

# Chabrias

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Athenian *strategos*, active in the fourth century BCE, who stood out during the Corinthian War in the 390s and operated with the fleet against the Spartans, in particular at AIGINA and in support of Evagoras of Salamis. He often had responsibility as chief commander of MERCENARIES, not only in Greece but also in Egypt against the Persians (Nep. *Chabr.* 2–3). Chabrias held an important *strategia* in 379/8 for the operations in BOIOTIA against the Spartans. He then became one of the principal promoters of the foundation and expansion of the Second Athenian League, above all because of the great naval victory at NAXOS in 376 (Xen. *Hell.* 5.4.61). He continued his activities in the north, in the Peloponnese, against the Thebans, but he was involved in the loss of OROPOS, which in 366 cost him a trial with the orator Kallistratos; although acquitted, he suffered a political setback. He managed to return to the political scene, continuing to act in favor of Athenian interests (at KEOS,

AMPHIPOLIS, and in EUBOEIA) until the outbreak of the Social War in 357. One of the first clashes was in CHIOS, where Chabrias tried to land, paying for this rash enterprise with his life (Diod. Sic. 16.7.3–4). According to Demosthenes (20.80), in his career Chabrias conquered seventeen *poleis* and seventy ships, and took 300 prisoners and 110 talents for Athens; however that may be, the wide-ranging activity of this *strategos* in favor of his *polis* is undeniable.

SEE ALSO: Athenian Confederacy, Second; Evagoras of Salamis (Cyprus); Social War, Classical Greece.

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