

General George Scratchley Brown

(1918–1978)

**Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff**

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Born in Montclair, New Jersey; graduated from Military Academy (1941); flying school, Pine Bluff and Kelly Field (1941–42); B-24 pilot, 344th and 329th Bombardment Squadrons (1941–42); 93^d Bombardment Group, Libya (1943–44); 2^d Bombardment Division, England (1944–45); Army Air Force Training Command (1945–46); Air Defense Command/Continental Air Command (1945–50); commander, 62^d Troop Carrier Group (1950–51); commander, 56th Fighter Interceptor Wing and 4708th Defense Wing (1951–52); assistant director and director of operations, Fifth Air Force, Korea (1952–53); commander, 3525th Pilot Training Wing (1953–56); student, National War College (1956–57); executive assistant to chief of staff of the Air Force (1957–59); military assistant to Deputy Secretary and Secretary of Defense (1959–63); commander, Eastern Transport Air Force (1963–64); commander, Joint Task Force II (1964–66); assistant to Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff (1966–68); commander, Seventh Air Force, and deputy commander for air operations, Military Assistance Command, Vietnam (1968–70); commander, Air Force Systems Command (1970–73); chief of staff of the Air Force (1973–74); Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff (1974–78); died in Washington.



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The American military has no separate life of its own. It is not an end in itself, but simply a *means* to the end of protecting and preserving our national security. In the final analysis, it is the American people who determine our national goals and objectives, including the defense and security of our Nation. The Armed Forces are the *instruments* of the people. They are constituted and supported by the elected representatives of the people, and serve to achieve national goals.

— Armed Forces Day address by George S. Brown,
delivered in Phoenix, Arizona (May 15, 1975)

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