

CAPT RICK ROSE | USMC

// C-130 "Fat Albert" Pilot

Captain Rick Rose is a native of Napa, California, where he graduated from Napa High School in 2007. In 2011, he graduated from California State University Sacramento with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice. In June 2011, Rick earned his commission as a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps through the Platoon Leaders Course Program and reported to The Basic School at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Virginia, to complete training. Rick then reported to Naval Air Station Pensacola, Florida for aviation indoctrination in 2012. He completed Primary flight training in the T-6B Texan II with Training Squadron (VT) 6 in 2014 and completed Advanced training in the T-44C Pegasus while assigned to VT-31 in July 2014 at NAS Corpus Christi, Texas. He earned his wings of gold on July 14, 2014.

Rick then reported to the KC-130J Fleet Replacement Detachment west, at Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Miramar for initial training in the KC-130J Hercules. Following the completion of training, Rick reported to Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron (VMGR) 352, the "Raiders" where he completed two 6-month deployments with Special Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task force Crisis Response-Central Command (SPMAGTF-CR-CC) in support of Operation Inherent Resolve. After the completion of his tour with VMGR-352, Rick then joined VMGR-152 "Sumos" at MCAS Iwakuni, Japan and served in support of the 1st Marine Air Wing.

Rick joined the Blue Angels in 2019. He has accumulated more than 1,600 flight hours to include over 330 combat hours. His decorations include four Air medals, one Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and various personal and unit awards.

