Korea Society to Visit UM, Host Events Exploring Korea and Legacy of Mansfield

MISSOULA – The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center will host The Korea Society Monday through Wednesday, April 28-30, for dialogue on past and present Korea, and the life and legacy of former U.S. Sen. Mike Mansfield. All events are free and open to the public.

The schedule of events is:

**Monday, 12:10-1 p.m.**: “Memories of the Korean War: Stories and Artifacts,” an exhibition of items that convey the service and sacrifice of Korean War veterans, presented by The Korea Society Senior Vice President Stephen Noerper; Mansfield Center Conference Room.

**Tuesday, 7 p.m.**: “Korea and Northeast Asia: Challenges and Opportunities,” a discussion of Korea’s current status, presented by former Ambassador to South Korea Thomas Hubbard, former Ambassador to Mongolia and current The Korea Society President Mark Minton, UM Mansfield Director Abraham Kim, and Stephen Noerper; Turner Hall Dell Brown Room.

**Wednesday, 7 p.m.**: “Life and Legacy of Mike Mansfield,” a discussion featuring Hubbard and Minton, who worked for Mansfield when he served as ambassador to Japan; former Congressman Pat Williams, who helped Mansfield forge legislation in Washington, D.C.; and founding director of the Mansfield Center UM Professor Emeritus Paul Lauren; Turner Hall Dell Brown Room. The discussion will be followed by a light reception.

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Artifacts and stories shared on April 28 are from The Korea Society’s collection of more than 9,000 objects from the Korean War that convey the everyday experiences of those who served in Korea. These items are part of a temporary display in the Mansfield Library on loan from The Korea Society.

The April 29 discussion will turn an eye toward Korea’s growth in regional and global leadership; current concerns by way of North Korea; China and Japan; opportunities for collaboration between the U.S. and Korea on global problems; and challenges ahead as Korea expands and as unification remains a Cold War challenge.

The Mansfield Center at UM promotes better understanding of Asia, U.S. relations with Asia and ethics in public affairs in the spirit of Mansfield and his wife, Maureen. The center houses programs that focus on peoples and cultures of modern Asia and ethics in public affairs, the core interests and hallmarks of Mansfield’s career. For more information, visit www.umt.edu/mansfield.

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