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Daniel E. Curfiss is a retired United States Marine Corps infantry officer, now serving on the faculty at the NESACenter. He joined the NESACenter in August of 2005 as the Program Manager for Afghanistan and Iraq, wherein he oversaw training and education programs for those two countries. In that capacity, he worked to provide a composite program for capacity-building training and technical support to help the governments of Afghanistan and Iraq transition as they developed and refined their defense and national security institutions. This was building off his former experience in 2004, when he instructed civil servants in Iraq, both at the Ministry of Defense and on the staff of the Iraqi National Security Advisor, in capacity-building, policy development and matters of national security policy and strategy.

He worked in Nigeria from August of 2002 until February of 2004 on the Nigeria Civil-Military Assistance Program Combined Action Team of senior officers from the Nigerian Armed Forces and retired senior military officers from the United States Armed Forces in a joint U.S./Nigeria venture to democratize the Ministry of Defense and revitalize the Nigerian Armed Forces. He played a critical role in helping Nigeria establish an Office of Legislative Affairs allowing mutual liaison between the MOD and the legislative branch of the Nigerian government, reinforcing civil-military governance.

Mr. Curfiss spent 28 years in the U.S. Marine Corps as an infantry officer and he is a veteran of both Viet Nam and Gulf War I. He commanded infantry units at the rifle and reconnaissance platoon, rifle company, infantry battalion and Marine Expeditionary Unit levels. He served as the senior advisor to the brigade commander of the first brigade of Saudi marines after Desert Storm, as he resided for one year in Jubail, Saudi Arabia. He served as a battalion operations officer and as the operations officer for a Combined Joint Task Force during Operation Restore Democracy in Haiti. Mr. Curfiss also commanded a special security unit in England and worked as a legislative assistant in the Office of the Secretary of the Navy at the Pentagon in Washington, DC.

He has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Ohio State University. He is also a graduate of the U.S. Marine Corps Amphibious Warfare School and the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College. He has lived in Japan, Korea, England, Saudi Arabia and Nigeria, and has traveled extensively, having visited over fifty countries around the world.

Mr. Curfiss is married and has two grown sons.

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