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LINCOLN'S GENERALS

The sacrifices of the men who helped to preserve the Union are recalled with the re-occurrence of each Memorial Day. Unless one has given special attention to the history of the Civil War, it is difficult to properly rank the officers who served in the Union Army. This bulletin contains the names of twenty-five generals most often associated with the struggle, and brief statements about their activities up to the close of civil strife.

Robert Anderson

Born, Louisville, Ky., June 14, 1805.
Graduated, West Point, 1825.
Served in Black Hawk War.
Served in Mexican War.
Commander Charleston Harbor, 1861.
Evacuated Fort Sumter, Apr. 13, 1861.
Commander, Dept. of Kentucky, 1861.
Com., Dept. of the Cumberland, 1861.
Retired from service, Oct. 27, 1863.
Brevet Major General, Feb. 3, 1865.

Nathaniel Prentiss Banks

Born, Walliam, Mass., Jan. 30, 1816.
Major General, Volunteers, 1861.
Com., 5th Corps, Potomac Army, 1861.
Commander, Dept. of the Gulf, 1863.
Resigned, 1864.

Don Carlos Buell

Born, Lowell, Ohio, March 23, 1818.
Graduated, West Point, 1841.
Com., Dept. of the Cumberland, 1861.
Major General, March 21, 1862.
Resigned, June 1, 1864.

Ambrose Everett Burnside

Born, Liberty, Ind., May 23, 1824.
Graduated, West Point, 1847.
Served in Mexican War.
Com., Dept. of North Carolina, 1862.
Major General, March 18, 1862.
Com., Potomac Army, Nov. 10, 1862.
Commander, Dept. of Ohio, 1863.
Com., 9th Corps, Potomac Army, 1864.
Resigned, April 15, 1865.

Benjamin Franklin Butler

Born, Deerfield, N. H., Nov. 5, 1818.
Graduated, Waterville College.
Major General, May 16, 1861.
Commander, Fort Monroe & Dept. of Eastern Va., 1861.
Commander, Dept. of the Gulf, 1862.
Commander, Army of the James, 1863.
Removed, 1864.

William Buel Franklin

Born, York, Pa., Feb. 27, 1823.
Graduated, West Point, 1843.
Com., 6th Corps, Potomac Army, 1864.
Major General, March 13, 1865.

John Charles Fremont

Born, Savannah, Ga., Jan. 21, 1813.
Graduated, Charleston College, 1833.
Served in Mexican War.
Major General, U. S. Army, 1861.
Commander, Western Division, 1861.
Commander, Mountain Division, 1862.

Ulysses S. (Simpson) Grant

Born, Point Pleasant, Ohio, April 27, 1822.

Graduated, West Point, 1843.
Served in Mexican War.
Com., Southeastern Missouri, 1861.
Maj. Gen., Volunteers, Feb. 16, 1862.
Com., Div. of the Mississippi, 1863.
Lieut. General, March 2, 1864.
Com., all U. S. Armies, Mar. 12, 1864.
Received surrender of the Southern Forces under Lee, April 9, 1865.

Henry Wagner Halleck

Born, Westerville, N. Y., Jan. 16, 1815.
Graduated, West Point, 1839.
Served in Mexican War.
Major General, Aug. 19, 1861.
Gen. in Chief, all U. S. Armies, July 23, 1862.

Winfield Scott Hancock

Born, Montgomery Co., Pa., Feb. 14, 1824.
Graduated, West Point, 1844.
Served in Mexican War.
Major General, Volunteers, 1862.
Com., 2nd Corps, Potomac Army, 1863.
Com., Army of the Shenandoah, 1865.

Samuel Peter Heintzelman

Born in Manheim, Pa., Sept. 30, 1805.
Graduated, West Point, 1826.
Served in Mexican War.
Maj. Gen., Volunteers, May 5, 1862.
Com., 3rd & 4th Corps, Potomac Army, 1862.
Commander, Northern Dept., 1863.

Joseph Hooker

Born, Hadley, Mass., Nov. 13, 1814.
Graduated, West Point, 1837.
Served in Mexican War.
Major General, May 5, 1862.
Com., Potomac Army, 1862.

David Hunter

Born, Washington, D.C., July 21, 1802.
Graduated, West Point, 1822.
Served in Mexican War.
Maj. Gen., Volunteers, Aug. 13, 1861.
Com., Western Dept., Nov. 2, 1861.
Com., Dept. of Kansas, Nov. 20, 1861.
Com., Dept. of the West, May, 1864.
Brev. Maj. Gen., U. S. Army, March 13, 1865.

Erasmus Darwin Keyes

Born, Brimfield, Mass., May 29, 1810.
Graduated, West Point, 1832.
Maj. Gen., Volunteers, May 5, 1862.
Com., 4th Corps, Potomac Army, 1862.
Resigned, May 6, 1864.

Irvin McDowell

Born, Columbus, Ohio, Oct. 15, 1818.
Graduated, West Point, 1838.
Served in Mexican War.
Com., Potomac Army, 1861.
Maj. Gen., Volunteers, March 14, 1862.
Com., Pacific Army, 1864.

George Brinton McClellan

Born, Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 3, 1826.
Graduated, West Point, 1846.
Served in Mexican War.
Commander, Dept. of Ohio, 1861.
Maj. Gen., U. S. Army, May 14, 1862.
Commander, Dept. of Wash., D. C., & Eastern Va., 1862.
Com., all U. S. Armies, Nov. 1, 1862.
Resigned, Sept. 8, 1864.

George Gordon Meade

Born, Cadiz, Spain, Dec. 31, 1815.
Graduated, West Point, 1835.
Served in Mexican War.
Maj. Gen., Volunteers, Nov. 29, 1862.
Com., Potomac Army, 1863.
Maj. Gen., U. S. Army, Aug. 18, 1864.

John Pope

Born, Louisville, Ky., March 16, 1822.
Graduated, U. S. Military Academy, 1842.
Served in Mexican War.
Major General, Volunteers, 1862.
Com., Army of the Mississippi, 1862.
Commander, Army of Virginia, 1862.
Com., Dept. of the Northwest, 1862.
Commander, Dept. of Missouri, 1865.

Winfield Scott

Born, Dinwiddie Co., Pa., June 13, 1786.
Educated, William & Mary College.
Served in War of 1812.
Served in Black Hawk War.
Served in Mexican War.
Brev. Lieut. Gen. of U. S. Army when Civil War began and in command of all U. S. Armies.
Retired from active service, 1862.
Lieut. General, U. S. Army, 1863.

John Sedgwick

Born, Cornwall, Conn., Sept. 13, 1813.
Graduated, West Point, 1837.
Served in Mexican War.
Maj. Gen., Volunteers, Dec. 23, 1862.
Com., 6th Corps, Potomac Army, 1863.
Killed in service, Spottsylvania, May 9, 1864.

Philip Henry Sheridan

Born, Albany, N. Y., March 6, 1831.
Graduated, West Point, 1853.
Maj. Gen., Volunteers, Dec. 31, 1862.
Com., Army of the Shenandoah, 1864.
Com., Cavalry, Potomac Army, 1864.
Maj. Gen., U. S. Army, Nov. 8, 1864.

William Tecumseh Sherman

Born, Lancaster, Ohio, Feb. 8, 1820.
Graduated, West Point, 1840.
Served in Mexican War.
Com., Army of the Tenn., Feb., 1862.
Maj. Gen., Volunteers, May 1, 1862.
Com., Division of the Miss., 1863.

Franz Sigel

Born, Sinsheim, Baden, Nov. 18, 1824.
Graduated, Military School, Karlsruhe, 1843.
Came to America, 1852, settling in St. Louis.
Com., Army of West Virginia, 1864.

George Henry Thomas

Born, Southampton Co., Va., July 31, 1816.
Graduated, West Point, 1840.
Served in Mexican War.
Major General, April 25, 1862.
Com., Army of the Cumberland, 1863.

Gouverneur Kemble Warren

Born, Cold Springs, N.Y., Jan. 8, 1830.
Graduated, West Point, 1850.
Major General, May 3, 1863.
Com., 5th Corps, Potomac Army, 1863.