

CAPT WILLIAM HUCKEBA | USMC

// C-130 “Fat Albert” Pilot

Captain William Huckleba is a native of Hoover, Alabama, and graduated from Hoover High School in 2008, where he was the School President and played football, basketball, and soccer. He attended the U.S. Naval Academy, and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering, earned his commission as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps, and reported to The Basic School at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Virginia in 2012.

William reported to Naval Air Station Pensacola, Florida, for aviation indoctrination in April 2013. He completed Primary flight training in the T-6B Texan with Training Squadron (VT) 3 at NAS Whiting Field, Florida. He completed Intermediate and Advanced training in the T-44 Pegasus while assigned to VT-31 at NAS Corpus Christi, Texas. He earned his wings of gold in December 2014.

William then reported to Fleet Replacement Detachment (FRD) East at Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Cherry Point, North Carolina, for initial training in the KC-130 Hercules. He reported to Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron (VMGR) 252, “Otis,” at MCAS Cherry Point in July 2015, where he served as a Ground Safety Officer, Fiscal Officer in Charge, and detachment Assistant Operations Officer. While assigned to VMGR-252, William deployed twice to Spain and Italy in support of Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force Crisis Response Africa (SPMAGTF-CR-AF). He then reported to Expeditionary Warfare School at Quantico, Virginia, in July 2018, where he studied how to integrate the warfighting capabilities of a Marine Air Ground Task Force (MAGTF).

William joined the Blue Angels in 2019. He has accumulated more than 1,100 flight hours, to include numerous operations and exercises in Europe and Africa. His decorations include the Joint Service Achievement Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and various personal and unit awards.

