



The Association of Washington Generals

September 10, 2012

Dear Friends & Colleagues:

It is a privilege to invite you to be a part of the Washingtonian of the Year Award celebration on Saturday evening, October 6, 2012. The Washingtonian of the Year Award is bestowed by the Association of Washington Generals (AWG) to persons who have demonstrated leadership, selflessness, generosity and compassion in their service to others. This year's AWG Washingtonian of the Year award goes to Mike Flynn, entrepreneur, former publisher of the Puget Sound Business Journal for 24 years, and now principal of Mike Flynn & Associates. Additionally, the AWG will present its Annual Community Service award to Ms. Norma Gallegos, community activist of the Wenatchee Valley. (Additional details about these two worthy recipients are found on page two (2).)

Since 1971, the mission of the Association of Washington Generals is to serve the citizens of the State of Washington by promoting exceptional community service, encouraging trade and economic development, and by promoting positive international relations. Here are the details of this special event:

- What:** Washingtonian of the Year Award
- When:** Saturday, October 6, 2012 **Start Time:** 5 PM
- Where:** Seattle Seahawks Headquarters/Virginia Mason Athletic Center (VMAC)
- Address:** 12 Seahawks Way, Renton, WA 98056
- Cost:** \$100 per person **Registration:** www.WAGenerals.org
- Festivities:** Facility tour, award program, silent auction, cash bar, heavy hors d'oeuvres, Blue Thunder, Sea Gals, and more!

Auction items include:

- ❖ 2 Sounders FC Club seats & pregame field passes for final regular season home match against FC Dallas on Sunday, October 21, 2012 at CenturyLink Field
- ❖ Antonio Sanchez Paella Dinner
- ❖ Huckleberry Lodge experience
- ❖ Autographed helmet
- ❖ Autographed Seahawks mini-helmet
- ❖ Other special items!

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Please join the Association of Washington Generals (AWG) and Master of Ceremonies Lieutenant Governor Brad Owen for this singular occasion. Capacity is limited to 100 reservations so be sure to secure your tickets now! Special thanks to AWG Mike Flood, Vice President – Community Relations, Seattle Seahawks – Sounder FC for coordinating the Washingtonian of the Year Award celebration at Seahawks Headquarters.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration and I am at your convenience for any questions you may have.

Best regards,



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Mike Flynn – 2012 AWG Washingtonian of the Year Award

Flynn retired in April of 2006 after 24 years at the helm of the Business Journal and moved to what he refers to as his “entrepreneurial encore” of consulting, counseling and advising businesses, business people and business organizations. A commitment to community and non-profit causes has been a key part of Flynn’s involvements. He served on the board of the Association of Washington Business for 15 years, on the boards of both the Seattle and Bellevue Chambers of commerce, the Columbia Tower Club, the Northwest Entrepreneur Network and the YMCA. He is past chair of the Downtown Seattle Association and Junior Achievement (JA), and is currently on the boards of JA the Washington News Council, and the Washington State University College of Business National Advisory Board.

His awards include twice being named the U.S. Small Business Administration’s Media Advocate of the Year; receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award from Gov. Christine Gregoire in 2006 for service to economic development in Washington State; receiving the McNaughton Award from JA in 2006 (presented each year to the local business leader who best exemplifies the qualities of service to business and the community demonstrated by the late Stanley O. McNaughton); selection as one of the 2006 Champions of Catholic Education honored at the Seattle Archdiocese’s annual Fulcrum Foundation banquet; and being selected six times for an Eagle Award from American City Business Journals for guiding one of the company’s most successful newspapers.

Norma Gallegos – 2012 AWG Annual Community Service Award

Norma Gallegos has been serving the residents of the Wenatchee Valley for over 20 years in a multitude of ways. She has helped nearly one-thousand persons become naturalized U.S Citizens, and Ms. Gallegos regularly supports families in crisis that do not have full use of the English language. Her commitment to serving multicultural people of diverse backgrounds is expressed in her involvement with community-based organizations that includes the YMCA North Central Washington, Holden Village, Diversity Council of Wenatchee, Wenatchee Police Advisory Council, Wenatchee Downtown Rotary, and the Seattle Children’s Alliance. Norma is the recipient of numerous accolades that include “Community Hero” - Apple Valley Chapter American Red Cross, “Community Partner Award” - Wenatchee School District, “Voices of Children Award” - Children’s Alliance Seattle, “Heart and Spirit Award” - Chelan Douglas Child Services, and the Governor’s Appreciation Award Certificate - State of Washington.