

Trinity's Veterans' Group to Host Local Author on May 8

Join the Veterans' Group on Sunday, May 8, at 10:15 a.m. to welcome Sacramento author Arthur Haarmeyer, who will speak about his experiences during the Korean War.

Which USAF aircraft was used to fly the first stealth bombing mission, and when and where did it happen? If you answered "the Douglas B26 Invader over North Korea (1950–1953)," then you are right!

In his memoir, *Into the Land of Darkness*, Arthur Haarmeyer profiles this remarkable aircraft and describes how it functioned in Korea, especially during the crucial months near the end of the war when he was serving as bombardier-navigator and assistant administrative officer for the 95th Bomb Squadron at K9 Air Force Base in Pusan, South Korea.

Although Haarmeyer left the Air Force upon completion of his three-year contract of military service, the recurring and troubling memories of Korea never left him. Hence, the start of this manuscript fifty years after the restoration of freedom to the people of the Republic of Korea. Just as telling these stories was therapeutic for the author, so reading them will be healing for any reader who is a veteran of that or any war, as well as their family members and friends. The book also provides a valuable perspective on the United Nations Command's tactical approach to Korea, namely, the aerial interdiction of North Korean troops and materiel, and so it will be of interest to students of the war, as well as military personnel and historians.

From Foreword Reviews: "Haarmeyer's tales are startlingly vivid, precise in the smallest detail. He writes thoughtfully and clearly, expertly explaining the technical aspects of his wartime occupation, yet also managing to convey an emotional sense of what it must have been like to experience what he faced. His book is a must-read for anyone who served in the Korean War, and is also compelling reading for veterans of any other military conflict, and for those interested in military history and the American war experience."

Come to Trinity on May 8 to join Mr. Haarmeyer and the Veterans Group in a discussion not only of the Korean War but of how the writing process can bring healing to those touched by war.