

2nd Lt. Samuel Fuller

Water Polo

Hometown:	Santa Barbara, California
High School:	San Marcos Senior High School
College:	United States Air Force Academy
Joined Air Force:	June 2018
AFSC:	63A Acquisition Manager
Event:	Water Polo

2nd Lieutenant Samuel Fuller discovered the sport of water polo when he was 11 years old. As a multi-sport athlete, Fuller balanced his skill-building and athletic development across numerous sports until he specialized in water polo at 17 years old. Fuller found his love of water polo soon after his older brother, Adam, began playing the sport. He participated on various club and school teams with his brother until they split ways for college, and then enjoyed competing against each other on multiple occasions. Fuller's father, Arick, also played Division 1 water polo at UCSB. While competing at the US Air Force Academy, Fuller completed 4 years of Division 1 Water Polo, was a 4-year starter, a leading scorer, and a top contributor in all point categories. He was known by his team as a key defender and playmaker, and had a reputation for his physicality, water polo IQ, and vision. He earned accolades including All-Conference recognition and Player of the Week and helped lead the team to an undefeated home season and a Conference championship. During Fuller's Senior year of college, he was invited to the United States Senior National Men's Water Polo team to train, compete, and represent the United States. He will participate in numerous worldwide events in pursuit of a spot on the 2024 Olympic Team for the Paris games.

During Fuller's time at USAFA he received recognition on Athletic Director lists, earned his jump wings, and graduated with BS in Business Management. Fuller was especially humbled to have been often called on by USAFA leadership to support and guide cadets that were struggling with their military commitment and adjusting to the rigorous structure and demands of the Academy lifestyle.

"The opportunity to represent the USAF and United States water polo is an absolute dream come true. I have profound respect and gratitude for my teammates, coaching staff, and family for the support and guidance that they have blessed me with over the years. I am thankful to the Air Force World Class Athlete Program for providing me with this wonderful opportunity to pursue my goal to represent our country at the highest athletic level and serve as a positive role-model for the next generation of military athletes. Go USA!"

