GEORGE CATLETT MARSHALL


After duty in the Philippines and the continental United States, he served in France during World War I, initially with the First Division and eventually on the staff of General John J. Pershing. During the inter-war years, he served as aide to Pershing, with troops in China, at Fort Benning and other posts in the United States. Three years after his first wife’s death, Marshall married Katherine Boyce Tupper Brown (1882-1978) of Baltimore, Maryland, on October 15, 1930. Marshall acquired three step-children by this marriage: Mrs. James J. (Molly Brown) Winn (1912-); Clifton Stevenson Brown (1914-1952); and Lieutenant Allen Tupper Brown (1916-1944), killed in action near Anzio, Italy.

Appointed U.S. Army Chief of Staff on September 1, 1939, Marshall served in that capacity until November 1945. After his special mission to China, 1945-1946, President Truman appointed Marshall Secretary of State in 1947. In 1949, he became President of the American Red Cross, only to be recalled to government in 1950 as Secretary of Defense. Marshall received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1953 for his initiation of the European Recovery Act. He died on October 16, 1959, at Walter Reed Army Hospital, Washington, D.C.

MILITARY RANKS

- Commissioned 2nd Lieutenant, February 2, 1902
- 1st Lieutenant, March 7, 1907
- Captain, July 1, 1916
- Major (temporary), August 5, 1917
- Lieutenant Colonel (temporary), January 5, 1918
- Colonel (temporary), August 27, 1918
- Major, Regular Army, July 1, 1920
- Lieutenant Colonel, August 21, 1923
- Colonel, September 1, 1933
- Brigadier General, October 1, 1936
- Major General, September 1, 1939
- Chief of Staff, (temporary rank of General), September 1, 1939
- General of the Army (temporary), December 16, 1944
- General of the Army (permanent), April 11, 1946
- Retired from Active Service, February 28, 1947
- Restored to the Active List, March 1, 1949

General of the Army George C. Marshall, 1880-1959
(GCM #486)
PROFESSIONAL CAREER

Duty with the 30th Infantry in the Philippine Islands, 1902-1903

- Duty at Fort Reno, Oklahoma, 1903-1906 (detached service for mapping, Texas, summer, 1905)
- Student (1906-1908) and instructor (1908-1910), Army Service Schools (Fort Leavenworth, Kansas)
- Inspector-Instructor, Massachusetts Volunteer Militia (Boston, Massachusetts), 1911-1912
- Duty with the 4th Infantry (Fort Logan Roots, Arkansas; Fort Snelling, Minnesota; Texas City, Texas), 1912-1913
- Duty in the Philippine Islands; aide-de-camp to Major General Hunter Liggett, 1913-1916
- Aide-de-camp to Major General J. Franklin Bell (San Francisco, California; Governors Island, New York), 1916-1917
- Duty with the A.E.F., France: assistant chief of staff, G-3, First Division (June 1917-June 1918); G-3 section, G.H.Q. (June 1918-July 1918); assistant chief of staff, G-3, First Army (October 1918-November 1918); chief of staff, Eighth Corps (November 1918-January 1919); G-3 section, G.H.Q. (January 1919-April 1919)
- Aide-de-camp to General Pershing (France and Washington, D.C.), 1919-1924
- Duty with the 15th Infantry (Tientsin, China), 1924-1927
- Instructor, Army War College (Washington, D.C.), 1927
- Assistant Commandant, Infantry School (Fort Benning, Georgia), 1927-1932
- Commanding Fort Screven, Georgia, and Civilian Conservation Corps (C.C.C.) District “E,” 1932-1933
- Commanding Fort Moultrie, South Carolina, and C.C.C. District “I,” 1933
- Senior Instructor, Illinois National Guard (Chicago, Illinois), 1933-1936
- Commanding 5th Brigade of the 3rd Division, Vancouver Barracks, Washington, and C.C.C. District, 1936-1938
- Assistant Chief of Staff, War Plans Division, War Department (Washington, D.C.), 1938
- Deputy Chief of Staff, War Department (Washington, D.C.), 1938-1939
- Acting Chief of Staff, July 1, 1939-September 1, 1939
- Chief of Staff, September 1, 1939-November 18, 1945
- Special Representative of the President to China with rank of Ambassador, November 1945-December 1946
- Secretary of State, January 1947-January 1949
- President of the American Red Cross, 1949-1950
- Secretary of Defense, September 1950 - September 1951

Cadel George C. Marshall, VMI, Class of 1901, bottom left (GCM #878)

Colonel Marshall as aide-de-camp to General Pershing, Lexington, Virginia, 1920. (GCM #1965)
CONFERENCES AND COUNCILS

- Chief of the Military Mission to Brazil, May-June 1939
- Atlantic Conference, August 1941
- Arcadia Conference, December 1941
- Casablanca Conference, January 1943
- Quebec Conference, August 1943
- Cairo and Tehran Conferences, November 1943
- Quebec Conference, September 1944
- Yalta Conference, February 1945
- Potsdam Conference, July 1945
- Council of Foreign Ministers, Moscow, March-April 1947
- Inter-American Conference for Maintenance of Continental Peace and Security, Brazil, August-September 1947
- General Assembly of the United Nations, New York, September-November 1947
- Council of Foreign Ministers, London, November-December 1947
- Ninth International Conference of American States, Bogota, Colombia, March-April 1948
- General Assembly of the United Nations, Paris, September-November 1948
- Chairman of the United States Delegation to the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II of England, June 1953
DECORATIONS AND AWARDS

UNITED STATES

- Distinguished Service Medal with 1st Oak Leaf Cluster
- Silver Star
- Gold Medal expressing “Thanks of Congress”
- Philippine Campaign Medal
- Mexican Border Service Medal
- World War I Victory Medal with four battle clasps
- Army of Occupation of Germany Medal
- American Defense Service Medal with Foreign Service Clasp
- American Campaign Medal
- Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal
- European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with two bronze service stars
- World War II Victory Medal
- National Defense Service Medal

FOREIGN

- FRANCE: Legion of Honor, degree of Officer (1919); promoted to degree of Grand Croix (1945) Croix de Guerre with Palm
- ITALY: Order of the Crown of Italy, Grade of Officer Order of Saints Maurice and Lazarus, Grade of Officer
- MONTENEGRO: Silver Medal for Bravery
- PANAMA: Medal of La Solidaridad, Second Class
- BRAZIL: Order of Military Merit, Grade of Grand Officer
- Order of Military Merit, Degree of Grand Cross
- ECUADOR: Star of Abdon Calderon, First Class
- MOROCCO: Grand Cross of Ouissam Alaouite Cherifien

- CUBA: Order of Military Merit, First Class
- LIBERIA: Centennial Medal
- GREECE: Grand Cross, with Swords, of the Royal Order of George I
- NETHERLANDS: Knight of the Grand Cross with Swords in the Order of Orange Nassau
- PERU: Gran Oficial del Sol del Peru
- CHILE: Order del Merito
- USSR: Order of Suvarov, First Degree
- GREAT BRITAIN: Knight Grand Cross, Order of Bath (Military Division)
- COLUMBIA: Grand Cross of the Order of Boyaco

CIVILIAN AWARDS

- Theodore Roosevelt Distinguished Service Medal of Honor, 1945
- Varieties Clubs Humanitarian Award, 1947
- Freedom House Award
- National Planning Association Gold Medal, 1949
- National Civic Service Award, Order of Eagles, 1949
- New York Board of Trade Award for distinguished service and contribution to the American Way, 1949
- U.S. Conference of Mayors Award for Distinguished Public Service, 1949

- Disabled American Veterans, New York Chapter, Citizenship Award, 1950
- Virginia Distinguished Service Medal, 1951
- Four Freedoms Foundation Award, 1952
- Distinguished Service Medal of the American Legion
- Nobel Peace Prize for 1953
- AMVETS 10th Anniversary Award
- Woodrow Wilson Foundation Award for Distinguished Service, 1956
- Pennsylvania Meritorious Medal, 1957
- International Charlemagne Prize of City of Aachen, Germany, 1958
HONORARY DEGREES

- DOCTOR OF SCIENCE:
  - Washington and Jefferson College (Pennsylvania), 1939
  - Columbia University, 1947
  - Princeton University, 1947
  - Harvard University, 1947
  - Amherst College, 1947
  - Brown University, 1947
  - McGill University (Montreal, Canada), 1947
  - Lafayette College (Pennsylvania), 1947
  - University of California, 1948
  - University of London, 1948

- DOCTOR OF MILITARY SCIENCE:
  - The Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, 1934
  - Pennsylvania Military College, 1940, Norwich University (Vermont), 1942

- DOCTOR OF LAWS:
  - College of William and Mary, 1941
  - Trinity College (Connecticut), 1941
  - Oxford University, 1447

SOCIETIES AND CLUBS

- Society of the Cincinnati
- Kappa Alpha Fraternity
- Master Mason, Grand Lodge, District of Columbia
- Rotary Club of Leesburg, Virginia
- Lions Club of Leesburg, Virginia
- Catoctin Farmers Club of Virginia
- Army and Navy Club of Washington
- Army and Navy Club of San Francisco
- Military and Naval Club of New York
- University Club of Washington
- Union League of New York
- University Club of New York
- Metropolitan Club of New York
- Trustee of the National Geographic Society
- Honorary Chairman of the Board of Trustees of International House
- Director of the Franklin D. Roosevelt Foundation
- Trustee of the Harry S. Truman Library
- Member of the National Council of the Atlantic Union Committee

RECREATION: Fishing, Hunting, Riding, Swimming, Tennis, Gardening

RELIGION: Episcopalian
General Marshall fishing on the Gaspé Peninsula, June 1943  
(GCM #221)

General and Mrs. Marshall at home in their garden,  
September 1951  
(GCM #291)

Marshall accepts the Nobel Prize for Peace, 1953  
(GCM #1326)

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(GCM #1505) Lieutenant George C. Marshall, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, 1908  
(GCM #4088) General Marshall, Frank McCarthby Collection  
Bottom right, George C. Marshall, Secretary of Defense

Back Cover Photos  
(GCM # 770) Fort Benning, Georgia, circa 1930  
(GCM # 1139) President Truman presenting General Marshall with an Oak Leaf Cluster to the Distinguished Service Medal, November 26, 1945, Washington, D.C.  