

On August 9, 1999, General Henry H. Shelton, USA, hosted a ceremony which commemorated the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the position of Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The event, which was held at Fort Myer in Virginia, also included remarks by President Clinton and Secretary Cohen. Since the post was created by an amendment of the National Security Act of 1947, fourteen officers selected from the Army, Navy, and Air Force have served as Chairman.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

The Chairmen, 1949–1999



General of the Army
Omar Nelson Bradley,
USA

August 16, 1949–August 15, 1953



Admiral
Arthur William Radford,
USN

August 15, 1953–August 15, 1957



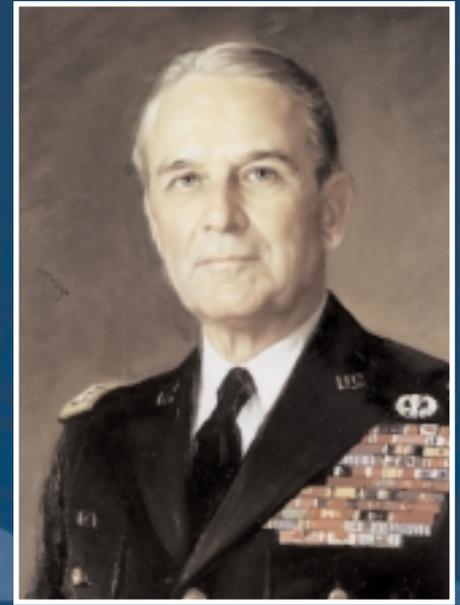
General
Nathan Farragut Twining,
USAF

August 15, 1957–September 30, 1960



General
Lyman Louis Lemnitzer,
USA

October 1, 1960–September 30, 1962



General
Maxwell Davenport Taylor,
USA

October 1, 1962–July 1, 1964



General
Earle Gilmore Wheeler,
USA

July 3, 1964–July 2, 1970



Admiral
Thomas Hinman Moorer,
USN

July 2, 1970–July 1, 1974



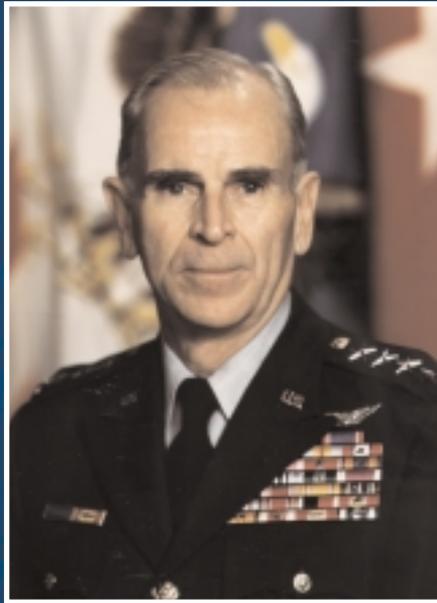
General
George Scratchley Brown,
USAF

July 1, 1974–June 20, 1978



**General
David Charles Jones,
USAF**

June 21, 1978–June 18, 1982



**General
John William Vessey, Jr.,
USA**

June 18, 1982–September 30, 1985



**Admiral
William James Crowe, Jr.,
USN**

October 1, 1985–September 30, 1989



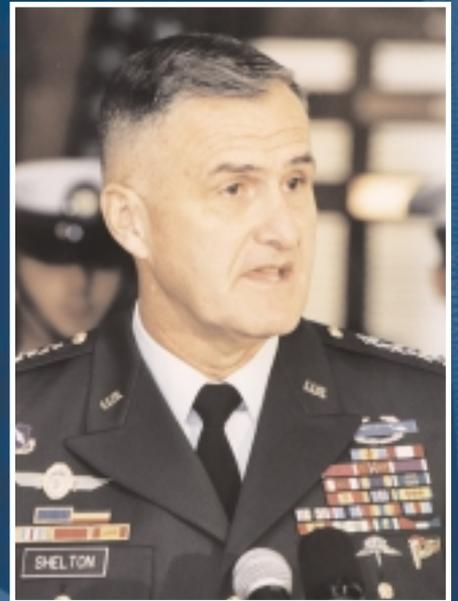
**General
Colin Luther Powell,
USA**

October 1, 1989–September 30, 1993



**General
John Malchase Shalikashvili,
USA**

October 25, 1993–September 30, 1997



**General
Henry Hugh Shelton,
USA**

October 1, 1997–present