

NAVAL ROTC UNIT

VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE

Capt Mark S. Reaser

Marine Officer Instructor

Captain Mark Reaser is a native of Dayton, Maine. He graduated with merit in 2013 from the United States Naval Academy, in Annapolis, Maryland, majoring in History and minoring in French and German. He accepted a commission into the United States Marine Corps upon graduation. His first assignment was to the United States Naval Academy as a Varsity Sprint Football Coach as well as an Obstacle and Endurance Course Instructor. He reported to The Basic School in Quantico, VA, in August 2014 and graduated in March 2014. He then reported to Pensacola, Florida, for Naval Aviation Flight Training. His flight school assignments included Aviation Preflight Indoctrination in Pensacola, Florida, Primary Flight Training with VT-27 in Corpus Christi, Texas, and Advanced Rotary Wing Flight Training with HT-28 in Milton, Florida. Captain Reaser completed flight school in April 2016, receiving his Wings of Gold.



He then reported to Marine Light Attack Helicopter Training Squadron 303 in Camp Pendleton, California, in May of 2016 for initial training in his Fleet aircraft, the UH-1Y Combat Utility Helicopter. He graduated from Fleet Replacement training in November 2016, and then reported to his first Fleet squadron, Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron (HMLA) 469, in Camp Pendleton, California.

Captain Reaser's billet assignments in the Fleet included Current Operations Officer, Flight Officer, Pilot Training Officer, Standardization Officer, Future Operations Officer, Assistant Operations Officer, Operations Officer, Quality Assurance Officer, and Assistant Aviation Maintenance Officer. He is a 2020 graduate of the Marine Corps' Expeditionary Warfare School, a 2021 graduate of the Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Instructor Course (WTI 2-21), in Yuma, Arizona, and the HMLA-469 Nominee for the 2021 Marine Corps Aviation Association's Aviator of the Year Award.

Capt Reaser's operational experience includes deployments to INDOPACOM, CENTCOM, and AFRICOM. His first deployment was with the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit in 2018, where he flew combat sorties in support of Operation ODYSSEY RESOLVE in Libya. His second deployment was in 2020 with the Unit Deployment Program to Okinawa, Japan, in support of Alert Contingency Marine-Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) requirements and crisis response in INDOPACOM.

Captain Reaser was selected in 2022 for Marine Officer Instructor duty at the Virginia Military Institute.

Captain Reaser's personal awards include the Navy-Marine Corps Achievement Medal, two awards of the Navy-Marine Corps Commendation Medal, the Expert Rifle Badge, and 3 awards of the Expert Pistol Badge.