

Fort Leavenworth Hall of Fame

Post Cold War



CHARLES C. KRULAK, General, USMC

General Charles C. Krulak graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1964. He completed two combat tours in Vietnam commanding at platoon and company levels.

General Krulak is known for his emphasis on leadership and education. He commanded the Special Training Branch, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego; graduated with distinction from the Amphibious Warfare School; commanded the Counter-Guerilla Warfare School on Okinawa; served as a Company Officer at the Naval Academy; commanded Marine Barracks, U.S. Naval Air Station, North Island, California; and was an honor graduate of CGSC in 1977. He graduated from the National War College in 1982. He commanded the 3^d Battalion, 3^d Marines, and was the Deputy Director of the White House Military Office. General Krulak was the Commanding General, 10th Marine Expeditionary Brigade/Assistant Division Commander, 2^d Marine Division then Commanding General, 2^d Force Service Support Group / Commanding General, 6th Marine Expeditionary Brigade; and commanded 2d Force Service Support Group during *Desert Shield/Desert Storm*. After promotion to Lieutenant General he commanded Marine Corps Combat Development Command. He then served as Commander, Marine Forces Pacific / Commanding General, Fleet Marines Forces Pacific. General Krulak assumed the duties as the 31st Commandant of the Marine Corps in July 1995. Among his many accomplishments he is remembered for establishing the Marine Warfighting Laboratory, implementing *"The Crucible"* as a rite of passage at recruit training, and his prescient creation of the concepts of *"The Three Block War"* and *"The Strategic Corporal."*

After retirement General Krulak brought his leadership to a variety of business, sport, charitable, and educational venues. He was named the 13th President of Birmingham-Southern College in 2011. Among his awards and decorations are the Defense Distinguished Service Medal; the Navy Distinguished Service Medal; the Silver Star Medal; the Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V" device and two Gold Stars; the Purple Heart Medal with Gold Star; the Combat Action Ribbon; the Vietnam Service Medal with six Service Stars; the Southwest Asia Service Medal with three Service Stars; the Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Silver Star, and Bronze Star; the Kuwait Liberation Medal; and the French Legion d' honneur.

Service at Fort Leavenworth:
Student, Command and General Staff College 1976-77