

CAPT ISAAC BECKER | USMC

// C-130J “Fat Albert” Pilot

Isaac Van Zandt Becker is a native of Austin, Texas. While a student at Colorado College in Colorado Springs, Colorado, Isaac applied for the Platoon Leaders Course and attended Officer Candidate School in May of 2016. After graduating from Colorado College in May of 2017 with a degree in Geology, Isaac commissioned as a 2ndLt in the United States Marine Corps where he then received orders to report to The Basic School (TBS) in Quantico, Virginia. As an aviation contract, 2ndLt Becker graduated from Fox Company, TBS in March of 2018.

2nd Lt Becker then reported to the Commanding Officer (CO) of Marine Aviation Training Support Group 21 (MATSG-21) at Naval Air Station (NAS) Pensacola, Florida and was assigned to Aviation Preflight Indoctrination (API). After API, 2ndLt Becker checked in to Fixed Wing Training Squadron 6 (VT-6) at NAS Whiting Field, Florida for primary flight training. While at VT-6, 2ndLt Becker was promoted to 1stLt and, at the completion of the primary syllabus, was selected for KC-130Js.

In July of 2019, 1stLt Becker reported to the CO of MATSG-22 and later reported to CO of VT-31 for advanced flight training. In December of 2019, 1stLt Becker was designated as a Naval Aviator and was assigned to the KC-130J Fleet Replacement Detachment at Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Cherry Point, North Carolina where he earned his initial qualification as a Transport 3rd Pilot in May of 2020. 1stLt Becker was then assigned to Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 152 at MCAS Iwakuni, Japan in August of 2020. 1stLt Becker began supporting the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing (1st MAW) as a copilot on detachments including Service Level Training Exercise 2021 and Dyess Horizon as well as planning and executing missions including air to air refueling, combat assault transport, and aerial delivery in the Pacific Area of Responsibility.

In August of 2021 1st Lt Becker was promoted to Captain, and several months later earned the designation of Transport 2nd Pilot in November of 2021. Since then, Captain Becker has earned the designation of Transport Plane Commander and executed missions in support of 1st MAW throughout the Pacific.

Isaac reported to the Blue Angels in September 2023. His awards include the Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, and Sea Service Deployment Ribbon.