Here’s a concise reading list of the **key papers/books** from the main authors your thesis needs to engage with:

**🚀 Techno-Optimists (RMA as Revolutionary)**

* **Andrew Krepinevich** – *The Military-Technical Revolution* (1992); *Cavalry to Computer* (1994); *Revolution in Warfare?* (1996).
* **Eliot A. Cohen** – *A Revolution in Warfare* (*Foreign Affairs*, 1996); *Supreme Command* (2002) [for context on oversight/command].
* **William Owens** – *The Emerging U.S. System-of-Systems* (*Strategic Forum*, 1996); *Lifting the Fog of War* (2001).
* **Steven Metz** – *The Revolution in Military Affairs and Conflict Short of War* (1994/95, SSI).
* **Christian Brose** – *The Kill Chain: Defending America in the Future of High-Tech Warfare* (2020).

**⚖️ Critics / Skeptics (Evolution, not Revolution)**

* **Colin S. Gray** – *Another Bloody Century* (2005); *Strategy for Chaos* (2002).
* **Richard Betts** – *The Trouble with Strategy: Bridging Policy and Operations* (1997); also *Military Readiness* (1995).
* **Zoltán Alach** – *Slowing Military Change* (*Joint Force Quarterly*, 2008).
* **Mary Kaldor** – *New and Old Wars* (1999).
* **Martin van Creveld** – *The Transformation of War* (1991).
* **Lawrence Freedman** – *The Revolution in Strategic Affairs* (IISS, 1998).

**🏛️ Organisational Learning & Doctrine**

* **John Nagl** – *Learning to Eat Soup with a Knife* (2002).
* **David Fitzgerald** – *Learning to Forget: US Army Counterinsurgency Doctrine and Practice* (2013).
* **James Q. Wilson** – *Bureaucracy: What Government Agencies Do and Why They Do It* (1989).
* **Heinz Guderian** – *Panzer Leader* (1952).
* **Dick Winters (with Cole Kingseed)** – *Beyond Band of Brothers* (2006).

**⚔️ Contemporary / Case Studies**

* **Schaus & Johnson** – *UAS’ Influences on Conflict Escalation Dynamics* (CSIS, 2018).
* **Crino & Dreby** – *Drone Attacks on Infrastructure* (*Studies in Conflict & Terrorism*, 2020).
* **Adeel Husain & John Allen** – *On Hyperwar* (*USNI Proceedings*, 2017).
* **Nagorno-Karabakh War (2020)** – RAND and CNA case studies on drones.
* **Russo-Ukrainian War (2022–)** – NATO StratCom COE reports; RUSI analyses.
* **Commission on the Defence Forces (Ireland, 2022)** – *Report of the Commission on the Defence Forces*.

👉 This list covers the **canonical RMA theorists**, the **main critics**, and the **organisational learning / mission command thinkers**, plus **modern empirical cases**.

Would you like me to sort these into a **priority order** (must-read vs. useful background) so you