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Capt Steven Beck

Marine Officer Instructor

Captain Steven Thomas Beck was born in Havelock, North Carolina, and was raised in Patuxent River, Maryland. He attended Salisbury University where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology.

Second Lieutenant Beck was commissioned in the Marine Corps on the 7th of August 2015, after attending Officer Candidates' School in Quantico, Virginia. Upon commissioning, Second Lieutenant Beck immediately reported to The Basic School at Quantico, Virginia. He then attended the Field Artillery Basic Officer Leadership Course (FABOLC) in Ft. Sill, Oklahoma. While at the FABOLC he also graduated from the Joint Fires Observers Course (JFOC) and was qualified as a Joint Fires Observer. Following his graduation from JFOC, he reported to Battery Q, 5th Battalion, 11th Marines.

From April to October of 2017, Second Lieutenant Beck was deployed with Battery Q to supplement the Forward Deployed Forces of 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines aboard Camp Hansen, Okinawa, Japan. During this deployment, Second Lieutenant Beck served as the Platoon Commander and Fire Direction Officer (FDO) of First Platoon in exercises across the PACOM area of operations. He participated in the Korean Military Exchange Program 17.10 and Northern Viper 17.2, where he safely fired the first U.S. military rocket on mainland Japan. Prior to the end of this deployment, Second Lieutenant Beck was promoted First Lieutenant.

In January of 2018, First Lieutenant Beck's responsibilities further increased upon assuming the billets of Battery FDO and Headquarters Platoon Commander to prepare him for the duties as the Battery Executive Officer in April of 2018. His success in battery level billets highlighted him as a subject matter expert for rocket artillery operations as he was subsequently hand selected to be the Battalion Fire Direction Officer and Battalion Training Officer in August of 2018.

In July of 2019, First Lieutenant Beck checked into Naval Amphibious Force, Task Force 51-5th Marine Expeditionary Brigade aboard NSA Bahrain where he served as the Deputy Current Operations Officer. First Lieutenant Beck was then requested by name to support a CENTCOM initiative in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia where he served as a Current Operations Action Officer and a Watch Officer. While in Saudi Arabia, First Lieutenant Beck was honored to be promoted to Captain by Lieutenant General Mundy, the Commanding General of MARCENT.

In June of 2020 Captain Beck was selected as the Marine Officer Instructor of Virginia Military Institute's Naval Reserve Officer Training Command

Captain Beck's personal awards and qualifications include two Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, Expert Rifle Qualification (2nd Award), Expert Pistol Qualification (3rd Award), and a Brown Belt in the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program.