



TECHNICAL SERGEANT SAMUEL J. BAKER

Technical Sergeant Samuel J. Baker is an F-16 Armament Systems Instructor, 372nd Training Squadron, Detachment 2, Shaw AFB, South Carolina. As an F-16 Armament Instructor, Sergeant Baker provides mission essential F-16 maintenance training on six different intermediate and organizational level weapons courses

Sergeant Baker was born on 20 May 1982 in Wise, Virginia. He is married to DeAndra Baker and has two children, Mia and Samuel. He enlisted in the Air Force in 2014. Technical Sergeant Baker arrived at his first duty location in February 2015 at the 162nd Wing in Tucson, Arizona. While there he became proficient on the flightline, working with the F-16 Weapons System as a Weapons Load Crew Member. He then transitioned from the Air National Guard to Active-Duty Air Force and began enlistment at Shaw AFB, South Carolina in January 2018. There he continued his career on the flightline as a Weapons Load Crew Member in the 55th Aircraft Maintenance Unit. Sergeant Baker then moved to the 20th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, Shaw AFB South Carolina in June 2020 where he gained the knowledge and skills to conduct maintenance on Alternate Mission Equipment, the M61A1 Gatling Gun and support equipment.



EDUCATION

- 2020 Airman Leadership School, Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina
- 2022 Basic Instructor Course, Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas
- 2023 Associates of Applied Science, Aircraft Armament System Technology, CCAF

ASSIGNMENTS OR CAREER CHRONOLOGY

1. Feb 14 – Jan 18, Weapons Load Crew Member, 152nd Fighter Squadron, Air Guard Base, Tucson, AZ
2. Jan 18 – June 20, Weapons Load Crew Member, 55th Aircraft Maintenance Unit, Shaw Air Force Base, SC
3. June 20 – Aug 22, Armament Maintenance Supervisor, 20th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, Shaw Air Force Base, SC
4. Aug 22 – Present, F-16 Armament Systems Instructor, 372nd Training Squadron/Detachment 2, Shaw Air Force Base, SC

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

- Air and Space Achievement Medal
- Meritorious Unit Award with one oak leaf cluster
- Air and Space Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

- Senior Airman August 16, 2016
- Staff Sergeant December 1, 2019
- Technical Sergeant February 1, 2024

