

## SEAN MCFATE



Dr. Sean McFate is an author, novelist and expert in foreign policy and national security strategy. He is a professor of strategy at the National Defense University and Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service. His newest book *The New Rules of War: Victory in the Age of Durable Disorder* (William Morrow) will be released January 22, 2019.

Recently, he was a Visiting Scholar at Oxford University's Changing Character of War Program. He was also a think tank scholar at the RAND Corporation, Atlantic Council, Bipartisan Policy Center, and New America Foundation.

McFate's career began as a paratrooper and officer in the U.S. Army's storied 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division. He served under Stanley McChrystal and David Petraeus, and graduated from elite training programs, such as Jungle Warfare School in Panama. He was also a Jump Master.

Then McFate became a private military contractor in Africa. Among his many experiences, he dealt with warlords, raised small armies, worked with armed groups in the Sahara, transacted arms deals in Eastern Europe, and helped prevent an impending genocide in the Rwanda region.

In the world of international business, McFate was a Vice President at TD International, a boutique political risk consulting firm with offices in Washington, Houston, Singapore and Zurich. Additionally, he was a manager at DynCorp International, a consultant at BearingPoint (now Deloitte Consulting) and an associate at Booz Allen Hamilton.

McFate co-wrote the novels *Shadow War* and *Deep Black* (William Morrow), part of the Tom Locke series based on his military experiences. *New York Times* #1 bestselling author Mark Greaney said: "I was blown away.... simply one of the most entertaining and intriguing books I've read in quite some time."

He also authored the non-fiction book *The Modern Mercenary: Private Armies and What They Mean for World Order* (Oxford University Press) which explains how the privatization of war is changing world order in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The *Economist* called it a "fascinating and disturbing book."

A coveted speaker, he has appeared before the British House of Commons, top universities and popular audience venues. He has written for the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *The Atlantic*, *The New Republic*, *Foreign Policy*, *Politico*, *Daily Beast*, *CNBC*, *Vice Magazine*, *Aeon*, *War on the Rocks*, *Military Review* and *African Affairs*. He has appeared in the *Wall Street Journal*, *MSNBC*, *Fox News*, *NPR*, *BBC*, *Economist*, *Vice/HBO*, *The Discovery Channel*, and *American Heroes Channel*. As a scholar, he has authored eight book chapters in edited academic volumes and published a monograph for the U.S. Army War College on how to raise foreign armies.

McFate holds a BA from Brown University, MPP from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, and a Ph.D. in international relations from the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE). He lives in Washington, DC.