Steve Shafer

Steve has 40+ years' EW maintenance experience developing advanced systems ensuring aircraft maintain the highest mission-readiness standard, with 18 years active-duty United States Air Force, separating as an E-8 in 1992. Steve managed organizational and intermediate maintenance organizations supporting B-52H at Grand Forks AFB, ND and Dyess AFB, Tx, the U-2R Sensors at Skivvy Nine, Osan, South Korea, and A-10's at Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ. Selectively assigned between 1984 and 1988 to Headquarters Strategic Air Command's Electronic Combat Systems Engineering Division (XOJS/DOJS) to manage rapid reprogramming for all SAC EW systems.

Steve separated from the Air Force in 1992 to return to commercial aviation training at the University of North Dakota (UND) where he earned his Single, Multi-engine Land/Instrument and Certified Flight Instructor ratings while stationed at Grand Forks. Steve conducted both flight and simulator training as well as supporting UND's Weather Research Citation II aircraft as instrumentation technical lead and flying the right seat for multiple research projects.

After 9/11, he began is current 20+ year career with Leonardo DRS as a Principal Program Manager, leading the design of test systems for many aircraft, including the Eurofighter, F-16, Cougar, Chinook, and Apache.

An Old Crow since 1976 and founding member of two roosts at Grand Forks and Dyess, his goal is to raise the level of awareness of EW maintenance aspects within the EW community, bringing operational, maintenance, and engineering personnel together to gain better insights across the functional spectrum, enhancing our ability to ensure Electromagnetic Spectrum Dominance.