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A former Navy F/A-18 Hornet pilot, Becky flew combat missions in support of Operations Enduring Freedom, Southern Watch, and Iraqi Freedom. In 2004, she made history as the first female pilot to graduate from the U.S. Navy Fighter Weapons School (TOPGUN)—one of the most elite performance programs in the world. Also a decorated athlete, she became the first woman to have her basketball jersey (#32) retired from the United States Naval Academy in January 2014.

With more than 2,500 flight hours and 421 aircraft carrier landings, Becky understands what it means to lead under pressure, make decisions when the stakes are high, and putting service before self. Her career has been defined by courage, discipline, and an unwavering commitment to mission and team.

Now, Becky shares the science behind successful leadership under pressure and translates elite military lessons into practical tools for today's business challenges. She connects with audiences through authenticity, humility, and the power of story.



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