Truman’s 1950 Visit To Dodona Manor Reenacted

George C. Marshall’s Dodona Manor was the scene of a historical reenactment on July 4, when President Harry Truman, portrayed by Leesburg actor Ernie Carnevale, arrived for a visit with the Marshalls that occurred on the same date in 1950. He was accompanied by his daughter, Margaret, portrayed by Penny Hauffe.

On July 1, 1950, four government officials had visited Marshall to seek his advice about the Korean situation: Dean Acheson (Secretary of State), Averell Harriman (special assistant to President Truman), Charles Bohlen (special adviser to Acheson) and George Kennan (another special adviser in the State Department). The four concluded that Truman needed to hear Marshall’s ideas. Truman called Marshall on July 2 and asked him to come to Washington on July 5.

Truman couldn’t wait, however, and he awoke Marshall on July 4 with another phone call, giving Marshall an hour’s notice that he was coming to Leesburg that morning. In addition to hearing Marshall’s views about Korea, Truman wanted to assess if Marshall was willing to take the position of Secretary of Defense.

Marshall later told a friend of his predicament: “Most confidentially, I have been trembling on the edge of being called again into public service in this crisis, but I hope to get by unmolested, but when the President motors down and sits under our oaks and tells me of his difficulties, he has me at a disadvantage.”

Marshall later agreed to become Secretary of Defense, but on the condition that the appointment would be for no longer than one year. Marshall served in that capacity until 1951, and Truman never again called on him to serve his country.

More than 230 people watched the reenactment and later enjoyed free ice cream and tours of the first floor of Dodona Manor.
Dear Friends,

On behalf of the George C. Marshall International Center, we hope you find the news of the many exciting events and programs we have conducted during this year to be a source of pride.

Through the generous support of our members and volunteers, we are reaching more people, and especially young people, each month. The objective of this work is to encourage citizens and future leaders of all ages to emulate the character and values of General George C. Marshall.

Education and leadership development are at the heart of all we do. To connect with visitors on a level that stirs their desire to learn more and to share what they have learned requires continued stewardship of the historic site and adding depth to our programs.

You'll notice that the GCMIC has reinvigorated our approach to membership as the primary means of ensuring that adequate annual support is in place to sustain our mission. Please give your strongest consideration to becoming an annual member, and if you are a long-time supporter, you know how important your generosity has been, and now is a great time to move up a level and make a greater impact.

Momentum is building here to elevate George C. Marshall’s Dodona Manor to national level prominence. As it should be. Thank you for helping us to accelerate reaching this goal!

Sincerely,

Thomas S. Greenspon,
President

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A “Father of the Internet” Receives Marshall Innovation Award

Vinton Cerf, vice president and chief internet evangelist for Google, was honored on March 9 as the first winner of the George C. Marshall Innovation Award at a gala event attended by 150 people at the Army-Navy Country Club in Arlington, Va. Cerf is widely credited as being one of the “fathers of the internet.”

Dr. Steven H. Walker, director of the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, was the keynote speaker. Emcee for the evening was Jonathan Elias, anchor and reporter for ABC7-WJLA-TV in Washington, D.C.

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### ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

**First Captain:** $100
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- 2 Guest Passes to George C. Marshall’s Dodona Manor

**General’s Staff:** $250
- All First Captain benefits, plus
- Choice of George C. Marshall Oak Memorabilia Letter Opener or Pen

### ANNUAL LEADERSHIP LEVELS

**Oracle of Dodona:** $1,000
- All General’s Staff benefits, plus
- Signed copy of *Marshall, a Statesman Shaped by the Crucible of War*
- Invitation to annual benefactors formal evening event

**1941 Society:** $1,941
- All Oracle of Dodona benefits, plus
- 1941 Society Commemorative Medal
- Invitation to summer garden party for members of the 1941 Society

**Statesman:** $5,000
- All 1941 Society benefits, plus
- Exclusive access to host a private dinner for up to 10 people in General Marshall’s Dining Room at Dodona Manor

**Marshall Legacy Trust:** $10,000*
- All Statesman benefits, plus
- Recognition as a member of the Marshall Legacy Trust on perpetual display in the Haub Exhibit Room at Dodona Manor

* Each year the GCMIC Board will direct a percentage of all gifts at this level (10-20%) to build the permanent endowment for the Marshall Center.

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The U.S. flag and a 5-star flag for General George Marshall are flying at Dodona Manor. Lighting of the site allows the display of the flags day and night.

“There was no American flag at Dodona Manor,” said Thomas Greenspon, president of GCMIC, “and we saw this as a meaningful enhancement to commemorate the significance of this historic site.” Fifty-five of Greenspon’s classmates from the Virginia Military Institute at Lexington contributed money for the project, including landscaping and tree removal necessary due to ash bore disease.

The flagpole was dedicated September 14 at a ceremony in which Navy Vice Admiral Mike McConnell, (Ret.), former Director of National Intelligence, delivered the dedication address, and Army Chaplain (Colonel) Pete Sniffin gave the invocation.
Fred Kempe, president and chief executive officer of the Atlantic Council, a foreign policy think tank and public policy group in Washington, D.C., discussed Trans-Atlantic relations on the 70th anniversary of NATO at a Marshall Membership Event at Dodona Manor on May 28.

Kempe shared with a group of more than 50 attendees his observations on the dynamics impacting the Trans-Atlantic relationship between the United States and Europe. Highlighting the essential nature of U.S. leadership in the world, he named several historical parallels between 2019 and previous flash points in the preceding century.

He expressed admiration for George Marshall, whose leadership in the period following World War II demonstrated “the amazing impact that one man can have” during a period of great global challenge. “To stand here, in the home of this truly great American and discuss the relationship between the United States and Europe, I find it quite humbling,” Kempe said.

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Day Camp Program

More than 75 middle school students, junior counselors and counselors visited Dodona Manor in July as part of the Extreme Journey summer day camp program for Journey Through Hallowed Ground. They toured the house and engaged in a leadership building exercise.

A Visit from the Carter Center

Thomas Greenspon greeted 50 representatives from the Carter Center of Atlanta, Georgia, to Dodona Manor on June 28. The Center, founded to honor former president Jimmy Carter, works around the world to resolve conflict, advance democracy and fight disease.

Young Transatlantic Initiative

We were proud to host members of the Young Transatlantic Initiative, a non-profit committed to strengthening German-American relations.
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Docent Appreciation Dinner

GCMIC President Thomas Greenspon and his wife Staci hosted 28 Marshall House docents at the annual docent appreciation supper at their home on September 8th.

Pictured: John Clements, Anne Thomas, Bill Babics, Dianne Babics, Tom Bowers, Lory Darnell-Gustafson, Roger Majak, Thomas Greenspon, Tom Mulrine, Pam Banks, MaryAnn Naber, Chang Liu, Rick Rhoades, Murray Bradley, Peggy Ivey, Audrey Tennant, Eve Young, Dan Cotter, Michelle Thrush, Joe Becek, Bob Holcomb, Rich Ivey, Rick Berry, Doug McCollum, Cody Youngblood, Bill Brooks, Brian Evans, and Claire Luisi.

Garden Tour of Dodona Grounds

GCMIC President Thomas Greenspon was a featured panelist at the 10th German-American Business Day at the Hudson Institute in Washington, D.C., on July 22. The theme of the conference was “Transatlantic Education: Everlasting Value for the German-American Future.”

Conference keynoters were Dr. Claus Kleber, principal anchor of “Heute-Journal,” the number 1 TV news program in Germany, and Conrad Tribble, senior adviser at the Foreign Service Institute in Washington.

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