



## INSS Senior Staff Biography

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David H. Gurney is the Editor of *Joint Force Quarterly* and Director of National Defense University Press.

Prior to joining INSS in November 2005, Col Gurney was the Commanding Officer of the USMC Element at U.S. Southern Command. His previous assignments include: Deputy Director of Operations (J35) at United States Southern Command; Commanding Officer, Marine Attack Squadron 513; Plans Officer, Marine Forces Atlantic; Operations Officer (J3) Joint Task Force Panama; Officer in Charge, AV-8B Harrier Detachment, USS Belleau Wood, 31<sup>st</sup> Marine Expeditionary Unit; Executive Officer, Operations Officer, and Aircraft Maintenance Officer for Marine Attack Squadrons 211 and 311; and Intelligence Officer, Marine Observation Squadron Two. He has accumulated over 4000 flight hours in tactical jet aircraft, including 1800 flight hours as a jet strike instructor with the U.S. Navy. He served in the Vice President's "Task Force against Drugs" and has planned or participated in numerous interagency and multinational operations, including: "Eastern Access" in Vieques, Puerto Rico; "Secure Tomorrow" following the resignation of President Aristide in Haiti; and "Firm Vigilance," concluding the transfer of the Panama Canal and associated infrastructure to the Republic of Panama. His career encompasses five years of overseas service, including assignments in the Far East, the Caribbean, South and Central America.

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