

STAFF SERGEANT TYLER FRANTZ

Staff Sergeant Tyler Frantz is the United States F-35A Lightning II Heritage Flight Team member, 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 show annually. He is one of nine enlisted members of the F-35A Heritage Flight Team and performs maintenance actions on the Lockheed Martin-produced F-35. By doing so, he ensures Heritage Flight pilots are equipped with a safe and effective jet to execute their mission of showcasing the Air Force's premier fifth-generation aircraft for millions of spectators each year.

SSgt Franz was born in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. He attended Pen Manor High School, in Millersville, Pennsylvania, graduating in 2010. He enlisted into the United States Air Force in September 2010. After basic training and his technical school, he was assigned to maintain the F-15E Strike Eagle at RAF Lakenheath. He was then assigned to Luke AFB to maintain the F-35A Lightning II where he is a Dedicated Crew Chief

EDUCATION

2014 Airman Leadership School, Luke AFB, Arizona

ASSIGNMENTS

2011 – 2014, 48 EMS – Repair and Reclamation Flight, RAF Lakenheath, England

2014 – Present: 56 AMXS - F-35 Crew Chief Section, Luke AFB, AZ

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Air Force Achievement Medal

National Defense Service Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Airman: 12 Oct 2010

Airman 1st Class: 29 Mar 2011

Senior Airman: 29 Apr 2012

Staff Sergeant: 1 July 2014

(Current as of February 2016)

