

Multimedia Resources for Teachers on the Korean War from the Korea Society

To mark the 70th anniversary of the start of the Korean War, the Korea Society is providing a suite of digital resources for educators, including videos and podcasts. Bundled as a package, or introduced as standalone pedagogical aides, these products help students understand the political, social, and human dimensions of the conflict and its legacy. Keep an eye on Koreasociety.org this spring and summer for more programs on these themes and topics.

“Last Ship in the Harbor” and Heungnam Remembered



[Watch this short documentary](#) in which Admiral J. Robert Lunney describes the evacuation mission he carried out to rescue over 90,000 North Korean civilian refugees on Christmas Eve in 1950. There are more than a million descendants of the Heungnam evacuees in South Korea today, including South Korean President Moon Jae-in. In a longer panel discussion, Author Ned Forney and Society Senior Director Dr. Stephen Noerper speak with Admiral Lunney, sharing reflections on those harrowing days, acts of heroism, and the extraordinary flight to freedom. [The full discussion can be viewed here.](#)

Veterans and Armistice Day



This collection of resources offers a retrospective of the war and a salute to the U.S. and South Korean veterans. Korean War veteran General James Van Fleet and friends founded the Korea Society in 1957 to strengthen the U.S.-Korea relationship. You can learn more about our history [here](#). By [watching this program](#), you can learn more about General Van Fleet's legacy from his grandson and president of the Van Fleet Foundation, Joseph McChristian.

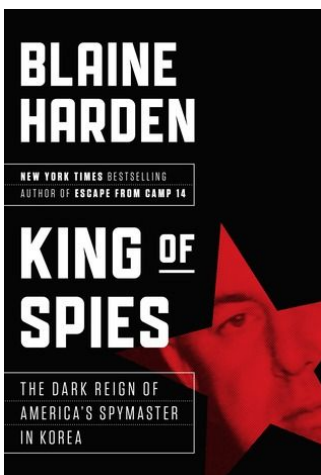
[Watch this ceremony](#) held to honor New York-based Veterans of the Korean War in a program that marked the 66th Anniversary of the signing of the Korean War Armistice Agreement on July 27, 1953. The event was held at the New York Korean War Veterans Memorial in Battery Park and featured remarks by Thomas J. Byrne, President of The Korea Society, Ambassador Hyo-Sung Park, Consul General of the Republic of Korea in New York, Council Member Paul Vallone, who represents northeast Queens, and Salvatore Scarlato, President of the New York Department of the Korean War Veterans Association.



Next, read an oped in the [NY Daily News](#) by Korea Society president Tom Byrne explaining why the Armistice that ended the Korean War is worth remembering. He writes, "The Armistice has kept the semblance of peace on the Korean peninsula for six decades. Today, 28,500 American

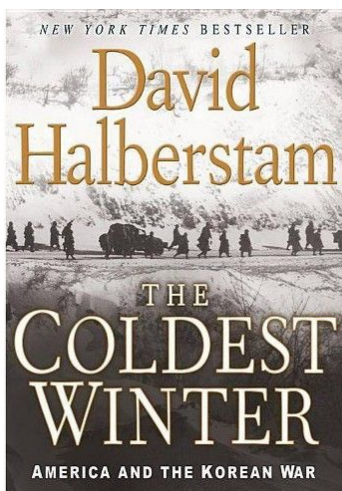
troops are stationed in South Korea, supporting one of our most important strategic alliances. It has served as an anchor of stability not just on the peninsula but in the Asia-Pacific region. On the foundation of that alliance, U.S.-South Korean relations have grown to encompass shared political, economic and cultural values.” You can also [read this commentary](#) in Pacific Forum PacNet about the importance of the United States-Republic of Korea Alliance. Tom Byrne, President of the Korea Society, and General Walter L. Sharp, former Commander General of U.S. Forces Korea/UNC/CFC write, “Senior officials in both countries recognize the irreplaceable utility of the alliance in ensuring stability as we potentially progress toward a post-nuclear Korean Peninsula.”

King of Spies with author Blaine Harden



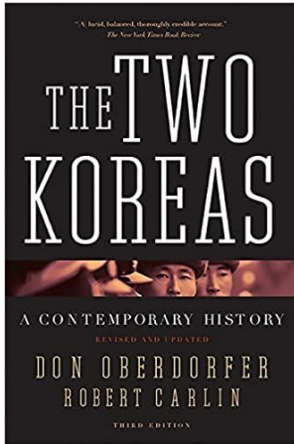
Watch this [engaging presentation](#) by best-selling author and former *Washington Post* Northeast Asia bureau chief Blaine Harden, who discusses his riveting work *King of Spies*, which recounts one of the most powerful spies in US history working on the Peninsula during the Korean War. Describing the book’s subject, Air Force intelligence officer Don Nichols, author Harden says, “I was stunned by the degree to which U.S. Air Force generals depended on Nichols when the Korean War broke out. More than any American intelligence agent early in the war, he delivered the clandestine goods. He broke codes, found weaknesses in enemy tanks and jets, and identified most of the targets destroyed by American bombs in North Korea.”

A Discussion of David Halberstam's *The Coldest Winter*



Listen to [this audio podcast](#) featuring a discussion of David Halberstam’s book *The Coldest Winter*, which provides a valuable opportunity to reexamine how and why the tragic events of more than half a century ago remain relevant to the search for peace and stability on the Korean Peninsula today. The program includes a presentation by prominent Korean War scholar Bruce Cumings and discussion with Thomas McGrath, who was deployed as a soldier with the U.S. Army in Korea during the war, Yung Duk Kim, who was caught up in the war as a young civilian, George Drake, Director of Research of the Korean War National Museum, and Evans J.R. Revere, a former president of The Korea Society. [More information can be found on our website here.](#)

The Two Koreas Release with Robert Carlin



[Watch this presentation](#) by eminent Korea analyst and author Robert Carlin, who discusses what many consider the foremost book on modern Korea, Don Oberdorfer's *The Two Koreas*. Carlin wrote the updated forward, bringing this arresting publication, loved by university students, business leaders and public alike, to a new generation of readers. Carlin discusses the changes on the Korean Peninsula since the publication's initial release, the publication's continued relevance, and his labor of love saluting Van Fleet awardee and famed journalist Oberdorfer.