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Graduate Writing Coach Dr. Cheryldee Huddleston leads a film discussion series titled "My Glory Never Dies: The Military in Literature, Film and Onstage" in Glasgow Hall, July 29. Also participating in the presentation was logistics management student U.S. Marine Corps Maj. Matthew Phelps, who offered his own perspective on the characters of the film "The Best Years of Our Lives," comparing them to his grandfather's service in World War II.

"My grandfather was a pilot on B-17s and until watching this movie this morning I had never seen 17s in flight," said Phelps. "I feel like when I see Fred Derry's character, I imagine my grandfather and I see him through my understanding of my grandfather, and what he dealt with coming home."

Huddleston has a Ph.D. in theater and has been a writing coach in the Graduate Writing Center at NPS for two years. She believes that this series has several benefits to an NPS student's education.

"I have been excited and honored to facilitate amazing discussions based on prose, film and theatre selections that explore how the arts have influenced the stories of the military in Western culture," said Huddleston. "I wanted to use my arts background to help the student body, and anybody else who was interested, to look at the critical thinking process from a different point of view."

The series continues with films and discussions on Vietnam, Aug. 5, and on Iraq and Afghanistan, Aug. 12. Attendees with NPS e-mail accounts may sign up using WCOOnline <https://my.nps.edu/web/gwc/my-glory-never-dies>, or email writingcenter@nps.edu.