



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

■ **Military operations, 1970s-2000s:** Commissioned as infantry officer, served in airborne, mechanised and air assault infantry units in U.S., Europe and Middle East

■ **2003:** Leads 101st Airborne during invasion of Iraq, sees first real combat

■ **2004-05:** Responsible for training of Iraqi security forces

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

■ **Oct 2008:** Becomes head of U.S. Central Command

■ **Jun 2010:** Nominated as top U.S. commander in Afghanistan after sacking of Gen. Stanley McChrystal