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Alert Today, Alive Tomorrow
The Impact of Civil Defense during the Cold War

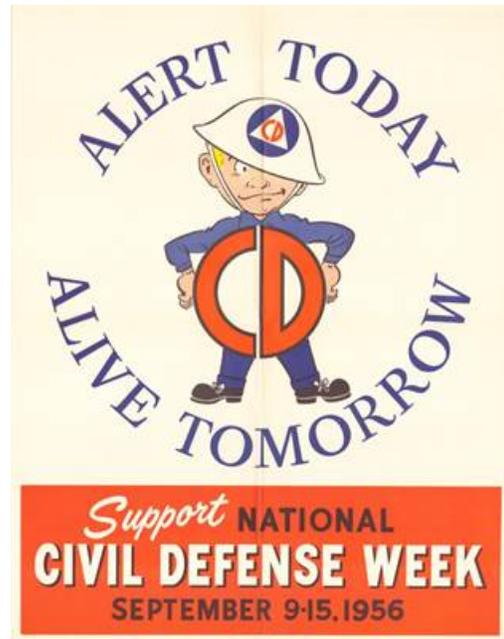
Pickens County, SC –January 3, 2018 The Pickens County Museum of Art & History is proud to present our newest exhibit, *Alert Today, Alive Tomorrow*. In this exhibit, we explore the impact of Civil Defense efforts during the Cold War period. **An opening reception is planned for Saturday, January 13, 2018 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

The *Alert Today, Alive Tomorrow* exhibit will showcase a collection of artifacts which help tell the story of Civil Defense in both Pickens County and the United States as a whole. During the Cold War era, nuclear warfare was always a perceived threat. The creation of Civil Defense helped boost the morale of communities all across the nation during those uncertain times.

Former Pickens County Civil Defense Director, Don Evett, said, “Local citizens stepped up to volunteer and take responsibility for the protection of not only their families but also their neighbors.” Although the Cold War came to an end in 1991, the legacy of Civil Defense lives on to this day. As a result of the efforts put forth by numerous volunteers during the Civil Defense days, Pickens County remains prepared to respond to all types of disasters.

Please join us Saturday, January 13, 2018 for the opening reception of *Alert Today, Alive Tomorrow*. Former Civil Defense Director, Don Evett, will give a presentation discussing his time serving as director and the impact Civil Defense had on Pickens County.

The Pickens County Museum of Art & History is located at 307 Johnson Street in Pickens and is open Tuesday through Friday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm with special events occurring on select Saturdays throughout the year. If you are interested in scheduling a group tour or have questions about the Museum, please call us at (864)898-5963. You can also visit our social media pages for additional county information.



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