

BIOGRAPHICAL SUMMARY



Mr. James F. Geurts, a member of the Senior Executive Service, is the Deputy Director, Special Operations Research, Development, and Acquisition Center (SORDAC), for United States Special Operations Command (USSOCOM), MacDill Air Force Base, Florida. He is responsible for all Special Operations Forces (SOF) research, development, acquisition, procurement, and logistics, assisting the USSOCOM Acquisition Executive in overseeing more than \$5 billion in SOF-peculiar acquisition and support activities annually.

Mr. Geurts entered the U.S. Air Force in 1987 as a distinguished graduate from the Lehigh University ROTC program, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering. During his Air Force career, Mr. Geurts served as an acquisition program manager with engineering and program management leadership positions in numerous weapon systems. These systems included intercontinental ballistic missiles, surveillance platforms, tactical fighter aircraft, advanced avionics systems, stealth cruise missiles, training systems, and manned and unmanned special operations aircraft.

Mr. Geurts served as the Program Executive Officer for Fixed Wing Programs at USSOCOM. He retired from the Air Force as a colonel in 2009 after 21 years of active duty. Just prior to his current assignment, Mr. Geurts also served as the Commander, Joint Acquisition Task Force – Project Dragon, a team of USSOCOM and service acquisition personnel responsible for executing USSOCOM's most urgent acquisitions in response to wartime critical mission needs statements. This program earned some of the most prestigious awards in the acquisition field: David Packard, William J. Perry, and the Global War on Terrorism Advanced Concept Technology Development Transition Team of the Year Awards.

SIGNIFICANT AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2010 William J. Perry Award – *Team Lead; Most significant contribution to precision weaponry*
- 2009 Air Force Transformation Acquisition Team of the Year – *Team Lead*
- 2008 David Packard Excellence in Acquisition Award – *Team Lead; Best Department of Defense acquisition program*
- 2008 Global War on Terrorism Advanced Concept Technology Demonstration Program Transition Team of the Year – *Team Lead; #1 impact technology transition*
- 2005 Air Force Outstanding Military System Program Manager of the Year – *Air Force's #1 military acquisition leader*
- 2003, 1999, 1993 Two Year Below-the-Zone Selection to Colonel, Lieutenant Colonel, and Major
- 2002 Collier Trophy Winner – *Team Member; Greatest achievement in aeronautics/astronautics*
- 1992 Distinguished Graduate, Air Force Institute of Technology
- 1992 Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association Research Excellence Award – *Outstanding leadership and academic achievement*
- 1992 Air Force Louis F. Polk Award – *Outstanding leadership and academic achievement*
- 1987 Distinguished Graduate, Air Force Reserve Officers Training Course, Lehigh University

MEDALS/MERITS

- Defense Distinguished Service Medal
- Legion of Merit
- Defense Meritorious Service Medal (*2 awards*)
- Air Force Meritorious Service Medal
- Air Force Commendation Medal
- Joint Service Achievement Medal (*2 awards*)
- Air Force Achievement Medal (*2 awards*)

EDUCATION

- 2007 National Security Studies Program, Elliot School of International Affairs, George Washington University, Washington, DC
- 2005 Executive Program Management Course, Defense Systems Management College, Fort Belvoir, VA
- 2004 Senior Acquisition Course, Defense Acquisition University, Fort Belvoir, VA
- 2004 Master of Science degree in national security resourcing, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, National Defense University, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, DC
- 1999 Advanced Program Managers Course, Defense Systems Management College, Fort Belvoir, VA
- 1993 Distinguished graduate, Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 1992 Distinguished graduate, Master of Science degree in electrical engineering, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH
- 1987 Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering, Lehigh University, PA

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS

- Defense Acquisition Corps
- National Defense Industrial Association
- Air Force Association
- Special Operations Warrior Foundation