



Captain Baxter was born on June 5, 1975 in West Memphis, AR and graduated from high school in Tupelo, MS in 1993. He enlisted in the Marine Corps and arrived at MCRD San Diego, CA for Basic Training on November 13, 1996 and graduated at the rank of Private First Class in February 1997.

Following Marine Combat Training and Supply Administration and Operations training at Camp Lejeune, NC, he reported for duty at Headquarters Company, 1st Marine Regiment, Camp Pendleton, CA in July 1997. Meritoriously promoted through the ranks to Sergeant, he was recruited to join 1st Force Reconnaissance Company, Camp Pendleton, California in June 2000. After graduating the Basic Reconnaissance Course and follow-on special skills schools, he operated with Team 3, 2nd Platoon until he pinned on the rank of Staff Sergeant in 2003.

In late 2003, he reported to 2nd Tank Battalion, Camp Lejeune, NC and deployed in 2004 to Fallujah, Iraq in support of OIF-II and Operation Phantom Fury. After returning from deployment in May 2005, SSgt Baxter was command nominated for the Meritorious Commissioning Program and selected to attend the Officer Candidates School and the University of Mississippi.

After graduating with honors from the Officer Candidates School, SSgt Baxter began attending the University of Mississippi Applied Sciences program. While attending the University of Mississippi as a student, SSgt Baxter seized an opportunity to attend the Mississippi State Law Enforcement Academy and graduated with honors as a state certified peace officer in 2007. In 2008, he was promoted to Gunnery Sergeant and received honors from the NROTC command before graduating cum laude from the University of Mississippi.

In December of 2008 he was promoted to Second Lieutenant and ordered to attend The Basic School in Quantico, VA where he graduated on the Commanding General's Honor Roll in 2009. After attending the Ground Supply Officers Course, Second Lieutenant Baxter reported to 1st Supply Battalion, Camp Pendleton, CA in 2010 to perform duties as the Supply Officer for Headquarters Company.

While at Supply Battalion, he was promoted to First Lieutenant and selected to deploy as the Supply Detachment Commander for Combat Logistics Battalion-15 in support of the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit (15th MEU). While deployed with the 15th MEU, First Lieutenant

Baxter was promoted to Captain, selected to attend the Combined Logistics Captains Career Course (CLCCC), and ordered to report as a student to CLCCC at Fort Lee, VA., where he graduated in 2014.

In April 2014, he was assigned as the Executive Officer, Marine Corps Detachment, Keesler AFB, MS. In June 2016, he was reassigned as the Commanding Officer, Marine Corps Detachment, Keesler AFB, MS.

Capt Baxter is currently enrolled in the Master of Business Administration program at William Carey University. Capt Baxter's personal decorations include the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with two gold stars, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and the Combat Action Ribbon.