

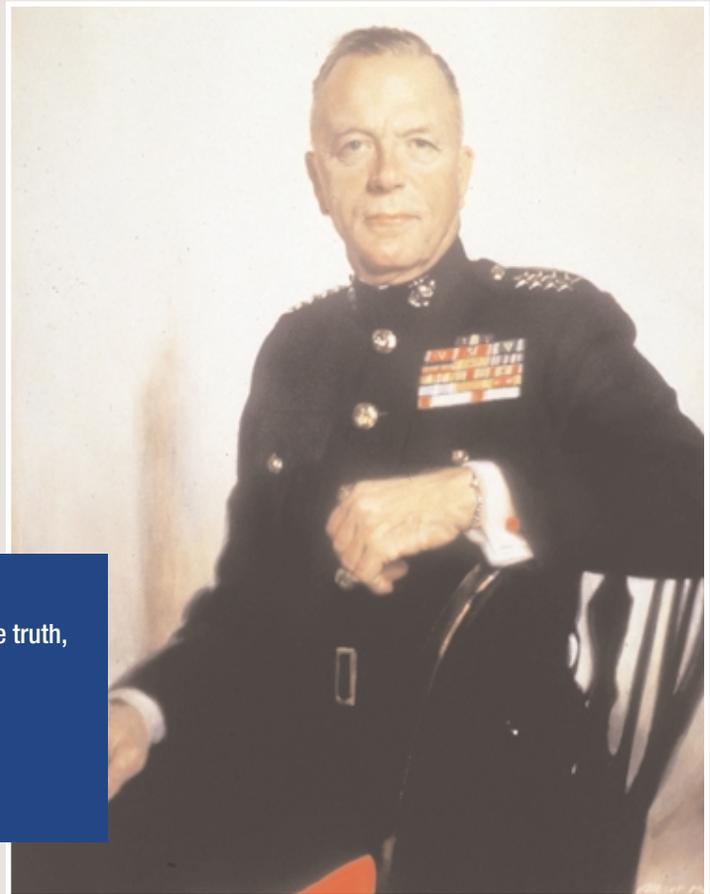
# General Leonard Fielding Chapman, Jr.

(1913–2000)

## Commandant of the Marine Corps

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**B**orn in Key West, Florida; graduated from University of Florida; Reserve Officers Training Corps (1931–35); basic school (1935–36); 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 10<sup>th</sup> Marines, Quantico (1936–37); field artillery school (1938); 10<sup>th</sup> Marines, San Diego (1938–40); gunnery school (1940); commanding officer of Marine detachment on board *USS Astoria* and fought at Midway and Coral Sea (1940–42); artillery instructor at Quantico (1942); executive officer of artillery section at Marine Corps Schools (1943); served with 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division in Pacific (1944); commanded 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 11<sup>th</sup> Marines (1944–45); secretary of general staff, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific (1945–46); executive officer in plans and policies at Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps (1946–49); coordinator, Reserve artillery training unit (1949–50); amphibious warfare school (1950); regimental commander, 12<sup>th</sup> Marines, 3<sup>d</sup> Marine Division (1950–54); commanded Marine Barracks, U.S. Fleet Activities, Japan (1954–56); served as commander of Marine Barracks and director of Marine Corps Institute, Washington (1956–58); commanding general, Force Troops, Fleet Marine Force, Atlantic (1958–61); assistant chief of staff for logistics (1961–63) and chief of staff, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps (1964–67); appointed Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps (1967); 24<sup>th</sup> Commandant of the Marine Corps (1968–71); died in Fairfax, Virginia.



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... it is my duty to support the decisions made by my superiors. But if asked for my opinion, I intend to state the facts and tell the truth, candidly, to answer any questions.

—From testimony by Leonard F. Chapman, Jr.,  
before the Senate Armed Forces Committee  
(December 12, 1967)

Portrait by Albert K. Murray.