



# General David Petraeus

■ **Nov 7, 1952:** Born in Cornwall on Hudson, New York, to Dutch American parents

■ **Education:** Top graduate from U.S. Command and General Staff College, 1983; doctorate from Princeton, 1987

■ **Career –1970s-80s:** Commissioned as infantry officer, promoted up command ladder to lieutenant colonel

■ **1990s:** Commands 101st Airborne Division. Assigned to UN Mission in Haiti, 82nd Airborne Division, then Pentagon as Executive Assistant to Chairman of Joint Chiefs

■ **2001:** Serves as brigadier general, working on counter-terrorism task force in Bosnia following 9/11 attacks

■ **2003:** Leads 101st Airborne through fierce fighting during invasion of Iraq

■ **2004:** Promoted to lieutenant general – trains Iraqi security forces

■ **Jan 2007:** Appointed commander of U.S. forces in Iraq. Masterminds President Bush's troop surge

■ **May 26, 2008:** Senate to approve appointment of Petraeus as head of U.S. Central Command to lead operations across Middle East