



## STAFF SERGEANT JAMES E. “FRANK THE TANK” FRANKLIN

SSgt James E. Franklin is a F-16 Tactical Aircraft Maintenance Instructor, 372 Training Squadron, Detachment 202, Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina. As a TAMS instructor he provides F-16 maintenance training to include theory of operation, servicing, and inspecting to 5- and 7-level technicians. He prepares plans of instruction, develops measurement examinations, and performs annual reviews of 5 courses. He serves as a subject-matter expert and provides maintenance support to resolve training deficiencies for the 20th Fighter Wing.

Sergeant Franklin is from Dallas, Texas. He enlisted in the Air Force on July 25, 2017. His background includes Assistant Dedicated Crew Chief, Dedicated Crew Chief, and F-16 FTD TAMS Instructor. He has served in 4 major commands at 3 different bases.

### EDUCATION

2018 F-16 Tactical Aircraft Maintenance Tech School, Sheppard AFB, Texas  
2020 Airman Leadership School, Eglin AFB, Florida  
2022 Air Force Basic Instructor Course, Sheppard AFB, Texas  
2023 Associate in Aviation Maintenance Technology, Community College of the Air Force



### ASSIGNMENTS OR CAREER CHRONOLOGY

1. March 2018 – August 2020, F-16 Assistant Dedicated Crew Chief, 96 AMXS, Eglin AFB, Florida
2. August 2020 – October 2021, F-16 Dedicated Crew Chief, 36th AMU, Osan Air Base, ROK
3. October 2021 – April 2022, F-16 Dedicated Crew Chief, 79th FGS, Shaw AFB, South Carolina
4. April 2022 – Present, F-16 TAMS Instructor, 372nd Training Squadron, Detachment 202, Shaw AFB, South Carolina

### MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Air Force Achievement Medal  
Korean Defense Medal  
Humanitarian medal

### EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Staff Sergeant August 1, 2021

Current as of 24 Oct 24

