



**General David H. Petraeus** (US Army, retired) became the 20th director of the Central Intelligence Agency on September 6, 2011. He leads the Agency and also manages human intelligence, covert operations, counterintelligence, liaison with foreign intelligence services, and open source collection programs on behalf of the Intelligence Community and the United States Government.

Petraeus retired from the United States Army in 2011, after a distinguished 37-year career. He last served as commander, NATO International Security Assistance Force and commander, US Forces- Afghanistan. His other four-star commands include assignments as the 10th commander, United States Central Command and as commanding general, Multi-National Force-Iraq during the surge.

Prior to those assignments, Petraeus commanded the US Army Combined Arms Center and Fort Leavenworth, during which time he oversaw development of the US Army/Marine Corps Counterinsurgency Field Manual. Simultaneously, he commanded the Multi-National Security Transition Command-Iraq and the NATO Training Mission-Iraq, both of which he established. He commanded the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), including while the 101st participated in the fight to Baghdad and subsequent stability operation during the first year of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Awards and decorations earned by Petraeus include four awards of the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, three awards of the Distinguished Service Medal, the Bronze Star Medal for valor, and the State Department Distinguished Service Award.

Petraeus holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the United States Military Academy, and he was the General George C. Marshall Award winner as the top graduate of the US Army Command and General Staff College in 1983. He subsequently earned MPA and Ph.D. degrees in international relations from Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. He has served as an assistant professor of international relations at the US Military and has completed a fellowship at Georgetown University.