

★ GENERAL ULYSSES S. GRANT ★

As Portrayed by Barry Meadows

Born in 1822 in Ohio, Ulysses S. Grant graduated from West Point in 1843. He fought in the Mexican War, served out west and then resigned from the U.S. Army in 1854. At the outbreak of the Civil War,

Grant was working in his father's leather store in Galena, Illinois. Grant gained national attention with his victories at Forts Henry and Donelson, Shiloh, and Vicksburg.

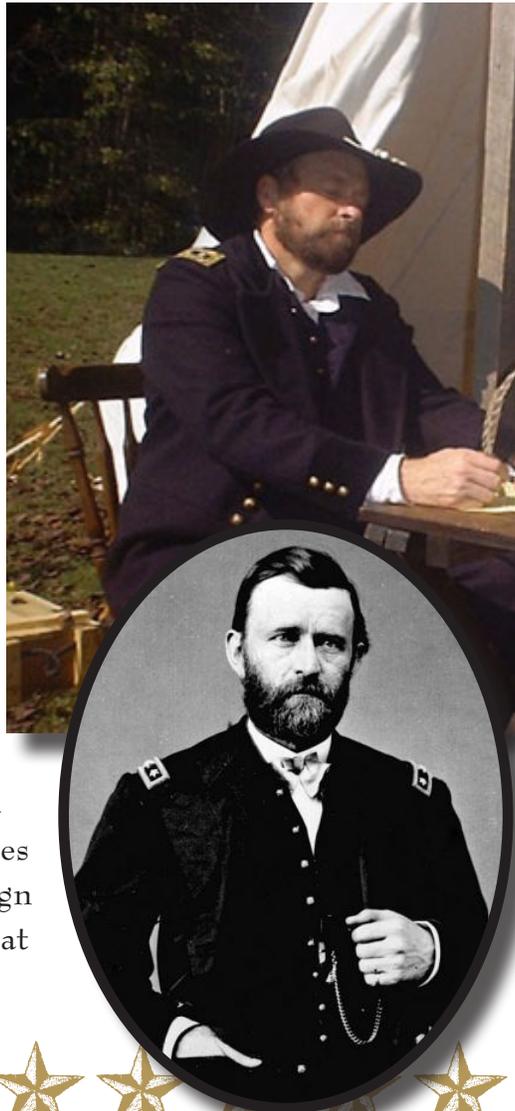
After his victory at Chattanooga, Lincoln appointed him General in Chief of all U.S. armies in March 1864. Grant assumed command of the Army of the Potomac, and for the first time faced Robert E. Lee, commander of the Army of Northern Virginia.

As Commanding General of the United States Army from 1864 to 1865, Grant confronted Robert E. Lee in a series of very high casualty battles known as the Overland Campaign that ended in a stalemate siege at

Petersburg. During the siege, Grant coordinated a series of devastating campaigns launched by William Tecumseh Sherman, Philip Sheridan, and George Thomas. Finally breaking through Lee's trenches at Petersburg, the Union Army captured Richmond, the Confederate capital, in April 1865.

Lee surrendered to Grant at Appomattox Court House on April 9, 1865. Grant wrote out magnanimous terms of surrender that prevented treason trials. Soon after, the Confederacy collapsed and the Civil War ended.

After the war, Grant sought a political career and was elected President of the United States twice (1869-1877). In 1884, he started writing his autobiography. He completed the book a few days before his death of throat cancer in July 1885.



To know Grant is to love Grant! Since 2001, Barry Meadows has had the privilege of bringing U.S. Grant to life. Grant was unjustly criticized during the Civil War and many newspapers reports about him were false. His over-zealous enemies did all they could to destroy him. It is Barry's desire to bring to life the truth of Grant's life.