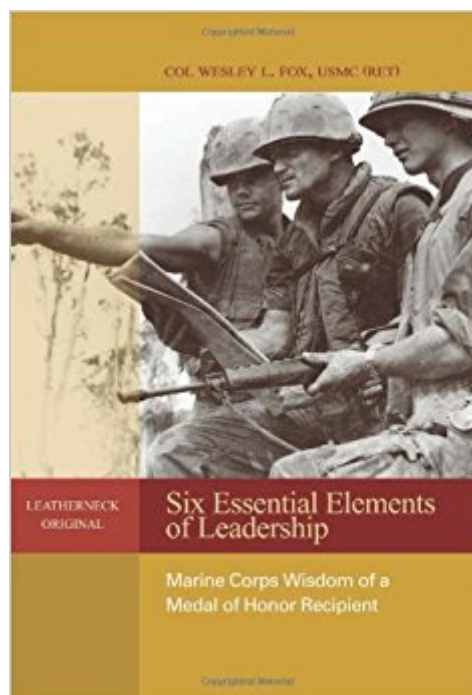


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Synopsis

Col. Wesley Fox is a Medal of Honor recipient who wrote two widely-admired accounts of his wartime experiences in the Marine Corps. His *Marine Rifleman: Forty-Three Years in the Corps* and *Courage and Fear: A Primer* are considered classic war memoirs. Drawing on his long experience of being a leader, Fox presents the six essential elements of leadership that all good leaders employ to build successful organizations able to cope with any challenge because they are truly built on loyalty and trust. Impressed by the manner and methods of his most effective fellow Marines to guide and direct, Fox defines leadership as having a strong focus on the strengths of comradeship and its core importance to all individuals and organizations. In his view, managers are concerned with the bottom line and making a profit, while leaders are concerned with their followers, their health, happiness, and daily lives. Recognition of the sources of leaders is addressed and followed with a discussion of the principles of leadership and the historical traits of a leader. The book covers the essential elements of leadership: care, personality, knowledge, motivation, commitment, and communication with a chapter on each element. Finally, Fox provides an account of his personal experience and how his views about leadership were forged by the Marine Corps and by the crucible of combat. He provides many examples of leadership displayed by those with whom he served in battle--his fellow Marine unit leaders. While drawing from a military experience, Fox contends that his six elements apply to all who want to pursue leadership. Developed during forty-three years of leading Marines in two wars and in the peace time, his principles are designed to inspire and motivate others in all endeavors.

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Col. Wesley L. Fox, USMC (Ret.), retired from the Marine Corps in 1993 after forty-three years of distinguished service. He joined the Marines in 1950 and served in the Korean War. Commissioned a lieutenant in 1966, he served as an advisor with the Vietnamese Marines. He later commanded a rifle company and was involved in an action that resulted in his award of the Medal of Honor. His last active duty was as Commanding Officer, Officer Candidate School where he retired in 1993. In addition to the Medal of Honor, he received two awards of the Legion of Merit, a Bronze Star with Combat V, four awards of the Purple Heart, and numerous commendations. From 1993 until his retirement in 2001, Fox served as deputy commandant of cadets at Virginia Tech.

I read this book as part of a quest to find out more about the Marine Corps Officers Training, but found myself looking at the role, the ability, and what makes a leader tick. Col. Fox takes you on an adventure into your soul if you profess to be a person who wants to lead and not just manage. The principles, ideas, and developmental ideas are straight forward from not only a family perspective but right into the board room. If you do not want to evaluate yourself, be honest, or not willing to answer the hard questions about your leadership then do not open this book. But if you dare to be great, to lead from the heart, then read on and enjoy his wisdom. You may not believe everything in this educational perspective, but you cannot put it down without asking the man in the mirror if he has the ability or the guts to be a leader. Semper Fi Col. Fox

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This is a fantastic book, authored by a man who has been a leader in virtually any situation

imaginable. Colonel Fox's leadership skills are superb and this book outlines what he believes makes a successful leader. A must read for anyone interested in learning more about leadership.

I thought this book was excellent well worth the money. Leadership from a Marine standpoint is all about values and honor it lays this out a simple but very understandable way.

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