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Endowed chairs represent 41 percent of the investment in the Mershon Center for International Security Studies. These funds support the recruitment and retention of distinguished faculty members who spearhead important research and educate the next generation on issues related to national security in a global context.

The Mershon Center currently supports three endowed chairs:

- [Gen. Raymond E. Mason Jr. Chair in Military History](#)
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The Mershon Center is happy to accept gifts to support any of its endowed chairs. These gifts represent a living legacy for donors. All funds become part of the Mershon Center's overall endowment, which allows us to preserve these gifts in perpetuity by investing the principal and using only the investment income to support our endowed chairs.

Because it ensures an endless source of support for the Mershon Center, the growth of the endowment for these three chairs is an ongoing fund-raising priority. These funds enhance our ability to recruit and retain world-class faculty members, and nurture the career development of faculty members who are appointed to these prestigious positions.

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Gen. Raymond E. Mason Jr. Chair in Military History



Major General
Raymond E. Mason Jr.

A native of Columbus, Major General Raymond E. Mason Jr. (ret.) graduated from The Ohio State University in 1941. He served in the European Theater of Operations during World War II, in the Fourth Armored Division of General George S. Patton's Third Army. He was a member of the active reserves for 35 years.

Gen. Mason is a graduate of the USA Command and General Staff College and attended the U.S. Army War College. Prior to retiring from the military in 1976, he held several high-ranking Pentagon positions, including Assistant Deputy Chief for Operations and Special Assistant to Deputy Chief of Logistics.

In 1949, Gen. Mason purchased Columbus Truck and Equipment Company and began a distinguished career in the transportation industry. Time magazine named him Truck Dealer of the Year in 1972, and he has received two awards from Mack Trucks.

In 2006, Gen. Mason gave funds to convert the endowed professorship in military history named after him to an endowed chair. The Mershon Center and the Department of History are proud to announce that [Col. Peter R. Mansoor](#) will be the new Mason Chair in Military History starting Fall 2008.

Mansoor, currently executive officer to Gen. David Petraeus in Iraq, was one of the major authors of the report on the situation in Iraq, delivered by Petraeus to Congress on Sept. 10-11, 2007. He also served on the Council of Colonels that assisted the Joint Chiefs of Staff in reassessing Iraq War strategy and devising the surge strategy currently being employed. Mansoor is also the founding director of the U.S. Army/Marine Corps Counterinsurgency Center at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

Mansoor is author of *The GI Offensive in Europe: The Triumph of American Infantry Divisions, 1941-45* (University Press of Kansas,

1999), which won the Society for Military History Distinguished Book Award and the Army Historical Foundation Distinguished Book Award. He has also recently completed *Baghdad at Sunrise: A Brigade Commander's War in Iraq*, to be published by Yale University Press in Fall 2008. Mansoor received a Ph.D. in Military History from The Ohio State University in 1995.

The previous holder of the Mason Chair was [Allan R. Millett](#), now Stephen B. Ambrose Professor of Military History and director of the Eisenhower Center for American Studies at the University of New Orleans.

To donate additional funds to the Raymond E. Mason Jr. Chair in Military History, please visit its page in [University Development](#).

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Wayne Woodrow Hayes Chair in National Security Studies

Ohio State's beloved football coach Woodrow "Woody" Hayes was not only a fierce competitor on the field, but was also an active and astute observer of military history and national security. He was interested in both athletics and academics, a combination that enhances the legacy he has left Ohio State.



Wayne Woodrow
"Woody" Hayes

As a veteran of World War II, Coach Hayes had a strong interest in military strategy. Among other things, he hosted a local television program that discussed national security in a historical perspective and guest lectured on the topic at colleges and universities around the United States, including Harvard University.

After his death, the university community proposed making an academic tribute to Coach Hayes. Honoring his commitment to the academic fields he was interested in was "beyond his wildest dreams," said his widow, Anne Hayes.

Through the efforts of Coach Hayes' widow, Anne; his son, Judge Steven B. Hayes; his many friends and admirers; and the university community, the campaign to fund the Wayne Woodrow Hayes Chair in National Security Studies was completed in 2001.

The income from this endowment provides funds for the Mershon Center to be home to a high-profile, tenured professor who conducts research and educates a new generation in the issues of national security studies. The current holder of the chair is [John Mueller](#).

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The Chair in Peace Studies will enable The Ohio State University to pursue in-depth studies of nonviolent resolutions to conflict as well as other peace-related issues. Ohio State is now in the process of identifying candidates for this endowed position.

The Chair in Peace Studies, an initiative of the Ohio Council of Churches, was established with \$1.25 million in gifts to the university from Erie and Orlyss Sauder and Sauder Woodworking Co. of Archbold; the Southern Ohio Episcopal Diocese Procter Fund; congregations of Church of the Brethren, Mennonite and Friends; and OSU faculty, staff and numerous friends.

A national multi-disciplinary search is under way for a senior faculty member who will join the university's Mershon Center as chairholder.

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