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Reassessing Ike: Dwight D. Eisenhower and the Korean War

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Abstract: Reaching an armistice agreement in the Korean War was no easy process. Months and months of acrimonious debate mixed with bloody, costly fights near the 38th parallel. Frustration over the armistice process animated the 1952 presidential campaign culminating in then-candidate Dwight D. Eisenhower's iconic pledge to go to Korea. Over the first months of Eisenhower's administration, North Korean, Chinese, and United Nations Command forces found an armistice. This talk will analyze the last months of the armistice negotiations and how Eisenhower's experience during this early part of his presidency shaped his defense policy. Lessons learned during this critical moment in the Korean War and Korean history shaped the 1950s, 1960s, and beyond.

Bio: Zachary M. Matusheski is the Defense Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Accounting Agency Post-Doctoral Historian in Residence in the Ohio State University History Department. His academic research centers on the ways that the Korean War and other Cold War era conflicts in East Asia shaped American military, political, and cultural history. His current book project examines Dwight D. Eisenhower's first term. It focuses on how the President's perceptions of East Asia shaped his foreign policy reforms. A part of the dissertation this project springs from won the 2012 Best Unpublished Essay in Cold War History Prize from Virginia Military Institute's John Adams '71 Center for Military History and Strategic Analysis.

Matusheski earned his PhD in history from Brandeis University in 2015. He earned his undergraduate degree from Rutgers University.

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