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Major Jeff Mullins is a native of Memphis, Tennessee, and graduated from Saint Benedict at Auburndale High School in 2004, where he lettered in wrestling and track. He attended Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Professional Aeronautics in 2006. Jeff earned his commission as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps through the Platoon Leader's Course in 2006, and reported to The Basic School at Marine Corps Base (MCB) Quantico, Virginia, to complete training.

Jeff reported to Naval Air Station (NAS) Pensacola, Florida, for aviation indoctrination in May 2007. He completed Primary flight training in the T-34C Turbo Mentor at NAS Whiting Field, Florida, and completed Intermediate and Advanced flight training in the T-45C Goshawk at NAS Meridian, Mississippi. He earned his wings of gold in July 2009.

Jeff then reported to Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 125, the "Rough Raiders," at NAS Lemoore, California, for initial training in the F/A-18 Hornet. He then reported to Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 122, the "Werewolves," at Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Beaufort, South Carolina, in September 2010, where he served as the Quality Assurance Officer, Airframes Division Officer, and Assistant Maintenance Officer. Jeff deployed to Kandahar Air Base, Afghanistan, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, and to MCAS Iwakuni, Japan, in support of the Unit Deployment Program. He then reported to Expeditionary Warfare School aboard MCB Quantico as a student from July 2013 until May of 2014.

Jeff returned to MCAS Beaufort, South Carolina, in May of 2014, joining Marine All Weather Fighter Attack Squadron (VMFA(AW)) 533, where he served as the squadron's Training Officer, Assistant Operations Officer, Assistant Maintenance Officer, Academics Officer and Flight Officer. While with VMFA(AW)-533, Jeff graduated from the U.S. Navy Fighter Weapons School (TOPGUN) in August 2015, and deployed to MCAS Iwakuni, Japan, in support of the Unit Deployment Program and Sheik Isa Air Base, Bahrain, in support of Operation Inherent Resolve.

Jeff has flown more than 500 combat hours and supported numerous operations and exercises in Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, Japan, Guam, the Philippines, Korea and Thailand.

Jeff joined the Blue Angels in September 2017. He has accumulated more than 2,200 flight hours and has 26 carrier arrested landings. His decorations include 11 Strike Flight Air Medals, two Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, and various personal and unit awards.

