

## ***CAP READ TO LEAD: Professional Reading for CAP's Volunteer Professionals***

There is no more important priority than to encourage the education of Civil Air Patrol (CAP) members. Our first obligation as members is to mentor and develop the skills of other members who strive to ascend through CAP ranks. A vital part of any member's development includes:

- Understanding leadership principles from both military and civilian sectors.
- Appreciating the expectations senior leadership has of subordinate leaders.
- Understanding the expectations subordinate members have of their leaders.
- Understanding the history and development of the United States Air Force (USAF) and Civil Air Patrol (CAP).
- Appreciating the level of commitment and responsibilities required of a CAP commander.

From squadron-level to National Headquarters, we are asked to know more, lead more, and be more responsive to our customers: the American public. They won't accept anything less than our best.

This is why development of CAP members is so important. We must provide our cadets and seniors who rise to the challenge a clear picture of our expectations of them, an opportunity to develop their skills, and our wholehearted support of their efforts. We do this through mentoring, training, and assistance in traditional and nontraditional areas.

The United States Air Force (USAF) also shares this vision of command development. In 1996 the CSAF Professional Reading Program was created to assist officer, enlisted, and civilian members of the USAF in developing an understanding of leadership and aerospace topics pertinent to their roles in the world's premiere air and space force. Over the years, the CSAF Professional Reading Program has become a cornerstone for leadership development within the Air Force. It is an ideal model for Civil Air Patrol.

We've created the CAP READ TO LEAD program to help develop the skills of our members at all echelons of CAP. The books we've selected for the READ TO LEAD program incorporate publications from a variety of military and civilian leaders. From bestselling author Tom Clancy, to Stephen Covey, a leading leadership expert, to Rudy Giuliani's thoughts on "Leadership," these books talk about leadership and professional obligation at all levels. Several of these books are taken from the CSAF Professional Reading Program, as much for their pertinence to CAP's leadership challenges as for the USAF's important connection to our proud organization. Other books listed share important insight into courage, integrity, character, and managerial concepts.

The READ TO LEAD program is organized into five categories: aerospace advocacy, leadership, citizenship, character development, and mission XTRAS. The books selected in each category were selected to provide:

- a historical perspective to aerospace power.
- a comprehensive understanding of leadership styles.
- an introduction to some of America's most influential airmen and leaders.

IS READ TO LEAD just for senior members? Absolutely not! We encourage all CAP senior members and cadets to use the READ TO LEAD list to develop their own personal leadership skills, whether they choose to command or to become expert in staff areas. Are there other good leadership/management/history books that can be useful for CAP members? Definitely. The selections listed in READ TO LEAD should serve only as the foundation for leadership development.

### **Aerospace Advocacy**

*10 Propositions Regarding Airpower/USAF*  
*Beyond the Wild Blue/Walter Boyne\**  
*Why the Allies Won the War/Richard Overy*  
*Makers of the United States Air Force/John Frisbee*  
*General Kinney Reports: A Personal History of the Pacific War/George Kinney*  
*To Hanoi and Back/Thompson/Hallion*  
*Crusade: The Untold Story of the Persian Gulf War/Rick Atkinson*  
*Every Man a Tiger/Clancy and Horner\**

### **Leadership**

*Lincoln on Leadership/Donald Phillips*  
*Leadership Skills: Developing Volunteers for Organizational Success/Emily Morrison*  
*Leadership/Rudolph Giuliani*  
*Rules and Tools for Leaders/Perry Smith*  
*The Power Principle/Blane Lee*  
*Supreme Command: Soldiers, Statesmen, and Leadership in Wartime/ Eliot Cohen\**  
*The Stuff of Heroes/Marc Cohen*  
*Primal Leadership/Daniel Goleman*  
*Transforming Leadership: the Pursuit of Happiness/James McGregor Burns*  
*My American Journey/Colin Powell*

### **Citizenship**

*Introduction to Civil Air Patrol/CAP*  
*George C. Marshall: Soldier-Statesman of the American Century/ Mark Stoler*

### **Character Development**

*In Love and War/James and Sybil Stockdale*  
*Principle Centered Leadership/Stephen Covey*

*Hoyt S. Vandenberg: Life of a General/Philip Meilenger*

*American Generalship: Character is Everything: The Art of Command/Edgar Puryear\**

*Generally Speaking/Claudia Kennedy*

*The Passing of the Night/Robinson Risner*

*Shackelton's Way/Morrell and Capparell*

### **Mission XTRAS**

*The Crisis of Islam: Holy War and Unholy Terror/Bernard Lewis\**

*New Frontiers for Youth Development in the Twenty-First Century/ Mervin Delgado*

\* From CSAF Professional Reading Program

Many of these books can be purchased through commercial bookstores; CAP publications are available on CAP's website at <http://www.cap.gov>.

The CAP READ TO LEAD program represents a vital link in the training and development of CAP members, as together we strive to make an outstanding Civil Air Patrol even more successful. Enjoy your reading.