

TECHNICAL SERGEANT ROBERT JAMES JR.

Technical Sergeant Robert James is a member of 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 Air Force at 16 air shows 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, TSgt James 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.

TSgt James was born in Orlando, Florida. He attended Apopka High School, in Apopka, Florida, graduating May 2002. He enlisted into the United States Air Force in August 2002. His career includes assignments as an F-15E Dedicated Crew Chief, KC-135R Dedicated Crew Chief, United States Air Force Enlisted Accessions Recruiter, and an F-35A Dedicated Crew Chief. He has deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

EDUCATION

2006 Airman Leadership School, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho
2010 United States Air Force Recruiting School, Lackland AFB, Texas
2016 Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Sheppard AFB, Texas

ASSIGNMENTS

2003 – 2008, 366th AMXS – F-15E Dedicated Crew Chief, Mountain Home, AFB, ID
2008 – 2010, 927th AMXS – KC-135 Dedicated Crew Chief, MacDill AFB, FL
2010 – 2014, 345th RCS – Enlisted Accessions Recruiter, Scott AFB, IL
2014 – 2015, 56th AMXS – F-35 Dedicated Crew Chief, Luke AFB, AZ
2015 – Present, 56th AMXS – F-35 Heritage Flight Team, Luke AFB, AZ

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Air Force Commendation Medal
Air Force Achievement Medal
Air Force Meritorious Unit Award with one oak leaf cluster
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with four oak leaf clusters
National Defense Service Medal
Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Bronze Star
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border
NATO Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Airman Basic: 13 Aug 2002
Airman 1st Class: 27 Sep 2002
Senior Airman: 27 Jan 2005
Staff Sergeant: 01 Mar 2007
Technical Sergeant: 01 Oct 2015

(Current as of February 2016)

