

Dear Friends and Supporters of The Cold War Museum

This Museum update will be sent in lieu of the May 1 issue of the Cold War Times. If this email was sent to you in error, please reply with REMOVE in the subject line and we will remove your name from our email database. If you know of anyone who would like to be added to our email list, send an email to gpowersjr@coldwar.org.

Our May 16 Golf Tournament will take place at Piedmont County Club in Haymarket, Virginia. We would like to acknowledge Dominion Power for their support of our tournament as a Silver Sponsor. The cost is \$600 per foursome and \$150 per player. If you live in the Washington DC area and would like to participate our sponsor a tee in the golf outing, please visit www.coldwar.org/museum/charity_golf.html for additional information.

I am pleased to report the following progress of The Cold War Museum:

German Affiliations

Between April 1 and April 15, 2005, I had the pleasure of lecturing at various Cold War museums, libraries, and organizations throughout Germany. I am extremely thankful to the US Embassy in Berlin and the US Consulate in Leipzig for their support of my trip and our efforts to preserve Cold War history and honor Cold War Veterans. I am also very thankful to Baerbel Simon, our European Liaison, for all of her assistance to make this trip possible. In addition, I would like to thank Werner Juretzko, our European Liaison, and Baerbel Simon, our Germany Liaison, who have been instrumental in our advancements over the last few years.

During my travel, I was able to visit, make presentations, and/or establish contacts with: The Boarded Museum, The Kossa Bunker Museum, The Dresden Military Museum, The JFK High School, The Victims of Stalin Library, The Checkpoint Charlie Museum, The Berlin Wall Archives, The Marienfelde Refugee Center Museum, and The Allied Museum.

I was extremely honored to lay a wreath with the President of the Check Point Charlie Museum, Mrs. Alexandra Hidebrandt, at the Checkpoint Charlie Memorial in honor of the 1067 people who lost their lives while trying to cross the boarded from East to West Germany during the Cold War. (Her late husband, Mr. Rainer Hildebrandt, founded The Check Point Charlie Museum in 1962 and is a true inspiration to my efforts to establish The Cold War Museum.)

I also had the pleasure of participating in a panel discussion with Mr. Laszlo Nagy, who was one of the organizers of the Pan-European Picnic that took place at the Hungarian/Austrian Boarded on September 11, 1989. This event was a precursor to the Fall of the Berlin Wall on November 9, 1989. As a result of my trip, I secured numerous pledges of support and brought back a variety of Cold War artifacts and related books for the Museum's collection.

Lorton Nike Site:

In March 2005 our Phase I proposal to locate at the Lorton Nike site in Northern Virginia was accepted by the Fairfax County Park Authority. We are now in the process of negotiating the terms of the agreement and are on schedule to occupy the facility in 2006. According to our feasibility study produced by George Mason University Professor, Steven Fuller, we expect over 300,000 visitors by 2011 when the Museum is fully functional.

Sponsors Needed for a Cuban Missile Crisis Display

The Cold War Museum is in the process of acquiring an exhibit on the Cuban Missile Crisis of October 1962. I would like to thank National Van Lines for agreeing to ship the exhibit to Fairfax, Virginia as an "In Kind" donation to the Museum. However, we are in need of additional financial support to offset the costs associated with this exhibit. We are looking for a donor to

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assist with this acquisition. The exhibit will be stored near the Lorton Nike site.

Mobile U-2 Incident Exhibit

Our mobile exhibit on the U-2 Incident of May 1, 1960 will be on display at the Wings Over the Rockies Museum (www.wingsmuseum.org) in Denver, Colorado through November 2005. The ribbon cutting for the exhibit took place on May 1, 2005, the 45th anniversary of the U-2 Incident. Among the guests that attended were U-2 pilot John Shin, who was the back up pilot for the May 1 mission, and General Pat Halloran, who not only flew the U-2 but also the SR-71.

Spies of Washington Tour

Our next educational Spy Tour will take place on Saturday May 28, 2005 and will include an optional stop at the International Spy Museum. Tickets are \$45 per person. Private and group tours can be scheduled with advanced notice. Visit www.spytour.com for additional dates and more information.

Grants

The Cold War Museum is in line to receive a \$125,000 grant from the State of Virginia this year. We have also submitted a Community Improvement Project grant application to Fairfax County and expect to hear if our application is accepted within the next few months. Congressman Tom Davis is working with us to secure a Federal appropriation for the Museum during the next cycle. If you would like to make a grant or know of grant making institution in the preservation of Cold War history, please let us know.

Combined Federal Campaign (CFC)

Our 2005 CFC application has been approved. Please let your friends and associates who are Federal employees or US Military personnel know that they can donate to the Cold War Museum through payroll deduction during the 2005 CFC Campaign. Our CFC# is 7475. More information on how to make a donation through the CFC to the Cold War Museum is available on line at www.cfcna.org/giving/search/index.php.

Cold War Museum Webpage

We are deep gratitude to CTM Design of Ventura, California for their assistance with our URL, www.coldwar.org, and online gift store, www.coldwar.org/museum/gift_store/index.html. Over the past few years CTM Design has helped improve the site's navigation, online displays, and web based functions. If you would like to learn more about CTM Design and their webpage, e-commerce, and online capabilities, please visit www.ctm-design.com.

Fairfax County Public Schools Partnership (FCPS)

Earlier this year a partnership agreement was signed with FCPS to explore educational grant opportunities. The Cold War Museum looks forward to working with FCPS to educate students on the Cold War and to utilize students for internships, projects, and volunteer duties at the Museum. We are in the initial planning stages to co-host an educational conference in the Spring of 2006 with FCPS on the Cold War.

Museum Chapter Update

In April the Midwest Chapter hosted an evening panel discussion, "When Empires Clash: A Cold War Discourse" with Sergei Khrushchev and Gary Powers, Jr. at Carroll College in Waukesha, Wisconsin. The event was attended by over two-hundred guests and the panel also included Rear Admiral Ronald Kurth, (ret.), a distinguished 36-year US Navy veteran who served two separate stints as both Defense and Naval attaché at the American Embassy in Moscow. The Midwest Chapter continues to make significant advancements in securing a former Nike Radar site to use for displays and exhibit on the Midwest during the Cold War.

Please consider making a donation to the Cold War Museum's general fund. Now

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is the time that we need your financial support. Your gift will help us plan for the new year and the new physical location. Tax-deductible contributions and artifact donations to the Museum will ensure that future generations will remember Cold War events and personalities that forever altered our understanding of national security, international relations, and personal sacrifice for one's country. Please help spread the word about the Museum. Together we can make this vision a reality. If you should have any questions, want additional information, or would like to be added to our Cold War Times email newsletter distribution list, please contact:

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PS My father's book, "Operation Overflight," which has just been republished after 30 years out of print is now available for \$24.95 + \$5.00 shipping and handling in the US. Send an email to gpowersjr@coldwar.org and I will be glad to mail off an inscribed copy for your library or for a person on your gift list. Thank you for your continued support.