

## #3 | MAJ FRANK ZASTOUPIL | USMC

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Major Frank Zastoupil is a native of Kingwood, Texas and graduated from Kingwood High School in 2005. He attended Texas A&M University and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology in 2009. Frank earned his commission as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps through the Platoon Leaders Course in 2009 and reported to The Basic School (TBS) at Marine Corps Base (MCB) Quantico, Virginia to complete training. Following TBS, Frank was assigned to the Center for Advanced Operational Culture Learning (CAOCL) for Russian language and culture training.

Frank reported to Naval Air Station (Naval Air Station) Pensacola, Florida for aviation indoctrination in January 2011. He completed Primary flight training in the T-34C Turbo Mentor at NAS Corpus Christi, Texas and completed Intermediate and Advanced flight training in the T-45C Goshawk at NAS Kingsville, Texas. He earned his wings of gold in April, 2013.

Frank then reported to Marine Attack Training Squadron (VMAT) 203, the "Hawks," at Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Cherry Point, North Carolina for initial training in the AV-8B Harrier. He then reported to Marine Attack Squadron 231, the "Ace of Spades," at MCAS Cherry Point in May, 2014 where he served as the Powerline Division Officer, Landing Signals Officer, and Airframes Division Officer. Frank deployed with the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit aboard the USS Iwo Jima and then to Sheik Isa Air Base, Bahrain in support of Operation Inherent Resolve.

In January 2017, Frank reported to Marine Fighter Attack Training Squadron (VMFAT) 501, the "Warlords," at MCAS Beaufort, South Carolina for F-35B training. Frank remained on staff at VMFAT-501, where he served as an Instructor Pilot, Aviation Life Support Systems Division Officer, Standardization, NATOPS, and Flight Series Data Officer, Class Advisor, Aviation Safety Officer and F-35B Demonstration Pilot. Frank then reported to VFMAT 101, the "Sharpshooters," at MCAS Miramar, California during the summer of 2019 for conversion training in the F/A-18 Hornet.

Frank joined the Blue Angels in September 2019. He has accumulated more than 1,000 flight hours across three different tactical platforms, has ten carrier arrested landings and 90 shipboard vertical landings. His decorations include three Strike Flight Air Medals, one Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, and various personal and unit awards.

