

CAC Commander's Counterinsurgency Reading List

The Short List

O'Neill, Bard E. *Insurgency & Terrorism: From Revolution to Apocalypse*. Washington, D.C: Potomac Books, 2005. **CARL: 355.0218 o58i 2005**

A framework for analyzing insurgency operations and a good first book in insurgency studies.

*Galula, David. *Counterinsurgency Warfare; Theory and Practice*. New York: Praeger, 1964. **CARL: 355.425 G181cw**

Classic summary of lessons derived from Galula's experience of insurgency and counterinsurgency in Greece, China, and Algeria.

Fall, Bernard B. *Last Reflections On a War*. Garden City, N.Y: Doubleday, 1967. 428 pp. **CARL: 959.7 F194L**

Consists of Dr. Fall's unpublished materials. His analysis of Vietnam is still considered accurate.

*Kepel, Gilles. *The War for Muslim Minds: Islam and the West*. Cambridge, Mass: Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 2004. **CARL: 297.272 K38w**

An excellent overview of the broader radical Islamic insurgency.

*Lawrence, T. E., U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, and Combat Studies Institute. *The Evolution of a Revolt*. Fort Leavenworth, Kan.: Combat Studies Institute, 1989. URL: <http://usacac.army.mil/cac2/cgsc/carl/download/csipubs/lawrence.pdf>

Lawrence's key observations on the difference between conventional and insurgency warfare.

Tripp, Charles. *A History of Iraq*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2000. **CARL: 956.704 T836h 2002**

A solid single volume history of modern Iraq prior to Operation Iraqi Freedom.

West, Bing. *The Village*. New York, NY: Pocket Books, 2003. **959.704 W516v**

A first-person account of military advisors embedded with Vietnamese units.

Additional Resources

Asprey, Robert B. *War in the Shadows: the Guerrilla in History*. Lincoln, NE: IUniverse, 2002. **CARL: 355.02184 A843wsh** (two volumes)

An updated version of the 1975 classic that covers the history of guerrilla war from ancient Persia to modern Afghanistan.

Callwell, C. E. *Small Wars: Their Principles and Practice*. Lincoln, NE: University of Nebraska Press, 1996. **CARL: 355.0218 C163s**

A classic study of colonial warfare and small wars.

Gunaratna, Rohan. *Inside Al Qaeda: Global Network of Terror*. New York: Columbia University Press, 2002. **CARL: 303.625 G1975i** (CARL also has 2003 paperback: **303.625 G1975ia**)
The story behind the rise of the global insurgency.

Hammes, Thomas X. *The Sling and the Stone: On War in the 21st Century*. St. Paul, MN: Zenith Press, 2004. **CARL: 355.0218 H224s 2004**
An excellent overview of what the author describes as "fourth generation warfare".

Kitson, Frank. *Low-intensity Operations; Subversion, Insurgency, Peace-keeping*. Harrisburg: Pa.: Stackpole Books, 1971. **CARL: 355.02184 K62L**
Classic explanation of the British school of counterinsurgency.

Krepinevich, Andrew F. *The Army and Vietnam*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1986. **CARL: 959.7043373 K92a**
The best volume on the U.S. Army's challenges in coming to terms with insurgency in Vietnam.

Lawrence, T. E. *Seven Pillars of Wisdom, a Triumph*. Garden City, N.Y.: Doubleday, Doran & Co., 1935. **CARL: 940.415 L423sp**
Autobiographical account of Lawrence's attempts to organize Arab nationalism during WW I.

Lewis, Bernard. *The Crisis of Islam: Holy War and Unholy Terror*. New York: Modern Library, 2003. **CARL: 297.72 L673c 2003**
A controversial but important analysis of the philosophical origins of the global insurgency.

Linn, Brian M. *The Philippine War, 1899-1902*. Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 2000. **CARL: 959.9031 L758p**
The definitive treatment of military operations in the Philippines.

Nagl, John A. *Counterinsurgency Lessons from Malaya and Vietnam: Learning to Eat Soup with a Knife*. Westport, Conn: Praeger, 2002. **CARL: 355.0218 N149c 2002**
How to learn to defeat an insurgency. Forward by CSA.

Solinas, Franco, et als. *Battle of Algiers*. Santa Monica, CA; New York, N.Y.: Rhino; Axon Video, 1993. **CARL: H000706** (1st Floor AV Room)
A dramatization of the conflict between Algerian nationalists and French colonialists that culminated in Algeria's independence in 1962.

Articles and Other Documents

Barnard, Daniel. "The Great Iraqi Revolt: The 1919–20 Insurrections Against the British in Mesopotamia." Paper presented at the *Harvard Graduate Student Conference in International History, April 23, 2004*.

Cassidy, Robert M. **“Back to the Street Without Joy: Counterinsurgency Lessons from Vietnam and Other Small Wars.”** *Parameters* 34 (Summer 2004): 73-83.

URL: <http://www.carlisle.army.mil/usawc/parameters/Articles/04summer/cassidy.pdf>

Central Intelligence Agency. **“Iraq.”** *The World Factbook*, 2006.

URL: <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/iz.html>

*Chiarelli, Peter W., Patrick R. Michaelis. **“Winning the Peace: The Requirement for Full-Spectrum Operations.”** *Military Review* 85 (July-August 2005): 4-17.

URL: http://www.army.mil/professionalWriting/volumes/volume3/october_2005/10_05_2.html

Cockburn, Andrew. **“Iraq's Oppressed Majority.”** *Smithsonian* (December 2003): 98-105.

Hashim, Ahmed S. **“The Insurgency in Iraq.”** *Small Wars & Insurgencies*. 14 (Autumn 2003): 1-22. **CARL: Journals, 1st Floor**

Hoffman, Bruce. *Insurgency and Counterinsurgency in Iraq*. Santa Monica, CA: RAND, National Security Research Division, 2004.

URL: http://rand.org/pubs/occasional_papers/OP127/index.html

Kandell, Jonathan. **“Iraq's Unruly Century.”** *Smithsonian* 34 (May 2003): 44-51.

Maass, Peter. **“The Salvadorization of Iraq.”** *The New York Times Magazine*. May 1, 2005.

URL: http://www.petermaass.com/articles/the_salvadorization_of_iraq/

Maass, Peter. **“The Counterinsurgent.”** *The New York Times Magazine*. January 11, 2004.

URL: http://www.petermaass.com/articles/the_counterinsurgent/

McFate, Montgomery. **“Iraq: The Social Context of IEDs.”** *Military Review* 85, no. 3.

URL: www.au.af.mil/au/awc/awcgate/milreview/mcfate3.pdf

Metz, Steven. **“Insurgency and Counterinsurgency in Iraq.”** *Washington Quarterly* 27 (Winter 2004): 25-36. **CARL: Journals, 1st Floor**

URL: http://www.twq.com/04winter/docs/04winter_metz.pdf

Milton-Edwards, Beverley. **“Iraq, Past, Present and Future: A Thoroughly-Modern Mandate?”** *History & Policy*, (MAY 2003).

URL: <http://www.historyandpolicy.org/archive/policy-paper-13.html>

Nasr, Vali. **“Regional Implications of Shi'a Revival in Iraq”.** *Washington Quarterly* 27 (Summer 2004): 7-24. **CARL: Journals, 1st Floor**

URL: http://www.twq.com/04summer/docs/04summer_nasr.pdf

Record, Jeffrey and W. A. Terrill. *Iraq and Vietnam: Differences, Similarities, and Insights*. Carlisle Barracks, PA: Strategic Studies Institute, U.S. Army War College,

2004. **CARL: 355.033573 R311i**

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*Sepp, Kalev I. “**Best Practices in Counterinsurgency.**” *Military Review* 85 (May-June 2005): 8-12.

URL: <http://www.au.af.mil/au/awc/awcgate/milreview/sepp.pdf>

Tomes, Robert R. “**Relearning Counterinsurgency Warfare.**” *Parameters* 34 (Spring 2004): 16-28.

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