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Born in 1950, Steve Chiabotti grew up in northern Minnesota and is a Distinguished Graduate of the United States Air Force Academy, where he majored in physics. He spent 30 years in the Air Force training pilots and teaching at the Academy and Air University. He earned his masters and PhD from Duke University with fields in the history of science and technology and military history. He served as the Chief of Aircraft Program Management at Air Education and Training Command Headquarters and was the focal point for overhauling Air Force Undergraduate Pilot Training through the acquisition of nearly \$5 billion in aircraft and associated training systems. He has also directed two major projects in interactive multimedia that explore the relationship of humankind to technology, with airpower as the organizing principle. Dr Chiabotti served as the Commandant of the School of Advanced Air and Space Studies for four years before retiring in the grade of Colonel. He directs and teaches the SAASS course on Technology and Military Innovation; was instrumental in defining the requirements, resources, and infrastructure for a modest enlargement of the school; and played a major role in building and accrediting the Air University PhD in Military Strategy. Dr Chiabotti is married to the former Nila K. Pearson; they have a daughter Teal (38) and a son Matthew (36).