

MEDAL OF HONOR PRESENTATIONS

Sponsored by the Mercer Memorial Day 500 Committee

Over 1000 students will attend one of three free and inspirational assemblies, hosted by two educational representatives from the Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation, prior to this Memorial Day. Mr. Cory Etchberger, son of Pennsylvania's most recent recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor, Chief Master Sergeant Richard "Dick" Etchberger, United States Air Force, has prepared a forty minute presentation that chronicles how the life of one person can have such an impact on so many other lives. The presentation is entitled "The Power of One." CMSgt Dick Etchberger's story documents how an ordinary person found himself in an extraordinary circumstance and how he helped to save the lives of three of his men at a top secret base in Laos during the Vietnam War in 1968.

Mr. Etchberger and his brother Richard have developed this powerful presentation and have spoken to student groups all over the country. The Mercer Memorial Day 500 Committee will be sponsoring these lectures on Tuesday, May 10th at Lakeview High School and Jamestown High School and again on Wednesday, May 11th at Mercer Area Junior Senior High School. These are multi-media presentations that are appropriate for students in junior and senior high school.

On May 10th, the Mercer Memorial Day Committee is also sponsoring an evening presentation that is free and open to the public at the Knights of Columbus Hall, located at 140 Franklin St, Mercer, PA 16137. The doors open to the public at 6:45 pm and the 45 minute program begins at 7:00 pm. Please visit the following websites to view more about this presentation: <http://www.chiefetchbergerfoundation.org/request-a-visit.html> and/or <http://www.cmohedu.org/>. Accompanying Mr. Etchberger will be SMSgt. William Kuhar, US Air Force (Retired) and faculty member of the Congressional Medal of Honor Character Development Program.

Community residents are encouraged to learn more about the selfless actions of CMSgt. Etchberger on May 10th or meet Mr. Etchberger and SMSgt. Kuhar at the Military Expo Area of the Mercer Memorial Day 500 from 9:00 until 11:00 am located on North Diamond Street on Memorial Day 2016.