

The Dodona Dispatch



Official Newsletter of the
THE GEORGE C. MARSHALL
INTERNATIONAL CENTER
Inspiring Leadership

New Exhibits, Awards, and More in Store for 2021

The George C. Marshall International Center has exciting news and projects for 2021. Although the pandemic has interrupted some of our 2020 programming, the Marshall Center has been working hard to present events and exhibits for the new year, including the annual Innovation Awards and an exhibit dedicated to Katherine Tupper Marshall.

The Marshall Center hosts the Innovation Awards as its largest fundraising event. The awards ceremony will be Friday, April 30, 2021, at the Army Navy Country Club in Arlington, VA. The Innovation Awards are an opportunity to network with a community of businesses and leaders. Next year's awards ceremony will feature keynote speaker Dr. Vinton G. Cerf. Hailed as the "Father of the Internet," he is the chief internet evangelist for Google.

The Marshall Center also

plans to unveil an exhibit dedicated to Katherine Marshall and her leadership next year. She was married to Marshall from 1930 until he died in 1959. The exhibit will showcase the story of Katherine's life and her journey that led to Dodona Manor. Before she met Marshall, she was a Hollins College graduate and a gifted



*Katherine Marshall as Ophelia
in Shakespeare's Hamlet.*

Shakespearean actress.

The museum will display objects from Katherine's belongings and her hat collection and present her life in four chapters: her Hollins College years, her thespian years, her marriage to Clifton Brown and finally, her marriage to and life with Marshall at Dodona Manor.

Stay tuned for more information on this exhibit. You can read more about Katherine Marshall's life in her memoir, *Together*, distributed by the Marshall Center and [available on our website](#).



Keeping Proactive During A Pandemic

Summer Projects and Accomplishments

The Marshall Center joined national efforts in March to mitigate the spread of the coronavirus by closing Dodona Manor to the public. We reopened in July and offer family tours by appointment. Although the pandemic has affected our routine, we have kept true to our mission to bring to life the timeless values of selfless service and unwavering integrity to develop visionary leaders worldwide.

This challenging time became an opportunity to become creative and make use of different media. We developed a video series titled "Now and Then at Dodona Manor" that features everything from General Marshall's relationship with General Pershing to what's in Dodona Manor's attic. We also worked with other area museums to coordinate online education presentations, including one with Morven Park's Museum. We made available online our virtualized tours of Dodona Manor presented by docent director Tom Bowers, and GCMIC historian Rachel Yarnell Thompson developed a video series on George Marshall's early life. These videos are available on our website.

We celebrated our nation's birth on July 4 with a presentation of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's Four Freedoms speech on the Dodona grounds. The Roosevelt speech was the inspiration for the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights. After the presentation, the grounds of Dodona Manor were open for the public to view posters of Norman Rockwell's



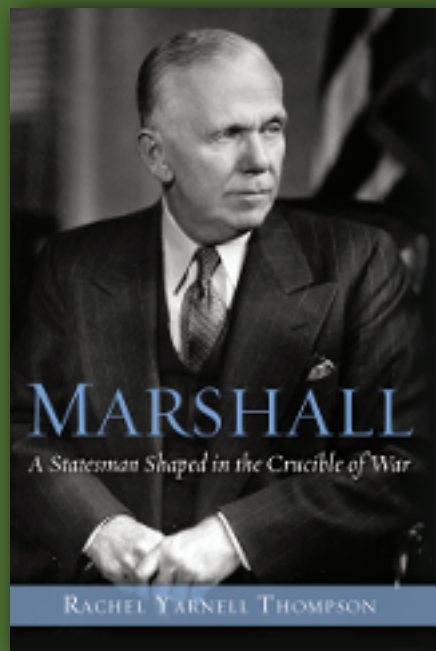
Our former Director of Museum Operations Cody Youngblood working on an episode of "Now & Then at Dodona Manor."

"Four Freedoms," four oil paintings reproduced in *The Saturday Evening Post* and used in sales drives of war bonds.



Norman Rockwell's *Four Freedoms* paintings. Clockwise from left: *Freedom from Want*, *Freedom from Fear*, *Freedom of Worship* and *Freedom of Speech*

Student interns worked with Museum Operations Director Cody Youngblood on several projects throughout this summer. Approximately 640 objects in our archive room were cataloged into our collection management software. The interns also helped photograph and catalog books in Dodona Manor. This collection will be made accessible to the public.



Marshall - A Statesman Shaped in the Crucible of War

by Rachel Yarnell Thompson

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Veterans Day Commemoration

Join the Marshall Center in honoring our military veterans for their courage and commitment on Wednesday, Nov. 11, at 10:30 am. This event, cohosted by the Town of Leesburg and Loudoun County, will be on the grounds of Dodona Manor. This year's speaker is Rear Admiral Thomas C. Lynch, USN (Ret.). As an ensign, lieutenant and admiral, he experienced three active duty tours and several billets at the Naval Academy.



Rear Admiral Thomas C. Lynch

After a 31-year career of naval service, Lynch retired as a rear admiral. His naval service included chief of Navy legislative affairs, superintendent of the Naval Academy from 1991 to 1994 and director of the Navy Staff at the Pentagon from 1994 to 1995. Adm. Lynch joined the Staubach Company after six years as senior vice

president at Safeguard Scientifics, Inc., a NYSE venture capital company. While at Safeguard, he served nearly two years as president and chief operating officer at Compucom Systems.

This event is free and open to the public. Guests are asked to wear a mask and practice social distancing. RSVPs are required at events@georgecmarshall.org. This event will occur rain or shine. For more information, call 703-777-1301. Event parking is available at the Loudoun County Government parking garage on Loudoun Street between Harrison and Church Streets, or metered, street parking in the area.

Holiday Spirit, Marshall Style: The Tree Walk is Coming Soon



The Tree Walk will display decorated Christmas trees both to reign in the holidays and commemorate the Marshall Plan, one of the most significant initiatives in international diplomacy

Three years after the end of World War II, Congress enacted the Marshall Plan in 1948 and provided nearly \$13 billion in aid to Western Europe after Nazi Germany's demise and the devastation of the Second World War. This humanitarian plan, which was strongly promoted by Secretary of State George Marshall, attempted to stop the spread of communism into Europe, modernize industry, promote democratic governments and ease social unrest. The countries that participated in the Marshall Plan were Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, and the United Kingdom.

To introduce the holiday season, the George C. Marshall International Center is organizing a tree walk to symbolize the successes of the Marshall Plan. Each Christmas tree will represent a given country that participated in that historic program. The trees will stay on Dodona Manor's lawn for the month of December and will be taken down just after New Year's Day. It is through the tree walk that we commemorate the successes of the Marshall Plan, world peace and the holiday spirit. Once the trees are erected on the grounds of Dodona Manor, all members of the public may view them for free, giving visitors a piece of local and international history in Leesburg's historic downtown.