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“Flag Day Ceremony Presented by Veolia Water” on Monday, June 14; New this year: Patriotic tie competition for the Mayors of Clark County

VANCOUVER, Wash.—(May 27, 2010) Fifth grade students from Marshall Elementary will have a dual role in the June 14th Flag Day Ceremony presented by Veolia Water. Dressed in Colonial costumes, the students will speak about the meaning of the flag from the perspective of Colonial-era citizens including Betsy Ross, blacksmiths and shoe makers. The students also will judge a patriotic necktie competition among Clark County’s mayors.

The Flag Day Ceremony includes the Annual National Pause for the Pledge, which will be led by two local men who have been accepted into our nation’s military academies. Michael Madrid, Prairie High School, will attend the Naval Academy and David Baker, Columbia River High School, will attend the Merchant Marine Academy. This ceremony is organized by the Fort Vancouver National Trust and held at the bandstand on the Parade Ground at the Fort Vancouver National Site.

WHAT: Flag Day Ceremony Presented by Veolia Water

WHO: Organized by Fort Vancouver National Trust’s Celebrate Freedom office

WHEN: Monday, June 14, 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

WHERE: Parade Ground bandstand, Fort Vancouver National Site across from the Grant House, 1101 Officers Row

WHY: To honor our nation’s flag and to join with communities across the nation to recite the Pledge of Allegiance simultaneously

FLAG DAY HISTORY: In 1949 President Harry S. Truman declared Flag Day a national holiday commemorating the nation’s flag as a symbol of the country, its history and ideals.

INFO: Fort Vancouver National Trust, 360-992-1800 or www.fortvan.org

DETAILS:

- Colors will be presented by the Prairie High School AFJROTC Color Guard, who will also perform with their rifle squad
- Music provided by the Columbia River Chorus of the Sweet Adelines International and vocal soloist Kyra Smith, Mountain View High School
- Remarks by 2009 Marshall Public Leadership Award recipient Phillip Haberthur, 2010 Marshall Youth Leadership Award recipient Lindsey Elhart and Melissa Sandvold, representing event sponsor Veolia Water
- Colonial Faire flag tributes by local fifth grade students from Marshall Elementary School

- Complimentary refreshments: pizza donated by Papa Murphy's Take N' Bake Pizza, snacks from Trader Joe's and Frito-Lay and water and coffee by the American Red Cross
- Master of Ceremonies: Scott Simon, KUPL radio morning show

About Celebrate Freedom: The Flag Day Ceremony is one of several free Celebrate Freedom programs organized by the Fort Vancouver National Trust. Celebrate Freedom is a series of educational programs and community events that inspire all generations to strengthen the community values of leadership, public service, patriotism, lifelong learning and vision.