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**Nomination deadline nears for \$2,500 college scholarship and \$500 internship for recipient of the 2010 Marshall Youth Leadership Award presented by 40 et 8, Voiture 99**

Vancouver, WA—The Fort Vancouver National Trust has announced that February 11 at 5 p.m. is the deadline to nominate an outstanding Clark County high school student for the General George C. Marshall Youth Leadership Award presented by the 40 et 8, Voiture 99. Due to the generous sponsorship by the local veteran organization, the recipient's college scholarship has increased from \$1,000 to \$2,500.

Established in 2000, the award will be presented to an 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade high school age Clark County student who demonstrates leadership, takes a stand for the rights of others, serves as a role model, shows initiative and motivates others to become involved.

Nomination forms are available at the Fort Vancouver National Trust (General O.O. Howard House, 750 Anderson Street, Vancouver, WA 98661), online at [www.fortvan.org](http://www.fortvan.org) or by calling the Trust office (360- 992-1800). The recipient will be announced on March 5, and the public award ceremony is March 17 at the Marshall House. The ceremony will be televised on CVTV.

In November during the Marshall Public Leadership Award ceremony, representatives from the 40 et 8, Voiture 99, a local veterans organization, announced their intention to be title naming sponsor of the Marshall Youth Award program for the next three years. Paul Mason and Phil Ruhmshottel presented a check for \$50,000 to the Fort Vancouver National Trust. Through the operation of its Bingo parlor on 78<sup>th</sup> Street, the 40 et 8

supports many charitable organizations in the community. At their request, the recipient's college scholarship will be increased from \$1,000 to \$2,500 annually beginning in 2010 as part of the support 40 et 8 will provide to the Marshall Youth Award program and the Trust's other Celebrate Freedom programs.

Trust president Elson Strahan noted: "The 40 et 8 has been a strong supporter of our Celebrate Freedom programs for more than a decade. We appreciate both their generosity and their commitment to our programs that recognize George Marshall, honor our veterans and help us to sustain our community's patriotic programs."

Tom Hagley, Jr., co-chair of the Marshall Youth Leadership Award selection committee, said, "This award program highlights the many ways that Clark County students provide exemplary leadership and service to their schools and to their communities."

Benefits of the award include:

- \$2,500 college scholarship
- \$500 paid summer internship in the Trust's Celebrate Freedom office
- Opportunity to meet with local elected representatives
- Opportunity to participate in Celebrate Freedom events including Independence Day at Fort Vancouver, the Flag Day Ceremony and the Veterans Parade
- A biography of General George C. Marshall

Nomination Criteria:

- Clark County resident
- Enrolled in high school (or home schooled) at the 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade level
- Selection is based on the nominee's activities demonstrating the values General Marshall represented as one of America's leading citizens and soldiers

The 2009 Marshall Youth Leadership Award recipient Emma Sagor graduated from Camas High School last spring and currently attends Harvard University.

From 1936 to 1938 when General George C. Marshall lived in Vancouver, he was a Brigadier General and served as Commander of the 5th Infantry Brigade at Vancouver Barracks. During World War II he served as the Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army. He was Secretary of State after the war from 1947–1949. General Marshall was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for the Marshall Plan, which helped rebuild the post-war economies of Europe and the Pacific nations. This award was created to honor Marshall's legacy.

**About Celebrate Freedom:** The Fort Vancouver National Trust's Celebrate Freedom program is a series of festive and educational events that inspire all generations to strengthen the community values of leadership, public service, lifelong learning, vision and patriotism.

**About the 40 et 8:** The Forty & Eight is committed to charitable and patriotic aims. Our purpose is to uphold and defend the United States Constitution, to promote the well being of veterans and their widows and orphans, and to actively participate in selected charitable endeavors, which include programs that promote child welfare and nurses' training.

The titles and symbols of the Forty & Eight reflect its First World War origins. Americans were transported to the battle front on French trains within boxcars stenciled with a "40/8," denoting its capacity to hold either forty men or eight horses. This uncomfortable mode of transportation was familiar to all who fought in the trenches; a common small misery among American soldiers who thereafter found "40/8" a lighthearted symbol of the deeper service, sacrifice and unspoken horrors of war that bind all who have borne the battle.

The Forty & Eight was founded in 1920 by American veterans returning from France. Originally an arm of The American Legion, the Forty & Eight became an independent and separately incorporated veteran's organization in 1960. Membership is by invitation of honorably discharged veterans and honorably serving members of the United States Armed Forces.