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## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### Eugene Stephen (Steve) Wright III



Mr. Steve Wright is the Chief of ESC/ENI, the Integration Division of ESC/EN. Mr. Wright directs over 100 military, civil service and contractor personnel who provide engineering, research, development, testing, and security evaluation for Information Technology across the Air Force.

He was born in Piedmont, AL, April 28, 1954. He graduated from Piedmont High in 1972 and from Jacksonville State University with a BS in Mathematics in 1976. He earned an MBA concentrating in Information Systems at Auburn University in 1984.

Mr Wright began his career in 1977 as a statistician for the State of Alabama. He was recruited into the Air Force in 1979 at what was then the USAF Data Systems Design Center, Gunter AFS, Alabama, as an operations research analyst. There he designed and implemented the simulation and modeling

software for the Phase IV hardware/software performance evaluation on Sperry 1100 systems. He also built the workload test package to model and simulate Air Force workload on competing vendor platforms.

In August 1985 Steve went to the Unisys Corporation providing onsite technical support for Montgomery Data Mega Center and the Air Force Desktop III and Phase IV Projects. He implemented single-point operations at all USAF Regional Centers installing and maintaining the UNIX hardware, software, and local area network (LAN). He also had responsibility for the one-shot, 8-hour live demonstration that decided the Desktop III winning vendor.

July 1996 saw Mr Wright back at Gunter, as a Supervisory Computer Specialist at the Defense Systems Information Agency. As Chief, Operating Systems/Telecommunications Branch, he supervised 28 military, civilian, and contractor workers who provided system support to all DISA Unisys mega centers which included: installation, integration, testing and evaluation, interfaces, utilities, releases, and help desk for both commercial and government off-the-shelf software.

The SSG/EN Directorate was formed in May 2002 and Steve was named as the Director and Chief Engineer for SSG. His responsibilities included all the previous engineering support, plus the testing, systems engineering process, and configuration management offices were rolled into the engineering organization.

In December, 2004, Mr. Wright was named the Director of Engineering for the 554<sup>th</sup> Electronic Systems Wing and the Director of the 643d Electronic Systems Squadron, Headquarters Electronic Systems Center Maxwell-Gunter Annex AL. Steve directed the activities of over 300 military, civil service, and contractor personnel who provided engineering, architecture and technical expertise of Information Technology Combat Support Systems for the Air Force and Department of Defense components. The 643<sup>rd</sup> ELSS was responsible for the engineering activities of the 554<sup>th</sup> ELSW located at Gunter, Hanscom, Wright-Patterson and Randolph AFBs.

He was named to his current position in July, 2010 as the Chief for ESC/ENI, the Integration Division of ESC/EN.