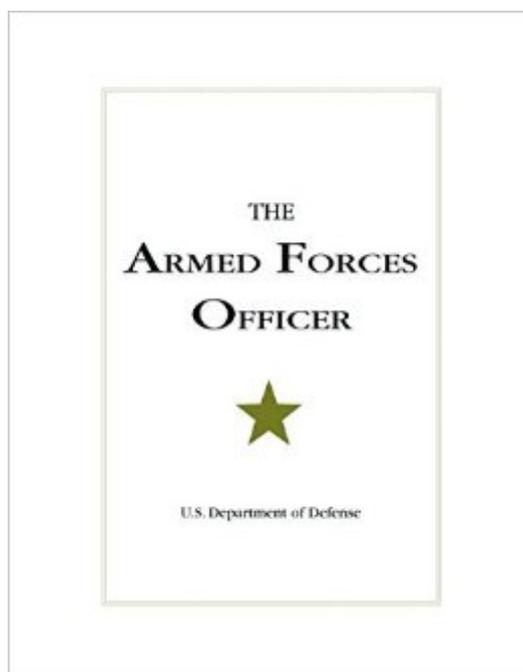


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Initiated in 1950, this 2007 edition is the latest in a classic series of books of the same title. Journalist-historian S. L. A. Marshall wrote the first at the behest of Gen. George C. Marshall, who formed the great citizen army of World War II. The general believed officers of all services needed to base their professional commitment on a common moral-ethical grounding, which S. L. A. Marshall set out to explain. Ever since, these books have provided a foundation of thought, conduct, standards, and duty for American commissioned officers. Available now to the general public, this new edition takes the series'™ inspirational premise into the new century. It educates officers of all services, as well as civilians, about the fundamental moral-ethical requirements of being a commissioned officer in the armed forces of the United States. Understanding the common foundation of commissioned leadership and command of U.S. military forces is essential for achieving excellence in the joint operations of today's™ combat environment. This philosophy unites the officers of the uniformed services in the common calling of supporting, defending, and upholding the Constitution in service to their country.

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A comprehensive, well-written, essential "how to" book on officership. Would make a wonderful gift for any newly commissioned military officer. While aimed at the new officer, will serve as a wonderful touchstone on the basics of leadership for an entire career. Also a good read for anyone interested in military history.

I have read this book, cover-to-cover, numerous times. Its lessons are timeless, lessons I've applied on a daily basis throughout my career. Every officer, scratch that, every leader needs to read this book.

This was a decent and brief manual about different aspects, expectations, and guidelines to enhance a U.S. military officer's career. There were some important takeaways such as keeping finances in order, learning a second language (I was lucky I to be born overseas), and mastering your craft. Of course there also is the standard idealistic leadership kool aid which one should expect reading a book of this kind. Overall, I wasn't blown away but I wouldn't say that it was a waste of my time either.

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