

SPEAKER INFORMATION

Date: *Thursday, September 8, 2022*
Event: *CEO Thinking Forum*

Dr. Peter Cressy
Washington Presidential Library's Director of Executive Leadership Programs

Dr. Peter Cressy has 35 years of CEO experience in both the public and private sectors including significant international experiences. A distinguished educator, a retired U.S. Navy Rear Admiral and Trade Association CEO, Dr. Cressy has a lengthy history of leadership positions. He served for six years as Chancellor of the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth and for two years as President of the Massachusetts Maritime College. His 28-year naval career included key appointments at the State Department, House of Representatives, the Pentagon, and several commanding officer positions. His operational assignments included duties in Alaska, Japan, Iceland, Italy, the Mediterranean, and shipboard duty off the coast of Vietnam during the evacuation of Saigon and the Mayaguez Rescue. He concluded his career as Commander, Fleet Air Mediterranean and Commander, NATO Air Mediterranean during Desert Storm where he was in command of 16,000 personnel and eight joint Naval bases in Spain, Italy, Greece, and Turkey. Most recently, Dr. Cressy served 16 years as the CEO of the Distilled Spirits Council, the trade association representing the largest international suppliers of fine spirits. Dr. Cressy now serves as the Washington Presidential Library's Director of Executive Leadership Programs.



A Yale undergraduate, Dr. Cressy has Masters degrees in International Affairs, Business Administration and Systems Analysis. His Doctorate in Organizational Development focuses on decision making and leadership in complex environments. Dr. Cressy is considered an expert in leadership education, training and coaching. During his Naval career, he served as Director of Naval Aviation Training and Manpower and subsequently, as Director of Total Force Naval training and education. Dr. Cressy has over 40 years of experience coaching and educating senior and emerging executives.