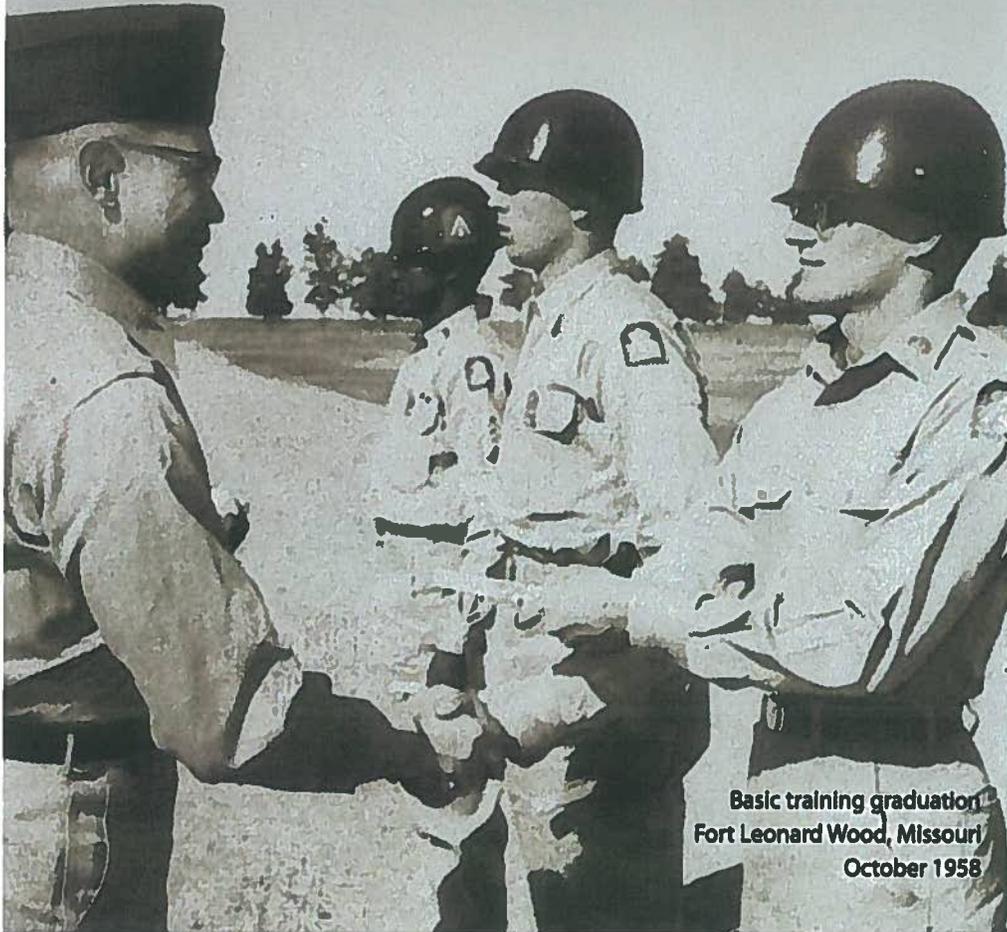


# *In Loving Memory*

**General John M. D. Shalikashvili  
June 27, 1936 - July 23, 2011**

**"I can think of no greater symbol of General Shall's  
life than the convergence of paths that span the  
globe at our country's most revered place."**

**~ Major Brian Beldowicz**



**Basic training graduation  
Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri  
October 1958**

**General John M. D. Shalikashvili  
June 27, 1936 - July 23, 2011**

**October 7, 2011 • 1 pm  
Memorial Chapel  
Fort Myer, Virginia**



*Order of Service*

Prelude .....	Jan Lucas
Invocation .....	Chaplain (Colonel) Bryan Walker
"How Great Thou Art" .....	Dr. Pam Meyers
Meditation .....	Chaplain (Colonel) Bryan Walker
Reading (1 Peter 5:2-4, 6) .....	Major General James A. Kessler
Tribute .....	The Honorable Madeleine K. Albright
"Memories" .....	Dr. Pam Meyers
Tribute .....	The Honorable William J. Clinton
"The Prayer" .....	Dr. Pam Meyers
Benediction .....	Chaplain (Colonel) Bryan Walker
Postlude .....	Jan Lucas

**Honors Ceremony and Interment will follow the service  
at the lower portion of Section 30 in Arlington Cemetery.  
An "after gathering" will be held at the Women in  
Military Service for America Memorial at 2:45 p.m.**

*1 Peter 5:2-4,6*

**Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them – not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not greedy for money, but eager to serve; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away. Humble yourselves therefore under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.**



**From the countless men and women in uniform who have benefitted from General Shalkashvili's example of what it means to be a servant leader, we thank you.**

*We Thank You*



*A Glimpse  
at the  
Life of*

**General John M. D. Shalikashvili**





Shortly before his death, General Shaikashvili used a standing apparatus at physical therapy. He was truly standing to the end.

***“When the last bugle has sounded, I want to stand with my soldiers. In the years to come, no matter what I do, no matter where I go, no matter what I will become... I hope to always be a soldier.”***

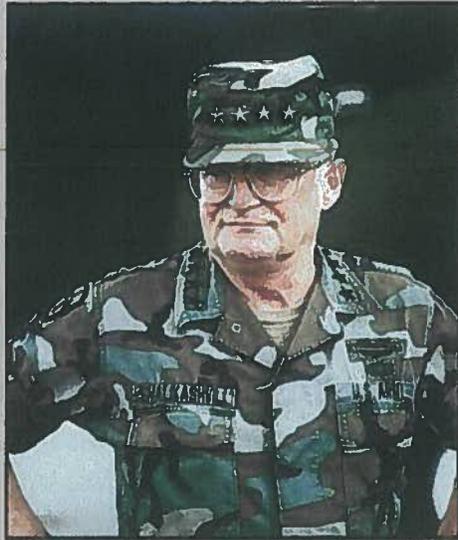
***~ General John Shaikashvili***

*I hope to  
always be  
a soldier.*





## *In Memoriam*



*The peoples of the United States, Europe, and beyond have been diminished by the passing of General John Shalkashvili, who served as Chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff (1993-1997) under President William J. Clinton. The General passed away on 23 July, 2011 at Madigan Army Medical Center in Tacoma, Washington as a result of a stroke.*

*Shalkashvili, a four-star general, served 39 years, three months, and one day on active duty. At his retirement ceremony at Fort Myer, Virginia, on September 30,*

*1997, President Clinton bestowed on him the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian award given by the United States. The inscription on the medal recognized General Shalkashvili for working "tirelessly to improve our Nation's security and promote world peace."*

*General "Shali," as he liked to be called, was best known for his role in guiding the United States through the chaos and uncertainty of the immediate post-Cold War period. Following the dissolution of the Soviet Union, Shall worked to ensure the nuclear weapons of the former Soviet republics were secure, and along with his good friend, Madeleine Albright, helped create NATO's Partnership for Peace and NATO enlargement programs that together allowed former Soviet satellites and Soviet republics to build ties with, and eventually join, NATO. These efforts helped stop a new Cold War from emerging in Europe.*

*He further contributed to world peace and security by the role he played in the U.S. ratification of the Chemical Weapons Convention, and by overseeing successful military operations in Bosnia, Haiti, and elsewhere across the world. He worked to ensure U.S. security by his articulation of Joint Vision 2010, a blueprint for increasing the interoperability of the U.S. service branches, and by his role in maintaining the readiness of U.S. armed forces despite the downsizing of the U.S. military in the immediate post-Cold War era.*

*Most of these accomplishments came during his tenure in many of our nation's most important military positions. In addition to the Chairmanship, he also*

*served as Supreme Allied Commander Europe (head of NATO's military), Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff during the tenure of General Colin Powell, and Deputy Commander in Chief of U.S. Army Europe.*

*Perhaps his greatest accomplishment was Operation Provide Comfort, the U.S. military's first major humanitarian mission. At the end of the first Gulf War, Iraqi forces had chased over 500,000 Kurds into the inhospitable mountains along the Turkish border. Lacking food, water, and shelter, the Kurds were dying at a rate of 1,000 per day. To avert a humanitarian crisis of catastrophic proportions, General Shali was called upon to lead the operation, which involved 35,000 soldiers from 13 countries as well as volunteers from over 50 NGOs. In a mere 90 days, Operation Provide Comfort returned all Kurds back to safe havens in Iraq.*

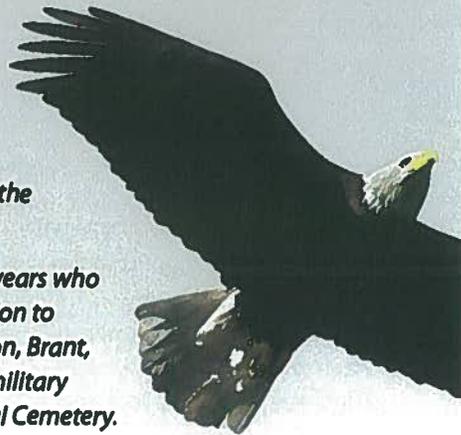
*General Shali had been a refugee himself. He was born "stateless," meaning without citizenship, in Poland on June 27, 1936, because his refugee parents, having earlier fled Russia's Bolshevik uprising, were not Polish citizens. Following the violent Warsaw Uprising of 1944, he and his family were on the run again and eventually found sanctuary in southern Germany. Eight years later, with the help of distant relatives, his family immigrated to Peoria, Illinois, where he was finally granted citizenship—his first ever—by the United States in May of 1958.*

*General Shali holds the distinction of being the first naturalized American, first draftee, and first soldier commissioned through Officer Candidate School to become Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.*

*During his career he served in every level of unit command from battalion to division; was posted at Forts Chaffee, Leonard Wood, Sill, Bliss, and Lewis; held a number of Army planning positions in the Pentagon; and was stationed abroad in such diverse places as Germany, Vietnam, Korea, Italy, and Belgium.*

*He held a B.A. in Engineering from Bradley University and an M.A. in International Affairs from George Washington University. He was a graduate of the Artillery Officer Advanced Course, the Naval War College, and the Army War College.*

*He is survived by "Joannie," his wife of over 44 years who is credited with sharing her husband's dedication to improving the lives of military families, their son, Brant, and other family members. A burial with full military honors will be held today at Arlington National Cemetery.*





## *Tributes*

**General John M. D. Shalikashvili,  
USA (Ret), CJCS (1993-1997)**

**"With the passing of General John M. Shalikashvili, the United States has lost a genuine soldier-statesman whose extraordinary life represented the promise of America and the limitless possibilities that are open to those who choose to serve it. From his arrival in the United States as a 16-year old Polish immigrant after the Second World War, to a young man who learned English from John Wayne movies, to his rise to the highest ranks of our military, Shall's life was an "only in America" story. By any measure, he made our country a safer and better place.**

**As Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, he strengthened our alliances in Europe and in Asia, forged closer defense ties with Russia, and championed the Partnership for Peace with the former Soviet states. At the same time, he oversaw successful military operations in Bosnia and Haiti, and elsewhere. Most of all, he fought tirelessly to improve the quality of life for our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen and their families who serve to keep us safe.**

**Michelle and I extend our heartfelt condolences to General Shalikashvili's wife Joan and their son Brant."**

**~ President Barack H. Obama**



**"John was an extraordinary patriot who faithfully defended this country for four decades, rising to the very pinnacle of the military profession. I will remember John as always being a stalwart advocate for the brave men and women who don the uniform and stand guard over this nation."**

**~ Leon Panetta  
Secretary of Defense**



**"He never minced words, he never postured or pulled punches, he never shied away from tough issues or tough calls, and most important, he never shied away from doing what he believed was the right thing."**

**~ The Honorable President William Clinton**

**"I am saddened to learn of the death of General John Shalikashvili, a great American patriot and soldier who served our nation for decades both in and outside the military.**

**I had the honor of working with the general closely during his years as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, particularly on the enlargement of NATO to include Central and Eastern Europe – a project close to both our hearts. General Shalikashvili brought to his profession and to his life a memorable combination of talent, commitment and humor; he believed to his bones in the value of democratic principles and in the need for vigilance in defending freedom. No one was more skilled than he at asserting American leadership while retaining the support and respect of our allies.**

**General Shalikashvili, a man with a great mind and a great heart, loved his family, friends and this country. Today, our country lost one of its finest citizens and those who knew him have lost an irreplaceable friend."**

**~ The Honorable Madeleine K. Albright  
U.S. Secretary of State 1997 – 2001**



**"His family will miss him more than they can say. His friends will miss him more than we can say. Our nation will miss him more than now understood by the national security establishment. He was a man, and taken all and all, we shall never see his like again."**

**~ William J. Perry  
Secretary of Defense, 1994-1997**





Shalkashvili Family  
Christening of DeLator (DPG73)  
Bath, Maine, 1996

## *In Appreciation*

***We thank you for attending this memorial service for John. He would've been very pleased to be so honored. You're providing the support he always knew we would have. Our heartfelt thanks go out to each one of you.***

***~ The Shalkashvili Family***