George C. Marshall: Legacy of Leadership Film Series

Leadership: What does it mean? Like certain other concepts, such as "quality" and "service," the word "leadership" is sometimes used so carelessly that it almost loses its meaning. George C. Marshall was a leader; he led the U.S. Army during World War II, was president of the American Red Cross, and held two cabinet posts as the Secretary of State and later as the Secretary of Defense. By examining moments in Marshall's life and career, the videos seek to illuminate the qualities of effective leadership: Candor, Selflessness, Commitment, Integrity, and Courage.

These films were part of a seminar on corporate ethics and Marshall's leadership principles offered by the Marshall Foundation. John Scott Gunnoe as George Marshall, David Colatosti as the reporter.

The films can be viewed on our YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL7jF6pEM23ddC5LNcC6LC09_PkvJkyPVM9

Summaries:
In Chapter 1, George Marshall has just received the Nobel Prize for Peace. A reporter accosts him with questions, asking how a five-star general could possibly deserve a peace citation. These films were part of a seminar on corporate ethics offered by the Marshall Foundation. John Scott Gunnoe as George Marshall, David Colatosti as the reporter.

In Chapter 2, Captain George Marshall must decide whether to speak the truth to General Pershing during a crucial moment in World War I. These films were part of a seminar on corporate ethics offered by the Marshall Foundation. John Scott Gunnoe as George Marshall, James Galloway as Pershing, Michael Ridenhour as Gen. Sibert.

In Chapter 3, Marshall meets with FDR and outlines his readiness plan for the coming war -- a plan that includes his resignation. These films were part of a seminar on corporate ethics offered by the Marshall Foundation. John Scott Gunnoe as George Marshall, Paul Stober as FDR, James Honaker, Jr., as Harry Hopkins.
In Chapter 4, Marshall proposes mobilizing African-American, Japanese-American and women troops to the front lines. Despite a wartime need, Congressman Carl Vinson opposes the plan. Marshall sticks to his guns, with help from the leader of the Tuskegee Airmen. These films were part of a seminar on corporate ethics offered by the Marshall Foundation. John Scott Gunnoe as George Marshall, Ed Easterling as Carl Vinson, James Wise, Jr., as Benjamin Davis, Jr., Fred Anderson as Gen. Thomas Handy.

In Chapter 5, three Republican senators discuss the Marshall Plan and its $17 billion price tag. Only Marshall’s reputation for honesty can sway them. These films were part of a seminar on corporate ethics offered by the Marshall Foundation. Charlie Boswell, Dan Naff, Ross Laguzza as the senators.

In Chapter 6, Joseph McCarthy attacks Marshall, now Secretary of Defense, for unAmerican activities. A conversation with his wife provides the support Marshall needs to answer (or not) the smear campaign. John Scott Gunnoe as Marshall, Ron Stone as McCarthy, Anne Cooney as Katherine Marshall.

In the final chapter, Marshall answers all the reporter’s questions. John Scott Gunnoe as Marshall, David Colatosti as the reporter.