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Peter "STIX" Chiou began his career in the US Air Force, then the transferred to the Air National Guard, and later the Air Force Reserves. His leadership in the development of the Integrated Warfighting Network (IWN) has been instrumental in shaping organizational operations and the future of the defense industry. He co-authored the paper Ubiquitous Connectivity – providing assured comms to warfighters, tested during exercise Valiant Shield, resulted in the commander of INDOPACOM to direct the building of the Joint Fires Network.

STIX continued a key role in the development of the fires network for the US Navy, Dept. of the AF, and Army. During his time in the WA Air National Guard he served with White House Communications Agency where he played a central role in modernizing the comms infrastructure supporting the President of the United States.

His expertise in the private sector extends across the public, commercial, and defense sectors. While at Microsoft, served as Director of Network Services Engineering, building the Azure Gov network. Later, he transitioned to Principal Cloud Solutions Architect where is took a brief leave to serve our nation in an Air Force reserve activation supporting Joint All Domain Command & Control.

STIX holds a Master's of Cybersecurity & Leadership from the University of Washington and a Bachelor's of Electrical Engineering from Purdue University. He was also accredited as Cisco CCIE #7482, Microsoft AZ300, and CompTIA Security+.

He was exposed to AFCEA in Fairfax, VA in the 80's while in high school, through their scholarship program. He won several scholarshiop awards then. In the last three years he returned to AFCEA realizing its importance in shaping our future technology leaders. He is passionate about education and believes in the power of scholarships to change lives and help preserve our republic.