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Program Director

Mr. Ted Sturgeon is a Program Director for the Institute for Defense and Business, a role he has filled since joining the Institute for Defense and Business in August of 2007. Ted directs the Aviation Industrial Readiness Program, Continuous Process Improvement for Executives Program, and Wing Process Managers Program. Ted has also completed extensive work on the Military Vehicle High Performance Capabilities Project, the development and management of the IDB website and the Lean and Six Sigma Champions Certification with NC State University, as well as numerous other IDB activities and projects.

Ted has a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering Technology from Southern Polytechnic State University and a Master of Science in Management from Troy State University. Ted's military schools include F/A-18 Weapons and Tactics Instructor School, Command and Staff College, and Amphibious Warfare School.

Ted was born on September 28, 1961, of Norristown, Pennsylvania where he spent the majority of his childhood and attended high school. Moving to Atlanta following high school graduation, Ted enrolled in the Marine Corps' Platoon Leaders Class and attended Officer Candidate School while attending college where upon graduation as commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Marines in 1985. Ted served 22 years as a Marine Aviator flying the F/A-18 and F-5 aircraft ultimately serving as the Commanding Officer of Marine Fighter Training Squadron 401, the Marine Corps only professional adversary squadron from 2002- 2004.

During his military flying career, he served four tours at Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort, South Carolina in Marine Fighter Attack Squadrons; 251, 312, 115, and 122 with three deployments to the Western Pacific, a Carrier deployment aboard the USS Theodore Roosevelt, and numerous deployments around the United States.

Ted's non-flying military assignments included tours as a Forward Air Controller with 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment assigned to the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit, aboard the USS Wasp, F/A-18 Class Desk Officer for Commander Naval Aircraft Atlantic Fleet, where he managed Phased Depot Maintenance and aircraft modifications of the Atlantic Fleet's F/A-18 inventory. His last active tour of duty was the Operations Officer for the Marine Air Ground Task Force Staff Training Program in Quantico, Virginia where he managed multiple academic programs for Marine Corps University and exercises for deploying forces to OIF and OEF.

Ted retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in October of 2007 and his operational experience includes: Operations; Restore Hope in Somalia, Deny Flight, Deliberate Force, Sharp guard in Bosnia – Herzegovina, and Southern Watch in the Arabian Gulf.

Ted resides in Fuquay-Varina, North Carolina with his wife.