

## #8 | LCDR BRIAN VAUGHT | USN

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Lieutenant Commander Brian Vaught is a native of Englewood, Colorado. He graduated from Cherry Creek High School in 2004, where he lettered in Lacrosse. After high school he attended the University of Colorado in Boulder, Colorado, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science in business administration. Upon graduation, Brian worked in professional sports marketing and promotions, eventually attending Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island, where he earned his commission as an Ensign in the U.S. Navy in 2011.

Brian was designated a Naval Aviator in November 2012, and received orders to Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 122, the “Flying Eagles” at NAS Lemoore, California, for F/A-18F Super Hornet training. His first fleet assignment was as a member of the “Bounty Hunters” of VFA-2 at NAS Lemoore, where he completed two deployments aboard USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) and USS George Washington (CVN- 73) and flew in support of RIMPAC 2014 aboard USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76).

Brian then reported to the “Flying Eagles” of Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 122 as an Instructor Weapon Systems Officer, where he served as Instructor Under Training Phase Head, Scheduling Officer, Class Advisor, and Fighter Phase Head.

Upon completing his instructor tour, Brian reported to Carrier Air Wing Two as Strike Operations Officer and Future Operations Officer, where he deployed aboard the USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) in support of Westpac 2021-2022. Following his Operations Officer tour, Brian reported to the Naval School of Aviation Safety in Pensacola, Florida, where he served as TACAIR Instructional Model Manager for Crew Resource Management.

Brian joined the Blue Angels in September 2022. He has accumulated more than 1,500 flight hours and over 303 carrier-arrested landings. His decorations include two Navy and Marine Corps Commendation medals, two Navy and Marine Corps Achievement medals, and various other unit and personal awards.