

STEPHEN TAAFFE WINS 2016 LUKASZEWICZ BOOK AWARD

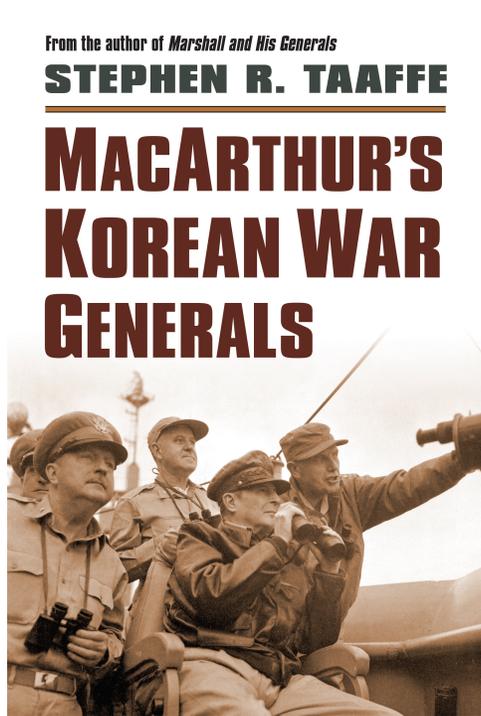
The U.S. Military History Group is pleased to announce *MacArthur's Korean War Generals* by Stephen R. Taaffe as the winner of the 2016 *Captain Richard Lukaszewicz Memorial Book Award*.

A committee of award-winning historians selected *MacArthur's Korean War Generals* to receive the 2016 *Lukaszewicz Award*, which recognizes the outstanding book published between January 2015 and June 2016, covers any topic in U.S. Military History from 1945 to 2001.

Steve R. Taaffe is a professor at Stephen F. Austin University. He is the author of six books on topics including the American Revolution, the Civil War, World War II, and most recently the Korean War. Taaffe has received the Dallas Civil War Round Table's *Grady McWhiney Award* for contributions in Civil War history, as well as the Army Historical Foundation's *Distinguished Award* for U.S. military history writing in both the pre- and post- 1898 eras. Taaffe earned his undergraduate degree from Grove City College and his graduate degrees from Ohio University.

MacArthur's Korean War Generals was published in 2016 in the "Modern War Studies" series by the University Press of Kansas.

Praise from the selection committee members:



"Historian Stephen R. Taaffe assesses the leadership, decision making, and relationships of General Douglas MacArthur and his US Eighth Army commanders down to division level during the crucial first year of the Korean War. Almost all of those commanders were seasoned veterans of World War II, but surprisingly some performed unevenly in the Korean War in part because of the condition of their units as they entered battle understrength, poorly equipped, and inexperienced. Taaffe is critical not only of MacArthur's leadership style, often manipulating his subordinates and pitting them against each other, but also of his decision making, the famous Inchon landing excepted. Well written and researched, *MacArthur's Korean War Generals* is a must read for students of the war or leadership." – Peter Kindsvatter

"*MacArthur's Korean War Generals* is a foundational work, the best study of the Army's senior leadership during the initial phase of the Korean War. Taaffe assesses the strengths and weaknesses of officers who held divisional and higher command. His primary source research is broad and impressive. More than anything, he provides substantial insight into the awesome challenges of senior level military leadership during a time of deep crisis." – John C. McManus

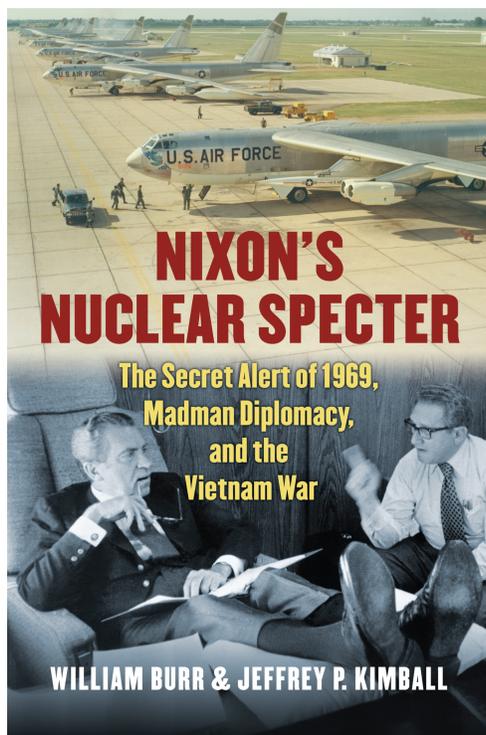
William Burr and Jeffrey P. Kimball receive Honorable Mention

The members of the award selection committee agreed that a second book stood out from among the remaining submissions and thus merits an “Honorable Mention” for the 2016 *Captain Richard Lukaszewicz Memorial Book Award*.

The committee chose *Nixon's Nuclear Specter: The Secret Alert of 1969, Madman Diplomacy, and the Vietnam War* by William Burr and Jeffrey P. Kimball to receive the “Honorable Mention.” The book was published by the University Press of Kansas in 2015.

William Burr is senior analyst at the National Security Archive, George Washington University. Together with Henry Kissinger, Burr also co-edited *The Kissinger Transcripts: The Top-Secret Talks With Beijing and Moscow* (2000).

Jeffrey P. Kimball is professor emeritus at Miami University in Ohio. He is also the author of *The Vietnam War Files* (2004) and *Nixon's Vietnam War* (1998).



Praise from the selection committee members:

“Security analyst William Burr and historian Jeffery P. Kimball examine the use of military force and coercive diplomacy by President Richard Nixon and his Secretary of State Henry Kissinger during 1969 in an effort to reach a negotiated peace ‘with honor’ to end the Vietnam War. This goal became a near obsession, with virtually every action taken by Nixon weighed against its potential impact on China, the Soviet Union, and North Vietnam, going so far as initiating a global nuclear alert intended to coerce the Soviets into pressuring Hanoi to come to terms. Extensively researched and making use of newly declassified material, *Nixon's Nuclear Specter* sheds new light on the Nixon administration and its efforts to extract the United States from its Vietnam quagmire.” – Peter Kindsvatter

“Though Vietnam War historians are generally familiar with the broad sketches of Nixon’s ‘Madman

Diplomacy’ in Vietnam, this book sheds new light on the president’s specific plans, up to and including the threat of nuclear escalation. Burr and Kimball have an exceptional feel for Nixon’s decision-making tendencies and the president’s interplay with Henry Kissinger, an alter ego of sorts. This volume is essential reading for anyone who hopes to understand American military and diplomatic policy during the second half of the Vietnam War.” – John C. McManus