

General Lyman Louis Lemnitzer

(1899–1988)

Chief of Staff, U.S. Army

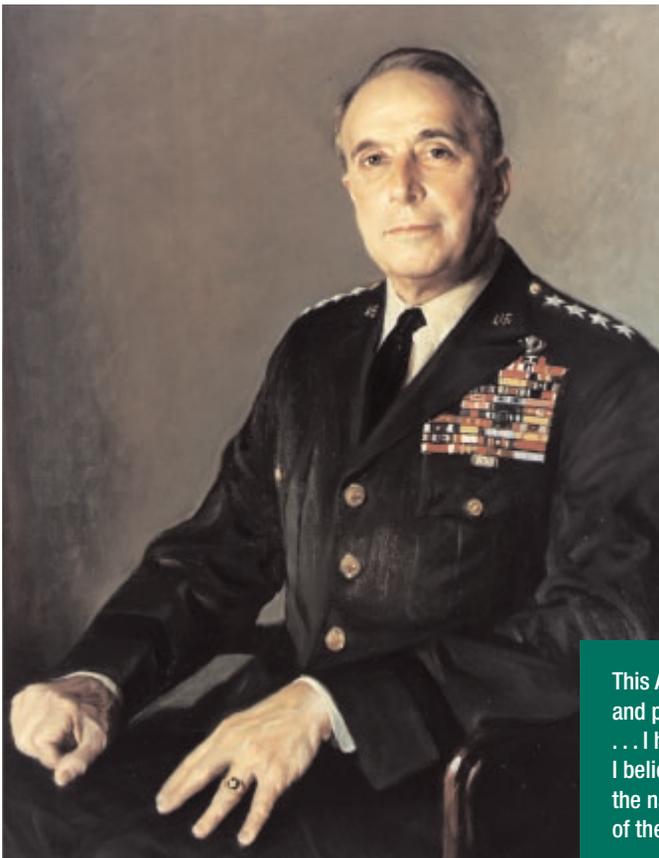
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

Supreme Allied Commander Europe

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Born in Honesdale, Pennsylvania; graduated from Military Academy (1920); served with artillery battery at home and in the Philippines (1921–26); instructor, natural and experimental philosophy, West Point (1926–30, 1934–35); troop and staff duty in the Philippines (1931–34); instructor, coast artillery school (1936); graduated from command and general staff school (1936) and Army War College (1940); served with 70th and 38th Coast Artillery (1940–41); plans and operations officer on the General Staff and at Army Ground Forces Headquarters (1941–42); commanded 34th Coast Artillery Brigade; plans and operations officer, Allied Forces Headquarters, England, and deputy chief of staff, Fifth Army,

North Africa (1942–43); chief of staff to Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean, and U.S. theater commander (1944–45); senior Army member of the joint strategic survey committee, Joint Chiefs of Staff (1945–47); deputy commandant, National War College (1947–49); director, office of military assistance (1949–50); commanded 11th Airborne Division in CONUS and 7th Infantry Division in operations in Korea (1951–52); deputy chief of staff, plans and research (1952–55); commanding general, U.S. Forces Far East, and Eighth Army (1955); commander in chief, Far East and U.N. commands and governor of Ryukyu Islands (1955–57); Vice Chief of Staff, U.S. Army (1957–59); Chief of Staff, U.S. Army (1959–60); Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff (1960–62); commanding general, U.S. Forces Europe (1962–69); Supreme Allied Commander Europe (1963–69); died in Washington.



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This Alliance has forged a shield of military security, behind which the stability and prosperity of Europe have been created out of the havoc left by World War II. . . . I have had a long association with NATO. I know its history and purposes. I believe in it firmly and now pledge publicly that I accept all my obligations to all the nations of this great alliance with humility and the determination to be worthy of the great honor they have conferred upon me.

—Lyman Louis Lemnitzer
(September 1962)