

Dear Friends and Supporters of The Cold War Museum,

We are pleased with our advancements and look forward to locating at the Lorton Nike Missile Base upon approval from Fairfax County Park Authority later this year. Our site feasibility study, which was recently completed by George Mason University Professor Steven Fuller, indicates that The Cold War Museum located at the Lorton Nike site would draw over 300,000 visitors per year. I would like to thank Delegate Vince Callahan for submitting a 2004 Bill to support the Cold War Museum through a Nonstate Agency Grant. If you live in Virginia, call your legislators and let them know they should support the Cold War Museum.

It saddens me to inform you of the passing of two of our supporters, Earl E. Myers and Commander Lloyd "Pete" Bucher. Earl was involved with the early RB-29 overhead and related reconnaissance programs and Commander Bucher was in charge of the USS Pueblo when captured by North Korea in 1968. Earl helped promote The Cold War Museum to a variety of Cold War veterans. Commander Bucher donated several items associated with the USS Pueblo Incident to the Museum, which we will proudly display in the near future. If you wish to become acquainted with Earl Myers life story, go to www.rb-29.net/HTML/biomaster/bioeemyers/00.25eemyerscvr.htm. For more information on Commander Bucher visit www.usspueblo.org and www.coldwar.org/articles/60s/pueblo.html.

I am please to announce that Scott L'Ecuyer has agreed to be our Cold War Times editor. If you would like to submit an article for a future issue, Scott can be reached at STLECUYER@prodigy.net. We are always looking for stories and articles about Cold War events and activities.

Below is an update from our Midwest Chapter followed by an update on The Cold War Museum. Please consider making a donation to the Cold War Museum's general fund. 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. Thank you for your continued support. If you should have any questions or want additional information, please contact:

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Midwest Chapter Update 2004

In November 2003 Executive Director Werner Juretzko represented the Midwest Chapter in Washington, DC where he attended a reception at the Bulgarian Embassy commemorating the Revolutions of 1989 and the end of the Cold War. This annual event was co-sponsored by the Ambassadors to the United States from the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania and Slovakia. We are grateful for the support CWM is offered by these former USSR satellite countries. Werner also visited Arlington National Cemetery to pay tribute to John F. Kennedy as well as the gravesite of Francis Gary Powers. Also during November Werner Juretzko attended the Dinner meeting of the Military Officers Association of America- North Shore and Chicago Chapter. Werner gave a presentation on the subject of "Espionage- a weapon during the Cold War", speaking about undercover operations as a West German and US intelligence operative during the 1950s. For his talk the Association donated \$100.00 to the chapter.

Cell Door Presentation

The Stasi prison cell door is now on exhibit at the Milwaukee County War Memorial Center, situated on the beautiful lakeshore of Milwaukee, WI. A presentation is scheduled for Friday March 12, 2004 at 5pm at the center. We will feature two former Stasi prisoners, John Van Altena of Milton, WI and Executive Director Werner Juretzko of Mt. Prospect, IL. John was sentenced after attempting to smuggle a family out of East Berlin in his car in 1962, serving one and one-half years before being released. Werner was a western intelligence operative who served time from 1955- 1961. In addition, Francis Gary Powers, Jr. will be on hand to give an update on The Cold War Museum and sell copies of Operation Overflight, which was recently republished about his father's shoot down over the Soviet Union on May 1, 1960. There is no cost to attend. Please drop me a line if you are interested in attending, however.

2004 Roundup of Officers

Terry Klimek, of nearby Mukwanago, WI will act as the Secretary/ Treasurer for the Midwest Chapter in 2004. Terry is a Wisconsin National Guard veteran of the Waukesha Nike installation, serving as a radar technician at two area Nike missile sites in the late 1960's. The Midwest Chapter will also have at least five board members to conduct the business of the chapter. The full Board of Directors will be announced in the next issue.

Intern Joins the Midwest Chapter

We are pleased to have the services of Frank Adams, a senior history major from Carroll College in Waukesha, for the next couple of months. Carroll College has been a big supporter of CWM and we are grateful for the help Frank will offer us for the spring semester. He will be assisting predominately with research- oriented projects for the time being.

Veteran's History Project

The Cold War Veteran's Association has been named an official partner in the Veteran's History Project, a program undertaken by the Library of Congress to record histories of America's veterans. The Midwest Chapter has been assisting CWVA in this endeavor by soliciting oral

histories from Cold War Veterans. Anyone with service from September 1945- December 1991 is encouraged to participate. Please contact Chris Sturdevant at csturdev@hotmail.com to take part in this extraordinary project.

Hillcrest Park Update

The City of Waukesha has accepted bids to survey the land of this former Nike radar base. The process will involve a site feasibility study for the city to determine what would be best suitable on this historic piece of property. The idea of a Cold War Museum has been warmly received by several city officials and our concept will be kept in mind while the process is completed.

Cold War Museum Update 2004

Over the past eight 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 prepare for use of the Lorton Nike Missile Base. 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's general fund. A donation to our general fund will allow us to develop architectural plans, conduct a site feasibility study, and prepare for our national fundraising campaign. If you know of any family members, friends, or colleagues that would like to assist with our efforts, please let them know that their support is welcomed.

We are at a critical stage of our development. In January 2004, the Cold War Museum renewed its affiliation with the Smithsonian Institution. As a result we have pledges of support for artifact loans from Smithsonian Air and Space, American History, National Portrait, and US Postal Museum. The Cold War Museum has submitted a proposal to Fairfax County Park Authority to locate at the former Nike Missile Base in Lorton, Virginia. We are working with the Fort Meade Museum and the Historical Electronics Museum in Maryland, the International Spy Museum in Washington, DC, and the Florida International Museum to temporarily display artifacts from our collection.

Annually, the Bulgaria, Estonian, Hungarian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Romanian, and Slovakian Embassies co-host a reception to promote the Museum to the International community in Washington, DC. The 2001 reception to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of the end of the Cold War was held at the Embassy of Slovakia. The 2002 reception was held at the Romanian Embassy. The 2003 event was held at the Embassy of Bulgaria on November 14, 2003. The Museum has acquired many important Eastern Bloc artifacts, including an East German admiral's uniform, a Checkpoint Charlie sign, a Stasi prison door and bed, and a piece of the "Iron Curtin" as a result of these receptions.

The mobile exhibit on the U-2 Incident, the "Spies of Washington Tour," and our book signing receptions continue to generate interest and support. The mobile exhibit returned from a one-year display at the Florida International Museum in St. Petersburg, Florida and then began a one-year display at the EAA Museum in Oshkosh, WI. The exhibit opened to the public at the National

Test Site Museum in Las Vegas, Nevada on October 2, 2003 where it will be displayed through June 2004. The educational "Spies of Washington Tour" (www.spytour.com) will start up again on March 27, 2004 and now includes an optional stop at the International Spy Museum in Washington, DC. Our latest book signing reception took place at the National Archives and featured author John Fahey who wrote, "Licensed to Spy" about his involvement with the United States Military Liaison Mission (USMLM).

As a result of our efforts, the Commonwealth of Virginia recently allocated a \$28,000 matching grant for the Cold War Museum. We are grateful to the Springfield VFW (Post 7327) who in response to our matching grant campaign donated \$20,000 to the Museum. In 2004 Verizon and Dominion Power both made \$5,000 donations to the museum. Our Congressman, the Honorable Tom M. Davis, III (11th Virginia), is working to assist the museum at the Federal level. Once again the museum is part of the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC#7475), which allows for Federal government and military employees to donate to the museum through payroll deduction.

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