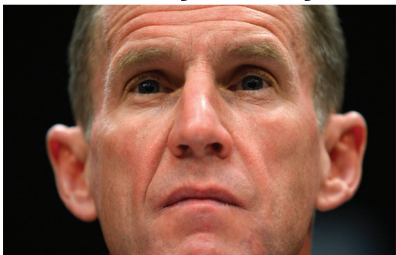


# Gen Stanley McChrystal



■ **1954:** Born into military family

■ **1976:** Graduates from U.S. military academy at West Point

■ **2003:** Becomes commanding general of ***Joint Special Operations Command*** – secretive body tasked with U.S. special forces missions abroad. JSOC troops capture former Iraqi president ***Saddam Hussein***

■ **2006:** Promoted to JSOC overall commander

■ **2007:** Linked to scandal over posthumous Silver Star awarded to former NFL football star ***Pat Tillman***, killed in Afghanistan by friendly fire but whose death was initially attributed to enemy fire

■ **2008:** Becomes director of Joint Staff

■ **2009:** Takes over command of U.S. and NATO forces in Afghanistan. 30,000 extra U.S. troops deployed after he warns mission could fail within 12 months without additional forces

■ **Jun 23, 2010:** Gen McChrystal dismissed by U.S. President Barack Obama after critical comments about senior administration officials