



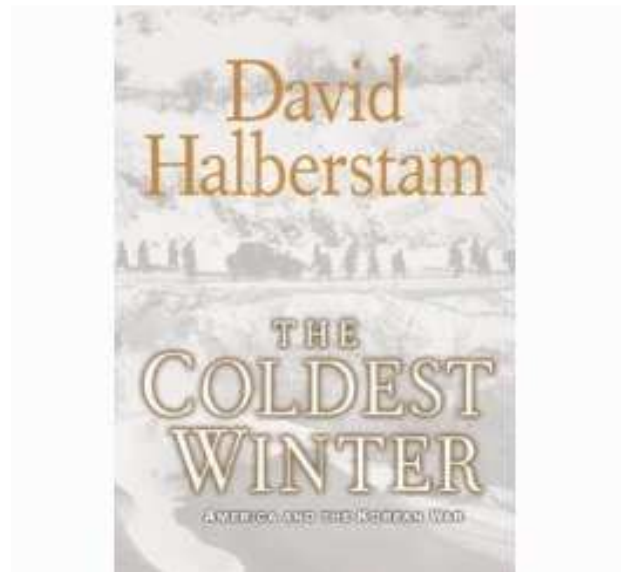
The  
**Center** for the  
**STUDY OF THE KOREAN WAR**

### NEW KOREAN WAR BOOK!

With the recent publication of David Halberstam's *The Coldest Winter: America and the Korean War* (illustrated, 719 pages, Hyperion, \$35), there has been another blip on the electrocardiogram measuring the heartbeat of the Korean War. An interest imposed, unfortunately, more by the popularity of the author than of the war.

Halberstam learned his trade at a reporter in Saigon. He saw both Vietnam and Korea as simply phases in the century-long war between the United States and Asia, a thesis that still bears further consideration.

As anticipated, Halberstam's work is highly critical of General Douglas MacArthur, the military, and is generally inclined to see Korea as a defeat. Nevertheless Halberstam, working through more than 100 interviews and secondary sources, produced a significant book for those interested in the Korean War. ♪



“The result is an outsize but fascinating epic directed simultaneously to battle buffs and pacifists, history enthusiasts and political moralists. With sometimes numbing detail and elegant maps, it evokes the nobility and crazy heroism of outnumbered American grunts in a dozen of the war’s critical engagements, cinematic scenes that alternate with crisp essays about the mindless way the war began, the reckless way it was managed and the fruitless way it ended.”

—Max Frankel

“Rehearsal for Defeat”

*New York Times Sunday Book Review*

23 September 2007

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## FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

### BY 2010

- The number of Korean War veterans is projected to be just fewer than 2.5 million, down 37 percent from the number estimated for 2000.
- Korean War veterans are projected to make-up 12 percent of the 20.1 million projected veterans.
- The number of female Korean War veterans is projected to be 61,600, making up nearly 5 percent of the projected number of all female veterans.
- The median age of Korean War veterans is projected to be 78.5.
- No Korean War veteran is projected to be under the age of 70.
- Most Korean War veterans, 56 percent, are projected to be between the ages of 75 and 79.
- About one-third, however, is projected to be 80 or older. ☞

—U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs



## OUT AND ABOUT

After U.S. President George W. Bush's televised discussion in September 2007 with South Korea President Roh Moo-hyun, the Center received several inquiries from the media wanting clarification on the status of the ceasefire in Korea.

It seems strange, but most of the people currently writing for the media were not alive during this period and have no idea at all what happened. Many who called were surprised to be reminded that the war was still on, that no peace settlement had been signed, and that South Korea had not even signed the ceasefire.

The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, Canada's national public radio and television broadcaster, called the Center for an interview with Senior Fellow Dr. Paul M. Edwards that aired during "As It Happens." For an audio recording of this interview, access this link: [http://www.cbc.ca/radioshows/AS\\_IT\\_HAPPENS/20070907.shtml](http://www.cbc.ca/radioshows/AS_IT_HAPPENS/20070907.shtml). The interview can be found on "Listen to Part 3 of As It Happens." ☞



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### ELDERHOSTEL

The Center and Graceland University will host an Elderhostel (February 2008) on **Truman's Difficult Decisions**. Access Elderhostel information at [www.elderhostel.org](http://www.elderhostel.org). ☞



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## 9TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

### The Center for the Study of the Korean War 9th Annual Conference on War and Media *War and Medical Services* Call for Papers

Graceland University's Center for the Study of the Korean War presents its 9th Annual Conference on War and Media, to take place on 28 February–1 March 2008 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Independence, Missouri.



Hilton Garden Inn

Proposals for conference sessions and papers related to any and all aspects of the Korean War or war in general are welcome. Anyone interested in presenting panel or individual papers should submit a short abstract and vita by e-mail to

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**Deadline** for submissions is 15 December, 2007.

While we're mentioning our Conferences: In 2009, at the **10th Annual Conference on War and Media: War and Technology**, the Center will be celebrating 20 years since it first opened its doors as a research archives for the study of the Korean War. ♪

## WHY THE CENTER?

The Center for the Study of the Korean War is housed in the Dr. Charles F. Grabske Library on the Independence, Missouri, campus of Graceland University. Graceland's main campus is in Lamoni, Iowa.

The Independence campus is home to undergraduate and graduate programs in the School of Education and the School of Nursing, graduate programs at the Community of Christ Seminary, and liberal arts degrees through accelerated online learning. Graceland has recently added a Business Administration program.

The Center for the Study of the Korean War was founded in 1989 by Dr. Paul M. Edwards, retired Graceland professor and veteran of the Korean War. The Center has been housed at Graceland University since 2000.



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## 8TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

### *PROCEEDINGS*

Funding prevented the immediate publication of the *Proceedings* from the 2007 conference, but one of the Center's many friends has stepped up to assist, and we are sending the publication to print on 8 October. The February 2007 War and Media Conference, focused on War and Gender, was an awesome gathering of scholars, veterans, researchers, students, and friends; a great deal of important research was presented in an exciting forum. We are proud of the *Proceedings* from that conference.



Center Director Gregg Edwards (left) makes a presentation at the 2007 conference.

On that note, plans for the February 2008 conference, War and Medical Services, are well underway. The conference will be held 28 February–1 March 2008 and will include presenters covering medical innovations, Civil War surgeons, frontline nurses and doctors, evacuation of the dead and wounded, Graves Registration, and additional medical aspects of the Korean War and war in general.

Please plan to attend the 9th Annual Conference on War and Media: War and Medical Services, held in Independence, Missouri, in February 2008. ♪

## WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Please visit the Center's Website, [www.koreanwarcenter.org](http://www.koreanwarcenter.org), for information about the Center and about current and upcoming activities. Our blog has been active for several months now, and we continue to make new contacts with veterans and other interested people, using this modern tool of interaction technology.

Also on the site is information about other publications by Senior Fellow Paul M. Edwards. These include Greenwood Press, *The Korean War*, part of its American Soldiers' Lives series; Facts on File, *Korean War Almanac*, and *A Guide to Films on the Korean War*.

We continue to expand the site as time and resources permit. The Internet is our greatest opportunity to reach the public, and our most affordable way to make contact with national and international audiences.

Since spring 2007 there has been an 88 percent increase in hits to the site, and as we add interesting and useful content we hope to increase visits to the site exponentially. As always, we are interested in your feedback about the site.

Our goal is to share with the world the importance of preserving materials from the Korean War and to provide an opportunity to learn about the causes, costs, and significance of this event (almost 19 percent of the visits to the Center's site began with a search using the words: "causes of the Korean War").

It is a struggle at times, but as you know, it is a worthwhile and necessary endeavor. We appreciate your assistance and support to leave a legacy of the Korean War. ♪

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## NEWSLETTER UPDATE

In an effort to offer the most practical and informative delivery of the Center's newsletter, we will be shifting to a quarterly publication, beginning with this edition.

Remember that the Center's newsletter, including past editions, is available on the Center's Website:

[www.koreanwarcenter.org](http://www.koreanwarcenter.org). ☞

## DO YOU HAVE ANY SLIDES TO SHARE?



Be on the lookout for colored slides taken during the Korean War. Most GIs who had cameras had the old box type, and thus the vast majority of pictures from the war are in black and white. But, some lucky soldiers had cameras that took colored slides.

The Center would be delighted to have some of these slides for the archives because, among other things, it helps us identify units (colored patches), uniforms, et cetera.

In addition, the media, looking for materials for documentaries and publications, keep asking us for colored pictures. Do you have any to share? ☞

## THANKS FOR THE DONATION!

Among the many appreciated donations we have recently received were some materials from Korean War veteran **Jack Bronson**. Jack was with the Medical Company, 3rd Infantry Division, 15th Regiment. Among the items donated were interesting photographs, some artifacts, books, and other items that reflect Jack's service during the Korean War. We are pleased to be able to catalog these items with the Center's collection. Thanks, Jack; and thanks also to **Barbara**, Jack's sister, who helped us receive the materials, and who wrote an informative piece explaining the background of Jack's service. ☞

## WHIRLYBIRDS



Many of the pictures coming from the war in Korea show the helicopter bringing wounded to the Mobile Army Surgical Hospital (MASH) units. The idea of helicopter evacuation has become so familiar (reinforced by the 1970 film *M\*A\*S\*H*) that most folks don't realize the helicopter came to Korea primarily to move cargo. It was not until mid-1951 that the planes began to increase their role for evacuation. Then the demand became so great that special units were created for this purpose. The Center has quite a few photographs of whirlybirds. ☞

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The mission of the Center for the Study of the Korean War is to develop insights into the causes and costs of the Korean War, and war in general, in order to understand and promote peace.