

General Martin Dempsey is the 18th Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He is the highest-ranking military officer in the U.S. Armed Forces and the principal military advisor to the President, the Secretary of Defense and the National Security Council. Prior to becoming Chairman, he served as the Army's 37th Chief of Staff.

A New Jersey native and career armor officer, General Dempsey is a 1974 graduate of West Point. During more than 37 years of service, he has commanded at every echelon – from platoon to combatant command across the United State and the globe.

General Dempsey is married to his high school sweetheart, Deanie. Each of their three children – Chris, Megan and Caitlin – has served in the United States Army. They have seven grandchildren.