

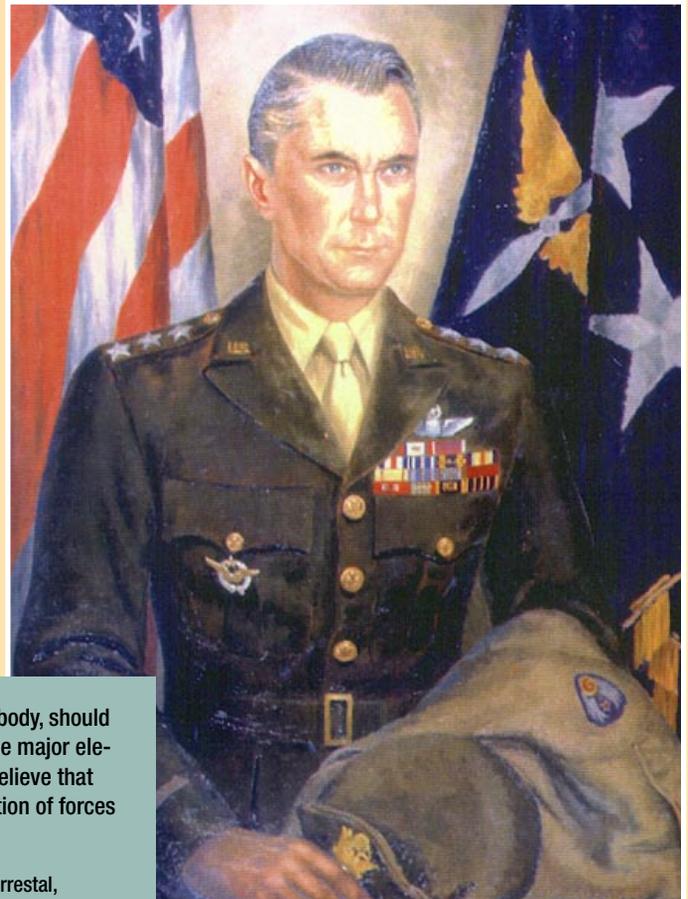
## General Hoyt Sanford Vandenberg

(1899–1954)

Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force

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**B**orn in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; graduated from Military Academy (1923); flying school (1923–24); commander, 90<sup>th</sup> attack squadron (1924–27); instructor, flying school (1927–29); commander, 6<sup>th</sup> pursuit squadron (1929–31); instructor and flight commander, Randolph Field (1931–34); tactical school and command and general staff school (1934–36); Army War College (1936–39); plans division, Office of Chief of Air Corps (1939–41); operations and training officer, Air Staff (1941–42); assigned to United Kingdom to assist in organizing air forces in North Africa; chief of staff, 12<sup>th</sup> Air Force; chief of staff, Northwest African strategic air force (1942–43); deputy chief of Air Staff (1943); head, air mission to Russia (1943–44); deputy air commander in chief, Allied Expeditionary Forces, and commander of American air component (1944–45); assistant chief of Air Staff (1945–46); director of intelligence, War Department General Staff (1946); director, Central Intelligence Group (1946–47); deputy commander and chief of Air Staff (1947); vice chief of the Air Force (1947–48); and chief of staff of the Air Force (1948–53); died at Washington, D.C.



... there is a difference of opinion as to whether the JCS, as a body, should determine the strategic concept for future war and establish the major elements of forces required to carry out such a concept. I firmly believe that law and precedent make this, together with the strategic direction of forces in the event of war, the primary function of the JCS.

—Letter from Hoyt S. Vandenberg to Secretary James V. Forrestal,  
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Charles Baskerville.

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