

## TECHNICAL SERGEANT HERBERT “MAK” MAKIMAA

Technical Sergeant Herbert Makimaa is the United States F-35A Lightning II Heritage Flight Team Specialist Systems lead technician, 56th Fighter Wing, Luke Air Force Base, Arizona. In this capacity, he is responsible for representing Air Education and Training Command, Air Combat Command, United States Air Force, and the Department of Defense at 16 air shows annually while providing expert guidance on mission and vehicle system health status. 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.

TSgt Makimaa was born in Petosky, Michigan. He attended Holland Christian High School in Holland, MI, graduating June 2004. In October 2005, he enlisted into the United States Air Force. His career has included assignments as a Meteorological Forecaster and Observer to the United States Air Forces in Europe and Air Force Global Strike Command, A-10 Avionics Specialist, A-10 Cannibalization Manager, and the F-35A Specialist Section Expeditor.

### EDUCATION

2010 Airman Leadership School, F.E. Warren AFB, WY  
Currently enrolled in Biochemistry Degree program, Estrella Mountain Community College

### ASSIGNMENTS

2006 – 2008, 21st OWS – Weather Forecaster Apprentice, Sembach AB, Germany  
2008 – 2011, 90th OSS – Weather Forecaster Journeyman, F.E. Warren AFB, WY  
2011 – 2013, 355th AMXS – A-10 Avionics Systems Craftsman, Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ  
2013 – 2014, 51st AMXS – A-10 Cannibalization Manager, Osan AB, Republic of Korea  
2014 – Present, 56th AMXS – F-35 Integrated Avionics Craftsman, Luke AFB, AZ

### MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Air Force Commendation Medal  
AF Outstanding Unit Award  
National Defense Service Medal  
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal  
Korean Defense Service Medal  
Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal  
Weather Airman of the Year, F.E. Warren AFB, 2010  
Academic Achievement Award, F.E. Warren AFB, 2010

### EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Airman: 18 Oct 2005  
Airman 1st Class: 2 Dec 2005  
Senior Airman: 2 Apr 2008  
Staff Sergeant: 1 Apr 2010  
Technical Sergeant: 1 Apr 2015

(Current as of January 2016)

