading List - 2003

Developing Airmen is at the heart of sustaining the greatest combat capability in the world. Accordingly, one of my responsibilities as Chief of Staff is to provide a broad understanding of where we've been as an Air Force, the challenges and demands that we face today, and a clear vision to the future. I periodically publish my CSAF Reading List to share with airmen books I have found useful and thought provoking. It includes books that:

- deliver insight into Air Force history,
- analyze on-going conflicts and their relevancy to the future,
- furnish organizational and leadership success stories, and
- provide lessons learned from recent conflicts.

In a quest for the books to remain relevant and fresh to our constantly changing times and challenges, I am replacing three previous selections with new books. Here's a brief explanation of the three new additions:

The Frank M. Andrews: Marshall's Airman pamphlet celebrates the Centennial of Powered Flight and commemorates General Frank M. Andrews' great accomplishments as a leading founder of the United States Air Force. This selection chronicles General Andrews' rise as one of America's great airmen, his command of theater forces during World War II, and his special relationship with General George C. Marshall.

The Crisis of Islam: Holy War and Unholy Terror provides an excellent assessment of the historical foundation of how the Islamic world views the West and provides insight into the growing trend of terrorist acts directed against the United States. This selection will help us understand the roots of Islamic fundamentalism as we fight the global war on terrorism.

Supreme Command: Soldiers, Statesmen, and Leadership in Wartime offers insight into the wartime relationships between civilian and military leaders. The leadership characteristics of four statesmen -- Abraham Lincoln, Georges Clemenceau, Winston Churchill, and David Ben-Gurion -- are examined to show how each successfully exercised control over their military services during wars of national survival.

As in the past, these books will be made available through our institutional schools at Air University. The updated reading list, complete with a brief summary of the new selections, can be accessed at <http://www.af.mil/csafreading>. Air University will supply each Air Force library with multiple copies of each new book on the list.

The ultimate source of air and space combat capability resides in the men and women of the United States Air Force. We owe it to ourselves to continue our professional development to continue to hone our quality edge. Air University will do its part. I am confident you will do yours as well.

THE USAF CHIEF OF STAFF'S READING LIST

CATEGORY I: History of the Air Force from its Beginning Through its Major Transformations as an Institution

- **Frank M. Andrews: Marshall's Airman**
DeWitt S. Copp and the Air Force History and Museums Program
- **Beyond the Wild Blue: A History of the United States Air Force, 1947-1997**
Walter J. Boyne
- **The Transformation of American Air Power**
Benjamin S. Lambeth
- **Winged Victory: The Army Air Forces in World War II**
Geoffrey Perret

CATEGORY II: Insight Into Ongoing Conflicts and the Frictions That Can Produce Conflicts in the Future

- **The Crisis of Islam: Holy War and Unholy Terror**
Bernard Lewis
- **The Clash of Civilizations and the Remaking of World Order**
Samuel P. Huntington
- **War at the Top of the World: The Struggle for Afghanistan, Kashmir, and Tibet**
Eric S. Margolis
- **Tournament of Shadows: The Great Game and the Race for Empire in Central Asia**
Karl E. Meyer and Shareen Blair Brysac
- **The Prize: The Epic Quest for Oil, Money & Power**
Daniel Yergin

CATEGORY III: Organization, Leadership, and Success Stories Holding Lessons for the Present and Future

- **The Five Pillars of TQM (Guidelines for Organizational Greatness)**
Bill Creech
- **American Generalship: Character is Everything: The Art of Command**
Edgar F. Puryear

CATEGORY IV: Lessons Emerging from Recent Conflicts -- and the Preparation for Them

- **Supreme Command: Soldiers, Statesmen, and Leadership in Wartime**
Eliot Cohen
- **Every Man a Tiger**
Tom Clancy with Chuck Horner
- **Prodigal Soldiers**
James Kitfield

