



Special Operations Command Europe

Captain Anthony P. Baker, USN Deputy Commander



Captain Baker is a native of Annapolis, Maryland, and graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1993. He completed Basic Underwater Demolition/SEAL (BUD/S) Training (Class 194) in 1994 and earned his Masters Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies, graduating from the Naval War College in 2007.

His operational tours include Assistant Platoon Commander at SEAL Team TWO and SEAL Team EIGHT, deployed to Europe, Africa, and the Middle East supporting Operation ASSURED RESPONSE and DESERT THUNDER, Platoon Commander and Operations Officer at SEAL Team ONE deployed to the Pacific Theater and Middle East supporting Operation ENDURING FREEDOM, Task Unit Commander at Joint Special Operations Task Force (JSOTF) Horn of Africa, and Task Unit Commander/Executive Officer at SEAL Team SEVEN deployed to the Middle East supporting Operation IRAQI FREEDOM.

Captain Baker staff tours include NSW Requirements Officer at Chief of Naval Operations, J3 Plans at Special Operations Command Central, Advanced Training Officer at the NSW Center, and Contingency Planner / Current Operations Director at Special Operations Command Europe, focusing on Europe, Africa, and NATO Special Operations Forces (SOF) support to Afghanistan. He also deployed from SOCEUR to Kabul, AFG in support of International Security and Assistance SOF, helping establish the SOF Ops/Intel Fusion Cell for all U.S. and NATO Special Operations Forces.

Captain Baker commanded the Naval Special Warfare Basic Training Command, leading the selection, training and qualification pipelines for SEALs (BUD/S and SEAL Qualification Training) and Special Warfare Combatant-Craft Crewman (SWCC). He was then assigned to Headquarters, U.S. Special Operations Command at MacDill AFB, Tampa, FL, where he initially served as the Program Manager (PM) for SOF Surface Systems, fielding the Combatant Craft Heavy (SEALION), Combatant Craft Assault (CCA), and down-selecting the Combatant Craft Medium (CCM), earning a level III PM Certification. He then commanded SOCOM's Joint Acquisition Task Force-TALOS (Tactical Assault Light Operator Suit), leading SOF Operators, engineers, and acquisition professionals in the development of a next generation combat suit.

His personal decorations include Defense Superior Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal (with Combat V), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (five awards), Joint Service Achievement Medal (three awards), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (three awards), Combat Action Ribbon (three awards), and various campaign and unit awards.