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## **1. General**

The complexities of modern warfare require that all military leaders keep themselves currently informed on military affairs, as well as matters of national and international interest. The voluntary reading of authoritative, provocative, and timely books in these fields is an important adjunct to more formal training towards this objective. The U.S. Army Contemporary Military Reading Program has been established to assist Army personnel by calling attention to, and making available, books of professional value and interest. It is emphasized, however, that the selection of a book for inclusion in the program does not imply an official endorsement by the Department of the Army of the views contained therein.

## **2. Purpose**

This Army-wide program is designed to stimulate constructive thinking concerning problems of prevailing and future military importance; encourage Army personnel to engage in a systematic program of voluntary reading to improve their professional competence; deepen comprehension and understanding of the significant role of the Army in world affairs; furnish guidance in the selection of reading materials through publication of an annual list of books written by outstanding authorities on military and allied subjects; and make copies of these books readily available for loan to military personnel.

## **3. Annual list**

An annual reading list comprised of up-to-date titles in the fields of military science and world affairs will be published as a DA circular.

## **4. Responsibility**

*a.* Under the supervision of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, The Adjutant General provides technical direction and staff supervision over all matters pertaining to the administration and operation of this program.

*b.* The Commandant, United States Army War College, reviews the annual list and recommends to The Adjutant General additions to and deletions from the list.

*c.* Commanders at all echelons are responsible for actions necessary to insure the success of this program. While the reading of recommended books is voluntary, promotional efforts should be directed toward stimulating personnel to read as many books as possible.

## **5. Availability of books**

*a.* Copies of all books on the current annual list will be available for loan from Army installation libraries, an activity of Special Services.

*b.* Army personnel not having ready access to an Army installation library may arrange for loan of these books from the nearest Army installation library. For this purpose, direct correspondence between the individual and the post librarian concerned is authorized. Official envelopes or labels with the postage and fees paid indicia may be used for this purpose. See AR 341-10. Army personnel stationed at MAAGs and missions may arrange for direct loan of books by contacting the Special Services Office of the nearest over-sea command. (AGPN)

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