



# BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

## STAFF SERGEANT JOSHUA N. AKIN

SSgt Joshua N. Akin is an F-16 Aircraft Armament Systems Instructor, 372d Training Squadron, Detachment 202, Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina. As an F-16 Armament Instructor, Sergeant Akin provides mission essential F-16 maintenance training on three different intermediate and organizational level weapons courses.

Sergeant Akin is originally from Burney, California, and enlisted in the Air Force in April of 2014. He arrived at his duty location in September of 2014 at the 33rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron at Eglin AFB, Florida. While there he worked on the F-35, enhancing pilot readiness. He was then assigned to the 31st Test and Evaluation Squadron, Edwards AFB, California in October of 2017, where he solidified the capabilities of the F-35 and its weapons system. He then was assigned to the 77th Fighter Generation Squadron, Shaw AFB, South Carolina in January of 2020, where he deployed twice as a F-16 Weapons Load Crew Team Chief, and Combat Maintenance Team Lead to Prince Sultan Air Base, Saudi Arabia. In September of 2024 he was selected to be an F-16 Armament Systems Instructor at the 372 TRS/DET 202, Shaw AFB, South Carolina.



## EDUCATION

2018 Airman Leadership School, Edwards AFB, CA

2022 Associate of Applied Science, Aircraft Armament Systems Technology, CCAF

2024 Air Force Basic Instructor Course, Sheppard AFB, Texas

## ASSIGNMENTS

1. September 2014 – October 2017, Weapons Load Crew Member, 33rd AMXS, Eglin AFB, FL
2. October 2017 – January 2020, Weapons Load Crew Member, 31st TES, Edwards AFB, CA
3. January 2020 – January 2024, Weapons Load Crew Team Chief, 77th FGS, Shaw AFB, SC
4. January 2024 – Present, F-16 Armament Systems Instructor, 372d TRS/ DET 2, Shaw AFB, SC

## MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Air and Space Commendation Medal w/ two oak leaf clusters

Air and Space Achievement Medal

Global War On Terrorism Expeditionary w/ Service Star

## EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Senior Airman – September 30, 2016

Staff Sergeant – January 1, 2019

(Current as of June 2024)

