



**SOLDIER &  
STATESMAN**  
**GEORGE  
CATLETT  
MARSHALL**

Growing up in Uniontown, Pennsylvania, George C. Marshall decided at an early age that he wanted a career as a soldier. Much to the chagrin of

his older brother Stuart, who feared George would embarrass the family name, Marshall enrolled at the Virginia Military Institute where he demonstrated his ability to lead and rose to Captain of the Corps of Cadets before graduating in 1901.

Initially frustrated by his lack of advancement in overseas commands, Marshall possessed organizational skills that did not go unnoticed. Gen. John J. Pershing, the highest ranking officer in the US Army used his position to have Marshall transferred to his command where Marshall excelled at the end of World War I.

On the very same day that Adolf Hitler invaded Poland, September 1, 1939, Marshall was promoted to US Army Chief of Staff. Throughout World War II Marshall's candor, commitment and strategic vision for Allied victory helped him foster the solutions necessary to win the global war.

While serving as Secretary of State, Marshall witnessed Europe's continuing struggle for stability and revival. To prevent yet another war as well as the spread of communism to western Europe, Marshall organized the European Recovery Plan—the Marshall Plan—that within just a few short years had Europe working again. For his efforts he received the 1953 Nobel Prize for Peace.

After more than fifty years of service to his country and the world, Marshall retired to his home in Leesburg, Virginia. He died on October 16, 1959 and was buried in Arlington National Cemetery.



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The independent, non-profit George C. Marshall Foundation, housing the Marshall Museum, research library, and archives, is the place where the values that shaped and motivated Marshall are kept alive. The Foundation perpetuates Marshall's legacy, his leadership qualities and exemplary character through leadership and statesmanship educational programs.

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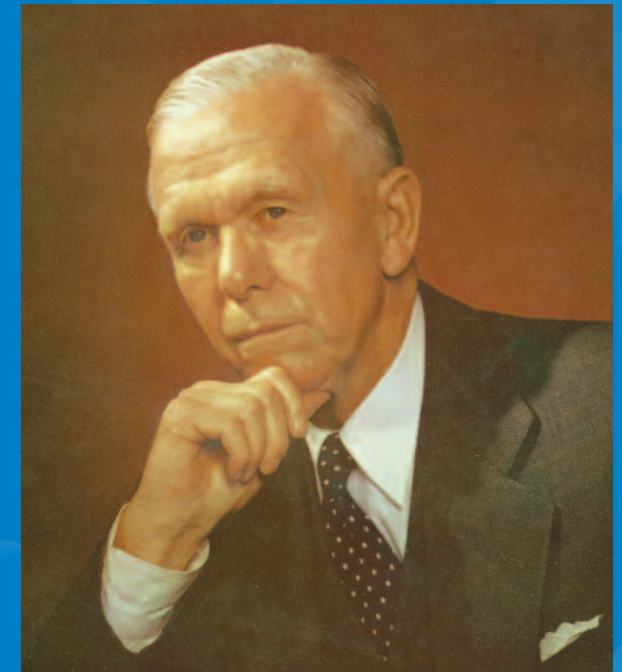
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*Lexington, Virginia*

# TOURING THE MUSEUM

## 1. Introduction Video

*A brief overview of the life of George C. Marshall*

## 2. Museum Orientation & Marshall's Early Years

- *Marshall as a Child*
- *Career at VMI*
- *Marriage to Elizabeth Carter Coles*
- *Early Army Career*
- *World War I*
- *Marshall's Relationship with General Pershing*

## 3. Organizer of Victory

- *Chief of Staff Years*
- *The Right to Fight*
- *Jeep Exhibit*
- *Marshall's Office*
- *Cryptology*
- *World War II Talking Map*

## 4. Soldier of Peace

- *Marshall in China*
- *The Marshall Plan*
- *The Berlin Airlift*
- *American Red Cross*
- *Secretary of Defense & the Korean Conflict*
- *Retirement*
- *Nobel Peace Prize*

## 5. Special Exhibits

*Don't forget to visit our downstairs gallery to view the current exhibit on display.*



**5. SPECIAL EXHIBITS**  
Take the stairs to the Downstairs Gallery.

**4. SOLDIER OF PEACE**  
The Marshall Plan  
Secretary of Defense  
Nobel Peace Prize

**2. MARSHALL'S EARLY YEARS**  
Childhood  
VMI  
World War I

**3. ORGANIZER OF VICTORY**  
Chief of Staff  
World War II  
Talking Map

**INTRODUCTION VIDEO**

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Front Desk

**1.**

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