



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

STAFF SERGEANT HAYDEN B. HURSTON

Staff Sergeant Hayden Hurston is an F-16 Avionics Instructor assigned to the 372 Training Squadron, Detachment 2, Shaw AFB, South Carolina. Sergeant Hurston provides mission essential training on Integrated Avionics Systems. These systems are comprised of attack control systems, flight controls, instrumentation, communications, navigations, and penetration aids integrated into three different courses.

Sergeant Hurston is from Opelika, Alabama. He enlisted in the Air Force in September 2020. His first duty station was Shaw AFB, South Carolina where he was assigned to the 77th Fighter Generation Squadron. While assigned here, he deployed to Prince Sultan AB, Saudi Arabia and numerous TDY locations in support of operation Inherent Resolve. He also deployed to Kadena Air Base in Okinawa, Japan. In May of 2025, Sergeant Hurston was selected for a Field Training Instructor at the 372nd Training Squadron Detachment 02 at Shaw AFB, South Carolina.



EDUCATION

2021 F-16 Integrated Avionics Technical School, Sheppard AFB, Texas

2023 Associate of Applied Science, Avionics Systems Technology, Community College of the Air Force

2024 Airmen Leadership School, Shaw AFB, South Carolina

2025 Basic Instructor Course, Sheppard AFB, Texas

ASSIGNMENTS

1. April 2021 – May 2025, F-16 Avionics System Specialist, 77th Fighter Generation Squadron, Shaw AFB, South Carolina (October 2022 – May 2023, 378th Air Expeditionary Wing, Prince Sultan Air Base, Saudi Arabia) (September 2024 – April 2025, 77th Fighter Generation Squadron Kadena AB, Okinawa, Japan)
2. May 2025 – Present, Instructor, F-16 Avionics System, 372nd Training Squadron Detachment 02 Shaw AFB, South Carolina

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

2022 Lt. Gen Leo Marquez Award (ACC)

2023 Air and Space Achievement Medal

2024 Air and Space Commendation Medal

2022/2024 Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal with Service Star

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Airmen First Class, September 2020

Senior Airmen, July 2022

Staff Sergeant, July 2024

(Current as of [August 2025])

