

## MAJ JOSHUA HORMAN | USMC

### // C-130J “Fat Albert” Pilot

Major Joshua Horman was born in Smithville, Missouri. After graduating from William Jewell College in Liberty, Missouri with a degree in Business Administration, Josh completed Officer Candidate School and commissioned into the United States Marine Corps. In The Basic School, Josh picked up a competitive Naval Flight Officer (NFO) contract and began his journey into Naval Aviation. After relocating to Pensacola and completing NFO flight training, Josh selected the venerable EA-6B Prowler and moved to Naval Air Station Whidbey Island and joined VAQ-129 to complete the Fleet Replacement Squadron (FRS).

In May 2013, following completion of the FRS, Josh checked into Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, NC reported to VMAQ-2 “Death Jesters” and deployed eight days later. During his 4-year tour with the “Death Jesters”, Josh served as the Ground Training/Schedules Officer, Aviation Life Support Systems Division Officer, Electronic Warfare Officer, and Logistics Officer. He deployed three times in support of the Unit Deployed Program – Pacific and Operation Inherent Resolve, spending time in MCAS Iwakuni, Japan; Incirlik Air Base, Turkey and Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar.

In May 2017, after completing his tour with the “Death Jesters”, Josh reported to EWTGLANT at Little Creek, Virginia and qualified as a Joint Terminal Attack Controller. Josh received orders to Marine Corps Base Hawaii and served as the Air Officer for 2d Battalion, 3d Marines “Island Warriors.” Josh deployed with the “Island Warriors” to Camp Hansen Okinawa and participated in various large force exercises before earning the qualification of JTAC-I. During this tour - with the sundown of the EA-6B - Josh was selected for a transition to Naval Aviator. In May 2019, Josh began flight school again at Naval Air Station Whiting Field and selected the mighty KC-130J Hercules before completing training with VT-31 at Naval Air Station Corpus Christi.

After completion of the Fleet Replacement Detachment East in December 2020, Josh checked into VMGR-252 and supported Team “OTIS” in the maintenance department for 3+ years. He served as the Quality Assurance Officer, Assistant Aircraft Maintenance Officer and Aircraft Maintenance Officer before moving to serve as the squadron’s Executive Officer. The highlight of Josh’s time at VMGR-252 was the opportunity to deploy to Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti and support the warfighters of Team OTIS, Combined Joint Task Force – Horn of Africa, Aviation Combat Element Crisis Response – Africa as the detachment Executive Officer.

Josh has participated in deployments or exercises in the African, European, Middle Eastern and Pacific areas of responsibility. His decorations include four Strike/Flight Air Medals, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal and various other personal and unit awards.