



*In Memoriam*

**Colin Luther Powell**

**12<sup>th</sup> Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff**

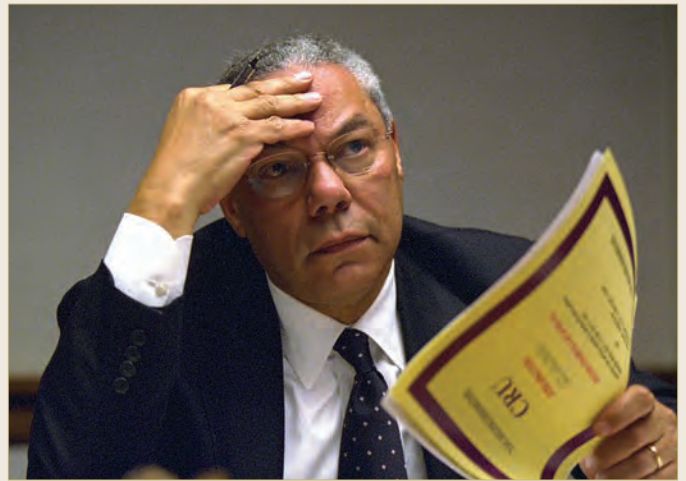
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In 1993, as the first Black Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Colin Powell founded this journal, *Joint Force Quarterly*—or simply *JFQ*, and introduced its inaugural issue that summer. His vision was to create a dynamic publication that would educate and inspire current and future military leaders serving across the joint force and “to provide for a free give-and-take of ideas among a wide range of people from every corner of the military.” Nearly 30 years later, and with over 100 *JFQs* published, our editorial team and contributing authors have consistently strived to carry forward his integrity, leadership, and steadfast commitment to our country’s warfighters. We offer this photo retrospective in honor of an extraordinary hero whose vision and determination shaped this journal and our nation. *JFQ*



General Powell and General Norman H. Schwarzkopf, commander-in-chief, U.S. Central Command, discuss coalition activities during Operation *Desert Shield* (DOD/H.H. Deffner)



Secretary Powell meets with senior George W. Bush administration officials in President's Emergency Operations Center, September 11, 2001 (National Archives and Records Administration/David Bohrer)



President Barack Obama jokes with Vice President Joe Biden and former Secretary of State Powell following their meeting in Oval Office, December 1, 2010 (The White House/Pete Souza)



President George H.W. Bush announces selection of General Powell as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, August 10, 1989 (George H.W. Bush Presidential Library)



General Powell with Soldiers from Joint Task Force B during exercise *Fuertes Caminos '91*, in Honduras, April 1, 1991 (DOD/National Archives and Records Administration/Pablo Tola)



President Ronald Reagan, Chief of Staff Howard Baker, and newly appointed National Security Advisor Powell confer inside Rancho Del Cielo, in California, on November 25, 1987 (Reagan White House/National Archives and Records Administration)