

MAJ KYLE MASCHNER | USMC

// C-130 "Fat Albert" Pilot

Major Kyle Maschner is a native of Scottsdale, Arizona, and graduated from Horizon High School in 2001. He enlisted in the U.S Marine Corps, completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego in 2003 and served in the Marine Reserve as a Heavy Equipment Engineer Operator with Bulk Fuel Company Alpha and Charlie until 2006. He attended Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, Arizona, and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Hotel and Restaurant Management in 2006. Kyle earned his commission as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps through the Platoon Leader's Course in 2006 and reported to The Basic School at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Virginia, to complete training.

Kyle reported to Naval Air Station (NAS) Pensacola, Florida, for aviation indoctrination in June 2007. He completed Primary flight training in the T-34C Turbo Mentor with Training Squadron (VT) 27 and completed Advanced training in the T-44C Pegasus while assigned to VT-31 at NAS Corpus Christi, Texas. He earned his wings of gold in January 2009.

Kyle then reported to Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron (VMGR) 352, the "Raiders," at Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Miramar, California, for initial flight training in the KC-130 Hercules and served as Ground Safety Officer, Quality Assurance Officer, Safety and Survival Officer, Flight Equipment Officer, and detachment Maintenance Officer. While assigned to VMGR-352, he deployed twice to Afghanistan and once to Africa in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Kyle reported to VT-6, the "Shooters," at NAS Whiting Field, Florida, for duty as a primary flight instructor in September 2012. While assigned to VT-6, he served as the Student Control Officer and squadron Standardization Officer.

Kyle then reported to 1st Marine Air Wing (MAW) Okinawa, Japan, in September 2015. In Okinawa, he served as the Japan Geographic Exercise Officer and coordinated and participated in multiple exercises in the region.

Kyle joined the Blue Angels in September 2016. He has accumulated more than 2,800 flight hours. His decorations include eleven Air Medals, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, three Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, and various personal and unit awards.

