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**Nominations Sought for 2010 Marshall Youth Leadership Award
presented by 40 et 8, Voiture 99;
New sponsor increases scholarship amount**

Vancouver, WA—The Marshall Youth Leadership Award selection committee, on behalf of the Fort Vancouver National Trust, is seeking nominations for the General George C. Marshall Youth Leadership Award presented by the 40 et 8, Voiture 99. Established in 2000, the award will be presented to an 11th or 12th 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 can be picked up at the Fort Vancouver National Trust's Celebrate Freedom office (General O.O. Howard House, 750 Anderson Street, Vancouver, WA 98661), downloaded from the Website (www.fortvan.org) or by calling the Trust office (360- 992-1800). The nomination submission deadline is 5 p.m. on February 11, 2010. The recipient will be announced on March 5. The public is invited to attend the March 24 award ceremony at the Marshall House, which will be televised on CVTV.

Last month 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 78th 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.

In accepting the contribution, 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 greatly appreciate both their generosity as well as 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 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:

- The candidate must live in Clark County
- The candidate must be enrolled in high school (or home schooled) at the 11th or 12th grade level
- Selection is based on the nominee's activities and projects 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.

Emma said, "This award is more than just an accolade, but a representation of the Trust's commitment to youth and Marshall's own tremendous ideals. The memories and experiences it offers have made a profound impact on my life."

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 Marshall 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.