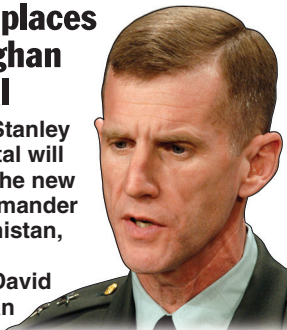


U.S. replaces top Afghan general

General Stanley McChrystal will become the new U.S. commander in Afghanistan, replacing General David McKiernan



▶ McChrystal is **Director of Joint Staff**, a top Washington military post

▶ Formerly served in 1991 **Gulf War**, led elite **75th Ranger Regiment**

▶ Appointed **Chief of Staff** of military operations in Afghanistan, 2001/02

▶ Headed Pentagon's **Joint Special Operations Command**, 2003-08

▶ His leadership is credited with capture of **Saddam Hussein** in 2003 and killing of **Abu Musab al-Zarqawi**, leader of **Al Qaeda in Iraq**, in 2006