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As servants of the Nation, we hold ourselves to high standards. To fulfill our oaths and maintain a state of readiness, it is imperative that we engage in physical activity so that we are best able to act, in the harshest of conditions, as mission requires. Equally as important is our cognitive fitness. To help you exercise your mental muscles, I've made a list of books that helped shape me into the leader I am today. Touching on emotional intelligence, character, warfighting, history, philosophy, and ethics, my reading list focuses on the fundamental characteristics necessary to be calm in crisis. This diverse book list is here to augment your own reading choices and assist in our shared quest of lifelong learning. I look forward to hearing your thoughts on these books and taking any recommendations you may have for me to read.

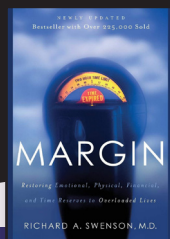
Thank you,  
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# MGySgt STALKER'S 2020 READING LIST

"Not all readers are leaders,  
but all leaders are readers."

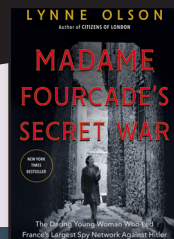
– Harry Truman



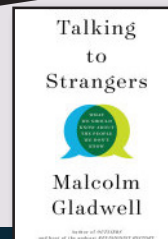
**MARGIN**  
Restoring Emotional, Physical, Financial,  
and Time Reserves to Overloaded Lives  
by Richard A. Swenson, M.D.



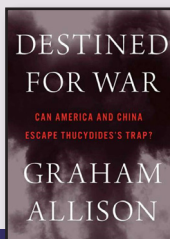
**LIKE WAR**  
The Weaponization of Social Media  
by P.W. Singer & Emerson T. Brooking



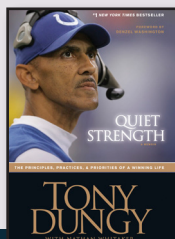
**MADAM FOURCADE'S  
SECRET WAR**  
The Daring Young Woman Who Led France's  
Largest Spy Network Against Hitler  
by Lynne Olson



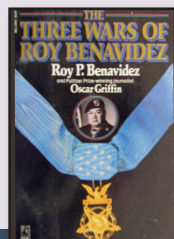
**Talking to Strangers**  
What We Should Know About the People  
We Don't Know  
by Malcolm Gladwell



**DESTINED FOR WAR**  
Can America and China  
Escape Thucydides's Trap?  
by Graham Allison



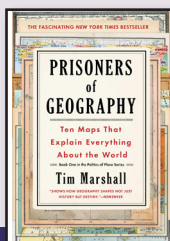
**QUIET STRENGTH**  
The Principles, Practices,  
& Priorities of a Winning Life  
by Tony Dungy with Nathan Whitaker



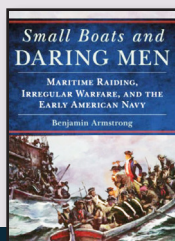
**The Three Wars of  
Roy Benavidez**  
by Roy P. Benavidez and Oscar Griffin



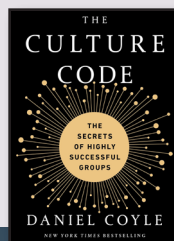
**THE HUNDRED-YEAR  
MARATHON**  
China's Secret Strategy to Replace  
America as the Global Superpower  
by Michael Pillsbury



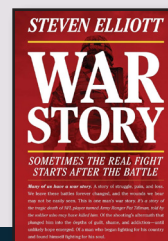
**PRISONERS OF GEOGRAPHY**  
Ten Maps That Explain Everything  
About the World  
by Tim Marshall



**SMALL BOATS AND  
DARING MEN**  
Maritime Raiding, Irregular Warfare,  
and the Early American Navy  
by Benjamin Armstrong



**THE CULTURE CODE**  
The Secrets of Highly  
Successful Groups  
by Daniel Coyle



**WAR STORY**  
Sometimes the Real Fight  
Starts After the Battle  
by Steven Elliott