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Cold War submarine intelligence is topic of March 20 Mariners' Museum lecture

NEWPORT NEWS, Va. – With the Ukrainian crisis bringing U.S.-Russian relations to the forefront, military analyst Norman Polmar speaks Thursday at The Mariners' Museum on Cold War intelligence where submarines were concerned. Specifically, Polmar reveals that much of what the U.S. believed it knew about Soviet submarines was false.

To the surprise of Western intelligence, it was discovered that Soviet submarines could travel faster and dive deeper than their Western counterparts. They could also carry more tonnage in weapons, and had reached the quieting levels of Western submarines.

Thursday, March 20 at 7 p.m., as part of The Mariners' Museum's free lecture series, Polmar presents a talk entitled: *Surprise: U.S. and Western Intelligence & Warning Failures During the Cold War – Especially in the Submarine World.*

Polmar has been a consultant to senior officials in the U.S. Navy, Department of Defense and the director of the Los Alamos National Laboratory and to several U.S. senators. He has written or co-authored more than 50 books, and appears regularly on cable news television programs.

The Polmar lecture is free, due to the generosity of sponsors including Tom & Nancy Clark, The Newport News Arts Commission, PNC Bank, the Peninsula Community Foundation of Virginia and the Tom & Ann Hunnicutt Lecture Fund. Lectures are held in the Main Lobby. Members may reserve seats online at MarinersMuseum.org/lectures, or by calling (757) 591-7715.

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