The George C. Marshall Foundation commemorates the life and work of General George C. Marshall (1880-1959) with this special European tour on the Sixty-fifth Anniversary of the post-war Marshall Plan. The Marshall Foundation is an important center of historical research and dedicated to promulgating and perpetuating those civilized virtues and values with which General Marshall, one of America’s greatest men, is identified.

British Prime Minister Winston Churchill hailed General Marshall as “the true organizer of victory.” After World War II, General Marshall proved his greatness as statesman as well as a soldier. He was the only American ever to serve as Secretary of State and Secretary of Defense. He is also only one of two military men who were ever awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. Sixty-five years ago, his farsighted 1947 European Recovery Plan, known to the world as the Marshall Plan, not only healed the wounds of a devastated Europe, but also contained Soviet Russia’s ruthless expansionism.

This tour takes us to places in Europe associated with Marshall’s military and political achievements: World War I battlefields of Cantigny, Soissons and the Meuse-Argonne offensive where as a young officer in 1918, he first showed his military promise; Versailles, from where General Eisenhower’s SHAEF (Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force) commanded the formidable armies organized by Marshall to retake Europe; the June 6, 1944 D-Day landing beaches and the Normandy battlefields, all part of Operation Overlord, first conceptualized by Marshall who correctly regarded the defeat of Germany as the top priority; the Belgium and Luxembourg battlefields of America’s greatest ever land battle, the Battle of the Bulge in winter 1944/45, that severely tested the military capability created by Marshall, but ended in victory; and finally Paris, where Hotel Talleyrand was the administrative center of the Marshall Plan for rebuilding postwar Europe.

Perhaps no other American in the twentieth century or since has left a greater legacy to world peace. Join us as we retrace his footsteps in Europe.

**Itinerary**

**Friday, September 28, 2012: USA / Aloft**

**Saturday, September 29: Arrive Paris.** All group members arrive individually at Paris Charles DeGaulle International Airport. Our 4-star airport hotel is easily reached by the free hotel shuttle bus from the airport terminals. Time to relax or explore independently in Paris.

**Sunday, September 30: Paris / Bayeux.** Patrick Hinchy and Dr. Mark Stoler welcome us and take us to Normandy via Versailles, home of SHAEF from August 1944. We will also see Field Marshal Rommel’s spectacular chateau HQ (and meeting-place of the anti-Hitler conspirators) in the Seine valley. Nearby is Giverny, home of Monet and the cradle of Impressionist painting. We stay in the beautiful, medieval cathedral city of Bayeux, captured on D-Day+1 and thus spared war damage. (B, D)

**Monday, October 1: Bayeux.** We visit the 1944 American sector of Normandy in depth. We see Omaha and Utah D-Day landing beaches, shattered German gun positions, cratered Pointe du Hoc stormed by the Rangers, Ste Mère Eglise where the Airborne secured the western flank of the
Generals Bradley, Marshall and Arnold on a Normandy beach shortly after D-Day

beachhead, the Mulberry artificial harbor remains and much more. We have our own private wreath-laying ceremony at the beautiful Normandy American Cemetery where opening and closing scenes of Saving Private Ryan were filmed. (B, D)

Tuesday, October 2: Bayeux / Reims. We cross north over the River Seine from World War II to World War I. We see Cantigny (the first American Expeditionary Force battle) and Soissons, where in 1918, George C. Marshall, a young staff officer, first showed his military promise. Then to Reims, ancient cathedral city where the French monarchs were traditionally crowned, capital of Champagne and where after total military defeat, Germany surrendered unconditionally on May 7/8, 1945 in SHAEF Forward HQ. (B, D)

Wednesday October 3: Reims / Luxembourg. We look at the Meuse-Argonne in depth. Here the young Colonel Marshall truly demonstrated his organizational brilliance. At Marshal Foch’s sudden request, he performed the military miracle of redeploying 400,000 American and French troops 60 miles along French country roads from the St Mihiel salient in reverse direction, so that they could attack on time on the Meuse-Argonne front as part of Foch’s Grand Offensive in September 1918 against the main German salient. The AEF’s Meuse-Argonne Offensive was its final and biggest offensive of World War I and ended with the Allied victory and Armistice on November 11, 1918. In World War II, the Meuse-Argonne region was liberated in the fall of 1944 by General Patton’s Third Army’s rapid advance eastwards from Normandy. From here we track Third Army soldiers when they were suddenly rushed northwards to Luxembourg to counterattack Hitler’s massive Battle of the Bulge offensive in December 1944. (B, D)

Thursday, October 4: Luxembourg. We explore important Battle of the Bulge sites. Helped by bad weather grounding Allied air power, the overwhelming and unexpected German Bulge offensive by the Sixth Panzer Army was initially successful. It was to be one of the toughest tests in Europe of American military capability forged by Marshall. We track the ebb and flow of America’s biggest ever land battle. We have our own private wreath-laying ceremony at the beautiful Luxembourg Cemetery where General Patton is also buried. (B, D)

Friday, October 5: Luxembourg / Paris. We visit Bastogne where strong American counter attacks resulted in the lethal pincer movement that relieved besieged US forces on December 26, 1944. This finally condemned the massive German Bulge offensive to failure. Then from the Bulge’s rocky, forested Belgian Ardennes, we cross the Maginot Line into the picturesque Champagne Ardennes of France and return to Paris. (B, D)

Saturday, October 6: Paris. This morning we begin with a full guided sightseeing tour of Paris by coach. Then as the culmination of our European tour honoring the life and work of General George C. Marshall on the Sixty-fifth Anniversary of the Marshall Plan, there will be a special reception in Hotel Talleyrand, the headquarters of the Marshall Plan administration for rebuilding devastated postwar Europe. The rest of the day is free for leisure time until we gather for a Farewell Dinner. (B, D)

Sunday, October 7: Paris / USA. Transfer this morning to Charles DeGaulle International Airport for our flights home. (B)

B = Breakfast     L = Lunch     D = Dinner

Talleyrand Hotel in Paris and plaque installed there in 1987.
General George C. Marshall European Tour  
September 28 - October 7, 2012  
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