

## General Omar N. Bradley



### Chair of Strategic Leadership



The United States Army War College and Dickinson College have jointly established the General Omar N. Bradley Chair of Strategic Leadership. The Chair will promote the study of leadership in the context of security and strategy and from the perspective of the liberal arts and sciences. This joint Chair is a logical product of the unique and mutually beneficial relationship the Colleges enjoy as neighboring institutions of higher education.

Funding will be provided by Dickinson College and through the Army War College Foundation. The major donation through the Foundation is generously provided by Mutual of America Life Insurance Company in honor of William J. Flynn, Chairman of the Board.

Those appointed to the Chair will be recognized leaders and specialists on leadership issues drawn from the military, government, academic, business, and nonprofit sectors. They will teach, write, and take part in public conferences and panels, advancing the understanding of leadership in the community and the nation. Both Colleges will benefit from the different perspectives each partner brings to the subject.

### General of the Army Omar N. Bradley

Omar N. Bradley was born February 12, 1893, in the small farming community of Clark, Missouri. He graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1915. His overseas duty requests were repeatedly turned down during World War I. Between the wars, he taught at West Point a total of six years, and at the Infantry School and in ROTC. He graduated from the Command and General Staff College in 1929 and the Army War College in 1934. As the Army began to expand for war in 1938, he was named Assistant Secretary to the General Staff. In 1941, he returned to the Infantry School as Commandant.

During World War II, Bradley's leadership earned the deep respect of his men and the nickname, "The GI's General." He commanded the 82d and 28th Divisions in the U.S., II Corps in Tunisia and Sicily, and First Army in Normandy. His 12th Army Group (the largest American force in history) fought across France to the Rhine and linked up with the Red Army at the Elbe.

After the war, Bradley headed the Veterans Administration for two years, and then served as Army Chief of Staff. Appointed the first Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, he was promoted to five-star rank in 1950. He died April 8, 1981.



Mr. William J. Flynn

William J. Flynn joined Mutual of America Life Insurance Company as its President in 1971, and has been Chairman of the Board since 1982. A native of New York City, he served in the Air Force during the Korean War. He attended Cathedral College of the Immaculate Conception, earned his M.A. in Economics from Fordham University, and has received several honorary doctoral degrees.

Mr. Flynn has devoted decades of service to many educational, philanthropic, and fraternal organizations. His numerous awards include the Most Outstanding CEO in the Life Insurance Industry; the Life Services for the Handicapped National Leadership Award; the Human Rights and Business Award; and the Federal Law Enforcement Foundation Community Leadership Award. He has been named Man of the Year by several organizations, and as one of the Greatest Irish Americans of the Century.

Mr. Flynn is a longtime friend of the Army War College who has served two terms on the Board of Visitors. He and his wife, Peg, have four children and 11 grandchildren.