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Son of Cold War captive to speak to Governor Mifflin students

Who: Francis Gary Powers, Jr., Founder and Chairman Emeritus of The Cold War Museum

What: When Steven Spielberg needed information for his recent Cold War thriller, "Bridge of Spies," he turned to Francis Gary Powers, Jr.. Mr. Powers consulted on the film that is based on the 1962 spy exchange involving Powers' father, U-2 pilot, Francis Gary Powers, Sr.. Now, Governor Mifflin students will have the unique opportunity to hear the Powers family story firsthand when Mr. Powers, Jr. speaks to history students.

Gary is the Founder and Chairman Emeritus of The Cold War Museum, a 501(c) (3) charity located at Vint Hill, VA, 45 minutes west of Washington, DC. He founded the museum in 1996 to honor Cold War veterans, preserve Cold War history, and educate future generations about this time period. As Chairman of the Presidential Advisory Committee for the Cold War Theme Study he works with the National Park Service and leading Cold War experts to identify historic Cold War sites for commemorating, interpreting, and preservation. Because of his efforts to establish The Cold War Museum, the Junior Chamber of Commerce selected him as one of the "Ten Outstanding Young Americans" for 2002. Mr. Powers is also the Acting President for the Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce in Fairfax County, Virginia. He lectures internationally and appears regularly on the History, Discovery, and A&E Channels.

When: Monday, March 21, 2016, 8:30 a.m.

Where: Governor Mifflin High School
10. S. Waverly Street, Shillington, PA

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