

The Cold War Museum Summer/Fall Update 2006

Over the past ten years, the Cold War Museum has made great strides in honoring Cold War Veterans and preserving Cold War history. However, the work has just begun and we need to continue our fundraising efforts in order to build the Cold War Museum and Memorial. I am writing to provide you with a brief update on the Museum's activities and to ask that you consider making a year-end tax-deductible donation to the Cold War Museum. Recently, the Commonwealth of Virginia allocated a \$100,000 matching grant for the Cold War Museum. We need your financial help now in order to receive the full grant award. If you know of friends or family that would like to assist, please let them know that we welcome their support.

We are at a critical stage of our development. Fairfax County Park Authority is reviewing our second phase proposal to locate at the former Nike Missile Base in Lorton, Virginia and negotiations are underway to occupy the site by the end of the year. The Cold War Museum is an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution. As a result, it has pledges of support for artifact loans from Smithsonian Air and Space, American History, National Portrait, and US Postal Museums. The Museum is working with the International Spy Museum in Washington, DC to temporarily display some of its artifacts.

The mobile exhibit on the U-2 Incident, the "Spies of Washington Tour," and book signing lectures continue to generate interest and support. The mobile exhibit is currently on display at the Southwest Virginia Museum in Big Stone Gap, Virginia through October 10, 2006. If you would like to reserve the exhibit, please contact the Museum. The educational "Spies of Washington Tour" (www.spytour.com) now includes an optional stop at the International Spy Museum in Washington, DC. For future dates or to book a private Spy Tour please visit www.spytour.com.

October 14, 2006 we are planning a conference to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the 1956 Hungarian and Polish Crises. Sergei Khrushchev, the son of Nikita Khrushchev, David Eisenhower, grandson of President Eisenhower, Mr. Laszlo Rajk, the son of an executed Communist leader of Hungary, and a representative from Poland will be participating. In addition, there will be book signings and breakout sessions with Nike Missile veterans and retired Cold War veterans. The coordinating committee includes Fairfax County Economic Development Authority, Lorton's South County Secondary School., and the Hungarian Technology Center. EnviroSolutions, Inc, Marriott Hotels, and K. Hovnanian® Homes are event sponsors. Additional sponsorships are needed to help underwrite airfare for the international participants, the oral history segment, and the lunch break for the students. If you would like to become a sponsor of the event, please email me at gpowersjr@coldwar.org.

I am pleased to announce that Fairfax County Board of Supervisor Chairman, Gerald Connolly, Prince William County Board of Supervisor Chairman, Sean Connaughton, and Gordon Lunn from the Nike Historical Society have agreed to serve on the Museum's Advisory Board. They will join former Secretary of the USAF, Tom Reed; Sergei Khrushchev; Congressman Tom Davis; Joe Lentini, USS Liberty Survivor on the Museum's Advisory Board. The museum continues its involvement with the Combined Federal Campaign, which allows Federal and military employees to donate to the Museum directly through payroll deduction.

If you know of friends or family members that would be interested in our efforts, please share this update with them or encourage them to visit www.coldwar.org. 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 subscribe to our Cold War Times email newsletter distribution list, please contact:

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