



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

TECHNICAL SERGEANT SHAWN M. STURMS

Technical Sergeant Shawn Sturms is an Air Force Reserve Officers' Training Corps (AFROTC) Training Instructor, Detachment 675, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma. In this position, he provides oversight of administrative tasks for over 130 cadets, supporting cadet life cycle management and completing actions for contracting, commissioning, Extended Active Duty (EAD), AFROTC Field Training, and other events/programs. In addition, he assists the Professors of Aerospace Studies (PAS) in educating cadets on the AFROTC curriculum, which encompasses character, honor, general military skills, and human relations.

TSgt Sturms entered the Air Force in 2011 and graduated Technical School in July 2012 as a Guidance and Controls System Apprentice. His first assignment was at the 437th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Charleston AFB, SC where he maintained 52 Globemaster III Boeing C-17s. In January 2018, TSgt Sturms deployed to Al Udeid AB, Qatar and Bagram AB, Afghanistan. Returning from deployment, TSgt Sturms transitioned to the C-17 Maintenance Qualification Training Program Instructor for the 437th Maintenance Group, Charleston AFB, South Carolina.



Prior to working at the University of Oklahoma, Technical Sergeant Sturms was an Instrument and Flight Controls Instructor Supervisor at the 365th Training Squadron, Sheppard AFB, Texas. In this role, he supervised 22 instructor cadre (18 Military/4 Civilian) and the technical school pipeline responsible for the heavy avionics technical training for over 300 airmen yearly.

EDUCATION

2012 Electronic Principles Course, Keesler AFB, Mississippi.

2012 Heavy Avionics Course, Sheppard AFB, Texas.

2016 Airman Leadership School, Charleston AFB, South Carolina.

2020 Associate Applied Science, Avionics Systems Technology, Community College of the Air Force.

2020 Associate Applied Science, Instructor of Technology and Military Science, Community College of the Air Force.

2022 Non-Commissioned Officer Academy, Sheppard AFB, Texas.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. December 2011 - February 2012, Trainee, 324th Basic Military Training Squadron, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

2. February 2012 - March 2012, Student, 332d Student Training Squadron, Keesler AFB, Mississippi.

3. March 2012 - July 2012, Student, 365th Student Training Squadron, Sheppard AFB, Texas.

4. August 2012 - June 2018, C-17 Instrument & Flight Controls Craftsman, 437th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Charleston AFB, South Carolina.

(January 2018 - June 2018: Al Udeid AB, Qatar and Bagram AB, Afghanistan)

5. June 2018 - June 2019, C-17 Maintenance Training Instructor, 437th Aircraft Maintenance Group, Charleston AFB, South Carolina.

6. June 2019 – August 2023, Instructor Supervisor, 365th Training Squadron, Sheppard AFB, Texas.

7. August 2023 – Present, Air Force ROTC Training Instructor, Detachment 675, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Air Force Commendation Medal
Air Force Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster
Meritorious Unit Award with four oak leaf clusters
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with three oak leaf clusters

OTHER SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENTS

Air Education and Training Command's Training Squadron of the Year 2021
782nd Group NCO of the Quarter 2022
782nd Group Jr Enlisted Lance P. Sijan Leadership Award 2023
Air Education and Training Command Master Instructor 2023

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Airman First Class December 13, 2011
Senior Airman April 13, 2014
Staff Sergeant January 1, 2017
Technical Sergeant December 1, 2021

(Current as of February 2024)