



# BIOGRAPHY



## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### STAFF SERGEANT JOSEPH M. CHURCHWELL

Staff Sergeant Joseph Churchwell is an Aircraft Armament Systems Instructor, 372 Training Squadron, Detachment 2, Shaw AFB, South Carolina. Sergeant Churchwell was born on 20 June 1986 in Tampa, FL. He married Cheryl in July 2014. He enlisted in the Air Force and graduated Basic Military Training in July of 2006. Upon completion of basic training he arrived at Sheppard AFB, TX where he completed the F-16 Aircraft Armament Systems course. He has been stationed in Japan and South Carolina and has deployed in support of many campaigns around the world to include Operation Enduring Freedom in 2009 and 2012, Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2010, Operation Unified Protector in 2010, Operation Inherent Resolve in 2012 and a Theater Support Package to Kunsan AB, ROK in 2012.

Staff Sergeant Churchwell arrived at his first duty location in December of 2006 at the 35th Maintenance Squadron at Misawa AB, Japan. While there he became proficient on the armament back shop equipment for the F-16. He then came to Shaw AFB in January of 2009 where he continued in armament back shop. Sergeant Churchwell then moved to the 77<sup>th</sup> Aircraft Maintenance Unit in August 2012, culminating his time there as a Weapons Load Crew Team Chief and finally Maintenance Debriefing.



### EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS

2010 Airman Leadership School, Shaw AFB, SC

2016 Basic Instructor Course Sheppard AFB, TX

2017 Associate in Applied Science, Aircraft Armament Systems Technology, Community College of the Air Force

2017 Associate in Applied Science, Instructor of Technology & Military Science, Community College of the Air Force

### ASSIGNMENTS

1. Dec 06 – Dec 08, Aircraft Armament Systems Journeyman, 35th Maintenance Squadron, Misawa AB, Japan
2. Jan 09 – Aug 12, Aircraft Armament Systems Craftsman, 20<sup>th</sup> Equipment Maintenance Squadron, Shaw AFB, SC
3. Aug 12 – Jun 15, Weapons Load Crew Team Chief, 77<sup>th</sup> Aircraft Maintenance Unit, Shaw AFB, SC
4. Jun 15 – Jul 16 Maintenance Debriefing, 77<sup>th</sup> Aircraft Maintenance Unit, Shaw AFB, SC
5. Aug 16 – Present F-16 Aircraft Armament Systems Instructor, 372d TRS/ DET 2, Shaw AFB, SC

### MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Air Force Commendation Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal

Meritorious Unit Award w/ silver oak leaf

AF Outstanding Unit Award w/ one oak leaf

Iraqi Campaign Medal w/two Bronze Star cluster

Afghanistan Campaign Medal w/ Silver Star

### EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Senior Airman – May 28, 2007

Staff Sergeant – December 1, 2010