



Dr. Mark Anarumo has spent over 35 years in government service and higher education. He has held faculty positions at the assistant, associate, full, and tenured full professor levels; served as director of a university research center; and has led complex organizations starting as an enlisted leader in the US Army to serving as a Colonel in the US Air Force. His last “line” command was Vice Wing Commander of a NATO installation in Turkey during the war against ISIS and events leading to Turkey’s 2016 coup d’état. He has held multiple commands including overseas tours in Iraq, Afghanistan, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, and Korea, and served in the Pentagon as a financial programmer. His most recent service was as President of Norwich University, from which he retired in January 2024 to address pressing family medical concerns.

During the early years of his recent presidency Dr. Anarumo led the university and its partner communities through the global pandemic. As Norwich emerged from the challenge as a celebrated leader in crisis response, he quickly laid the foundation for Norwich University’s next era of growth and expansion. Primary focus areas included enhanced student success, contemporized business practices, improved campus operations, academic excellence ensuring twenty-first-century relevancy, and the mitigation of post-COVID enrollment declines and related fiscal challenges. Dr. Anarumo left Norwich ideally positioned to thrive in its third century of service to the nation and the world.

Dr. Anarumo enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1987, completed his Bachelor of Science degree via the GI Bill, and then spent 26 years as an Air Force officer. He entered the Air Force in 1994 as the Distinguished Graduate of Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps Detachment 485, serving Rutgers and Princeton Universities. He later earned a Master of Arts in Criminal Justice in 1999 and a PhD in Terrorism and Political Violence in 2005, both from Rutgers University, and completed a postdoctoral fellowship through the National Security Fellow Program at Harvard University’s John F. Kennedy School of Government in 2012. Dr. Anarumo also served as Director and Permanent Professor for the Center for Character and Leadership Development, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado, where he oversaw the delivery of leadership, honor, and character education programs for a student population of more than 4,000 officer candidates.

Dr. Anarumo possesses deep experience in the highest levels of organizational leadership, collaborative and transformational leadership in complex environments, donor relations, coalition building, leadership in shared governance structures, delivery of innovative faculty and staff development programs, strategic planning, and fiscal management. He has taught and published widely on political violence, criminal justice, leadership, and character development.