



# BIOGRAPHY



## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### TECHNICAL SERGEANT JAMES DONTIS

Technical Sergeant James Dontis is an F-16 Avionics System Instructor assigned to the 372<sup>nd</sup> Training Squadron, Detachment 2, Shaw A.F.B., South Carolina. Sergeant Dontis provides mission essential F-16 aircraft maintenance training on Integrated Avionics Systems. These systems are comprised of Attack Control Systems, Flight Controls, Instrumentation, Communications, Navigation and Penetration Aids integrated into four different avionics courses.

Sergeant Dontis is from Staten Island, New York. He enlisted in the Air Force in April 2007. His first duty station was at Luke A.F.B., Arizona where he was assigned to the 62<sup>nd</sup> Aircraft Maintenance Unit. In August of 2009 Sergeant Dontis was assigned to 80<sup>th</sup> Aircraft Maintenance Unit, Kusan A.B., Republic of Korea. Once that assignment was complete he was assigned to Shaw A.F.B., South Carolina. While assigned to the 77<sup>th</sup> Aircraft Maintenance Unit, Sergeant Dontis deployed to Aviano A.B., in support of Operation Unified Protector. In October 2012 Sergeant Dontis was again deployed to Kandahar A.B., Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. In August 2013, he was selected for a Field Training Instructor position at the 372<sup>nd</sup> Training Squadron/ Detachment 2, also at Shaw AFB.



### EDUCATION

2010 Airman Leadership School, Shaw AFB, South Carolina  
2012 Associate in Applied Sciences, Avionics System Technology, Community College of the Air Force  
2013 Basic Instructors Course, Sheppard AFB, Texas  
2013 Associate in Applied Sciences, Instructor of Technology and Military Instruction Technology, Community College of the Air Force  
2016 Bachelors or Science, Electronics Engineering Technology, ECPI University

### ASSIGNMENTS

1. Feb 2008 – Aug 2009, F-16 Avionics System Apprentice, 56<sup>th</sup> Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Luke AFB, Arizona
2. Aug 2009 – Aug 2010, F-16 Avionics System Journeyman, 8<sup>th</sup> Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Kusan AB, Republic of Korea
3. Aug 2010 – Aug 2013, F-16 Avionics System Craftsman, 20<sup>th</sup> Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Shaw AFB, South Carolina
4. Aug 2013 – Present, F-16 Integrated Avionics System Instructor, 372<sup>nd</sup> Training Squadron Det 2, Shaw AFB, South Carolina

### MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster  
Air Force Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters  
8<sup>th</sup> Aircraft Maintenance Group "Airman of the Year" 2009  
Airman Leadership School Class 11-1 Commandant Award winner  
Airman Leadership School Class 11-1 Distinguished Graduate  
20<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Group "NCO Maintenance Professional of the Year" 2011  
AETC Master Instructor

### EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Technical Sergeant April 1, 2016