



Step Right Up! Archives and Public Engagement

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Finding Your Community

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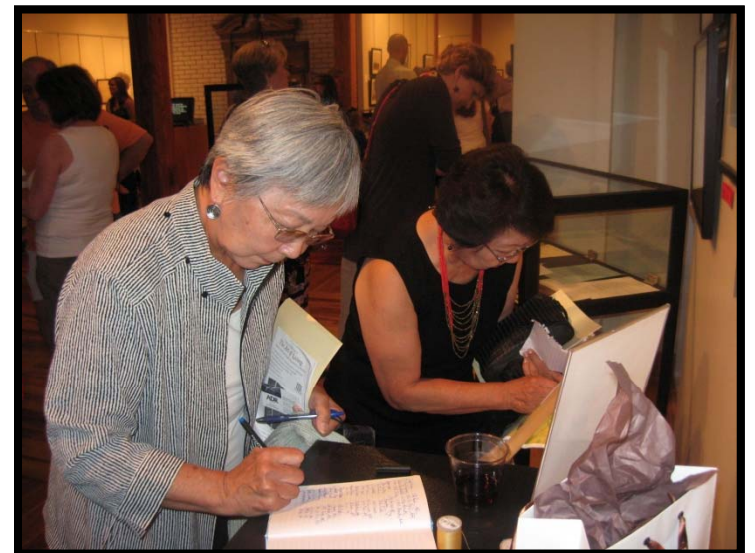
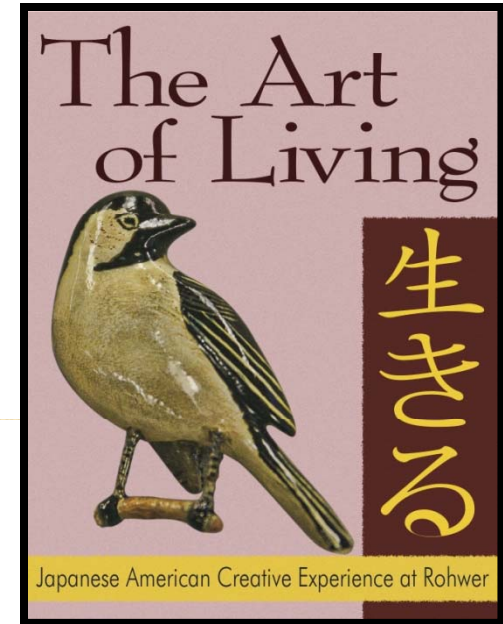
Connecting with your Community

- Take your collections to the street
 - Talk to community/donor/school groups
 - Write about it!
- Bring the community to your collections
 - Open house events
 - Special tour groups



The Art of Living: Japanese American Creative Experience at Rohwer

- Collection (art and documents)
- Website
- Physical exhibit
 - Cell phone tour
 - School groups
- Lectures
- Continued use of collection



Creating a Community

- Target an under-documented event or group
- Make connections and explain your vision, making very clear what you can do for them
- Be creative – this is bigger than collection solicitation. You are offering the full “archival experience” – working with them to tell their story.



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The Korean winters proved to be a brutal adversary throughout the conflict.



ABOUT THE PROJECT

The Korean War has often been overshadowed by other conflicts, such as World War II and the Vietnam War. Much of the history of the war

ABOUT THE DIGITAL COLLECTIONS

The Butler Center provides online access to selected portions of our collections. These featured collections represent a diverse

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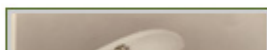
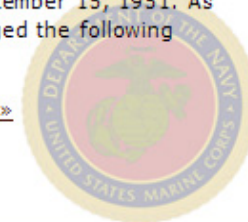
ANDY F. ALDRIDGE

Born: July 13, 1928, in Miller, Arkansas

Korean War Service: 3rd Battalion, 1st Regiment, 1st Marine Division, 1951

Andy F. Aldridge enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1946. He was discharged in 1948 and recalled to active duty in September 1950. Aldridge served for nine months in the Korean War, attaining the rank of corporal. Assigned to the 1st Marine Regiment, he was wounded in action at the Battle of Bunker Hill (Hill 749) on September 15, 1951. As a result of the wounds he received, Aldridge was medically discharged the following year.

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BREAKOUT



Seoul, the capital of South Korea, changed hands four times during the first year of the war.

On September 15, 1950, the UN offensive began with a massive landing at Inchon followed by the liberation of Seoul on September 29. The landing at Inchon, a daring offensive envisioned by General Douglas MacArthur, included the First Marine Division, the Army's Seventh Infantry Division, and South Korean units. A successful outcome at Inchon allowed allied forces to move in behind the NKPA at the Pusan Perimeter and on toward Seoul. In conjunction with the Inchon landing, UN forces pushed past the Pusan Perimeter, forcing a general North Korean retreat.

On October 1, 1950, South Korean troops crossed the 38th Parallel and entered North Korea on the offensive followed by U.S. forces six days later. As a group of U.S. forces known as X Corps sailed to the east coast of the Korean peninsula, the 8th Army pushed north and captured Pyongyang, the capital of North Korea, on October 19, 1950. South Korean forces began to battle with a new threat, the Chinese People's Liberation Army (also Communist China Forces or CCF), on October

25, but General MacArthur largely dismissed these events as inconsequential until the 8th Army was attacked and forced into retreat by Chinese forces near the end of November.

RETREAT

Overwhelmed by the sheer manpower of the Chinese military and now battling the

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UNCLE SAM DESIRED OUR PRESENCE: ARKANSANS IN THE KOREAN WAR (2010)

A documentary produced by the Butler Center for Arkansas Studies

Narrated by Steve Stephens
DVD released in May 2010
Run time is 60 minutes
Available in Widescreen and Standard format

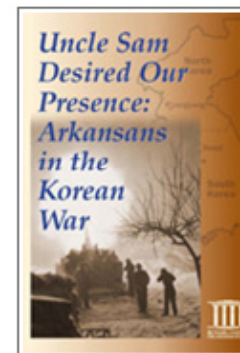
Standard format ISBN: 978-1-935106-30-2
Widescreen format ISBN: 978-1-935106-31-9

When North Korea invaded South Korea in the early morning hours of June 25, 1950, the United States was plunged into an intense and costly war in order to help stem the tide of communism. The ensuing three-year military conflict included twenty-two countries and resulted in the deaths of an estimated 2 to 4 million civilians and military personnel, including 36,940 Americans.

The Korean War is often overlooked between the headlines of World War II and the tragedies of the Vietnam War, and the Arkansans who served have been overlooked with it. Approximately 6,300 Arkansans fought; 461 of those lost their lives. This is their story.

The documentary features photographs, documents, and oral history interviews from "FORGOTTEN: The Arkansas Korean War Project" as well as video footage and photographs from the National Archives and Records Administration.

For classroom use, there is a corresponding [Butler Center lesson plan](#).



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ARKANSAS IN THE FORGOTTEN WAR: THE KOREAN WAR REMEMBERED

As an extension of our successful Korean War project, the Butler Center hosted its first conference on the Korean War on Saturday, May 22. "Arkansas in the Forgotten War: The Korean War Remembered" was a one-day conference that featured five sessions highlighting various aspects of the war.

The keynote speaker was Dr. James I. Matray, Professor of History at California State University, Chico. Dr. Matray's numerous publications on the Korean War include *Korea Divided: The 38th Parallel and the Demilitarized Zone* and *The Reluctant Crusade: American Foreign Policy in Korea, 1941-1950*. He is editor of *East Asia and the United States: An Encyclopedia of Relations Since 1784*, *Historical Dictionary of the Korean War*, and *Korea and the Cold War: Division, Destruction, and Disarmament*. Matray is currently working on a book about the Battles of Pork Chop Hill. His presentation at the conference will focus on the hill fighting that characterized the later phases of the war.

In addition to the keynote speaker, Dr. Roger Pauly from the University of Central Arkansas provided a general overview of the war and its historical context. He was followed by Steve Rucker, Director of the Arkansas National



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