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Lieutenant Katlin Forster is a native of Scottsdale, Arizona and graduated from Desert Mountain High School in 2009, where she lettered in badminton. She attended Arizona State University in Tempe, Arizona, graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics in May 2013, and earned her commission as an Ensign in the United States Navy.

Katlin reported to Naval Air Station (NAS) Pensacola, Florida, for aviation indoctrination training in May 2013. She completed Naval Flight Officer training in the T-6A Texan, and the T-45C Goshawk at NAS Pensacola, Florida. She earned her wings of gold in August 2015.

Katlin then reported to Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 122, the “Flying Eagles” at NAS Lemoore, California, in October 2015 for initial training in the F/A-18F Super Hornet. In October 2016, she reported to the “Bounty Hunters” of VFA-2 at NAS Lemoore where she served as Legal Officer, Readiness Officer, Victim and Witness Assistance Coordinator, and Naval Air Training and Operating Procedures Standardization (NATOPS) Officer. Katlin completed two deployments aboard USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) and flew in support of RIMPAC 2018.

Katlin then reported to the “Sabrehawks” of Training Squadron (VT) 86 at NAS Pensacola, Florida in November 2019 as an Instructor Naval Flight Officer, where she served as Wardroom Mess Officer, and a Class Advisor.

Katlin joined the Blue Angels in September 2020. She has accumulated more than 875 flight hours and has 257 carrier-arrested landings. Her decorations include two Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, and various other unit and personal awards.