**STAFF SERGEANT MARTIN CAREY**

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SSgt Martin Carey is a member in the United States Air Force’s F-35A Lightning II Heritage Flight Team, 56th Fighter Wing, Luke Air Force Base, Arizona. As an F-35A Heritage Flight team member, he is responsible for representing Air Education and Training Command, Air Combat Command, United States Air Force, Department of Defense, and the United States of America at 16 air shows annually. He is one of sixteen enlisted members of the F-35A Heritage Flight Team and performs maintenance actions on the Lockheed Martin-produced F-35. By doing so, SSgt Carey ensures Heritage Flight pilots are equipped with a safe and effective F-35A Lightning II to execute their mission of showcasing the Air Force’s premier fifth-generation aircraft for millions of spectators each year.

SSgt Carey was born in Maryville, TN. He graduated from Sequoyah High School, Madisonville, Tennessee in 2005. He left for Basic Military Training in Knoxville, Tennessee July 2011. He attended Technical Training School in Wichita Falls, Texas, for A-10 Tactical Aircraft Maintenance. After graduating from his technical school, he was assigned to his first duty station at Moody AFB, GA as an Assistant Dedicated Crew Chief. He has deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

**EDUCATION**

2011 A-10 Tactical Aircraft Maintenance Technical Training School, Sheppard AFB, Texas

2015 Airman Leadership School, Moody AFB, GA.

**ASSIGNMENTS**

2012-2013, A-10 Assistant Dedicated Crew Chief, 74th Aircraft Maintenance Unit, Moody AFB, GA

2013-2015, A-10 Dedicated Crew Chief, 74th Aircraft Maintenance Unit, Moody AFB, GA

2015-2016, F-35 Assistant Dedicated Crew Chief, 61st Aircraft Maintenance Unit, Luke AFB, Arizona

2016-Present, F-35 Dedicated Crew Chief, 56th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Luke AFB, Arizona

**MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Air Force Achievement Medal

Meritorious Unit Award with oak leave cluster

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with oak leave cluster

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border

**EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Airman Basic 26 July 2011

Airman 1st Class 23 Sept 2011

Senior Airman 23 Jan 2014

Staff Sergeant 1 Dec 2016

(Current as of December 1, 2016)