

## **James G. Breckenridge Bio**

James G. Breckenridge, Ph.D., is the Provost of the U.S. Army War College, assuming the position on 10 July 2017. The Provost serves as the chief academic officer and senior civilian at the College, and focuses strategic direction in five principal areas: education, faculty, students, research, and support. He supervises all academic and leader development programs to ensure quality, coordination and integration. The Army War College is the U.S. Army's senior institution for professional military education; responsible for joint professional military education overseen by the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, as well as general officer education overseen by the Chief of Staff of the Army. The College educates over 2,400 military, Department of Defense (DOD) civilian, international, and interagency students annually across ten separate Army and joint educational programs. Two of those programs award accredited civilian graduate degrees. The faculty consists of over 200 military and civilian personnel, most at the grade of Colonel/O6/GS-15.

Dr. Breckenridge was the founding dean of the Ridge College of Intelligence Studies and Applied Sciences, at Mercyhurst University the largest private academic intelligence enterprise in the United States; and executive director of the college's research arm, the Institute for Intelligence Studies, both in Erie, Pa. As the Ridge College Dean, he created an interdisciplinary college focused on intelligence studies, data analytics, forensic science, math, computer science, criminal justice, political science, sociology and communication. The evolution of the college was paralleled by innovations in delivering education through both residential and distance, online learning. Applying the Ridge College emphasis on interagency and corporate intelligence work, he developed effective partnerships with the Department of State, Department of Defense, Homeland Security and networks of experts in national security policy, business strategy, and law enforcement.

Previously, as Dean of the Walker School of Business and Chair of the Intelligence Studies Department, he initiated the interdisciplinary business-intelligence program that is now a hallmark of the Ridge College. In 2010, he founded and served as the chief organizer for the biennial Global Intelligence Forum, held in Dungarvan, Ireland.

Appointed as the first chair of the Department of Intelligence Studies at Mercyhurst University, he designed the curricular requirements and gained accreditation for the new major in Intelligence Studies in 2002, the graduate program in Applied Intelligence in 2004, and the Graduate Certificate program in 2005. Dr. Breckenridge has designed and taught courses in the intelligence analysis and leadership domains to executives and analysts working for multiple government agencies including the Department of State, Department of Defense, the Department of Homeland Security, and the Department of Energy. Working under the auspices of the U.S. Department of State, Breckenridge led interdisciplinary teams that provided leadership, antiterrorism and intelligence training to officials in Sub Saharan Africa, South Asia, and Southeast Asian nations.

During his 22 year military career he taught Middle Eastern History and served as the course director for the World History program at the United States Military Academy at West Point. Dr. Breckenridge has been honored with the Legion of Merit, among numerous military awards, and was selected as a Foundation for Defense of Democracies Fellow in 2011 for the study of Middle Eastern security issues. Dr. Breckenridge has published in multiple forums about the field and

practice of intelligence, and has presented extensively at academic and practitioner conferences about the role of leadership in intelligence application.

Dr. Breckenridge was elected as a school board director in Erie County, PA and later served as the President of the Fairview School Board. He has a doctorate in Organizational Learning and Leadership, and a master's in Business Administration at Gannon University. He holds master's and bachelor's degrees in History from the University of Virginia and Virginia Tech.

Dr. Breckenridge and his wife, Mary 'Missy' Breckenridge, Ed.D., reside at Carlisle Barracks. The Breckenridges have three adult daughters -- and eight grandchildren.