

CAPT OLIVIA N. BAIR | USMC

// C-130J “Fat Albert” Pilot

Captain Olivia Bair was born in Lima, Ohio and was raised primarily in Findlay, Ohio. After graduating and commissioning from the United States Naval Academy with a degree in Chemistry, she reported to The Basic School. Upon graduation, she relocated to Pensacola to begin Naval Aviator training. After completing flight training, she selected the KC-130J, moved to Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Miramar, and joined Fleet Replacement Detachment West (FRD-W) to complete training as a Replacement Pilot.

In May 2022, following completion of the FRD, she checked into Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 352 (VMGR-352). She worked as the Tool Room Officer in Charge (OIC) until January 2023 and then was assigned as the Ordnance OIC until March 2023.

Olivia joined Detachment B in March of 2023 as the Director of Safety and Standardization (DoSS) and NATOPS officer, Prepare to Deploy Operation, in support of 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit operations during Cobra Gold. Upon return, she was assigned as a Flight Duty Officer and the 48-hour OIC in preparation for an upcoming deployment to Djibouti, Africa.

In June 2023, she joined VMGR-352 Detachment A as part of VMM-364 (REIN), Air Combat Element-Crisis Response-Africa 23.2 (ACE-CR-AF 23.2) as the DoSS and NATOPS officer until October 2023. Upon returning from deployment, she served as the Assistant OIC for the Airframes Division. While working in Airframes, she completed the qualification process and upgraded to Transport Plane Commander (TPC).

After upgrading to TPC, she attended the Aviation Safety Officer (ASO) course and graduated in June 2024. She served as the ASO for VMGR-352 until May 2025. While serving as the ASO, she qualified as a Functional Check Pilot-Partial, Basic Instructor Pilot, and Assistant NATOPS Instructor.

In June 2025 she reported to EWTGPAC at NAB Coronado and qualified as a Joint Terminal Attack Controller. Olivia is also a graduate of the Expeditionary Warfare School Distance Education Program and holds a Master of Science degree in Aeronautics from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University.

Olivia joined the Blue Angels in September of 2025 and has accumulated more than 1,000 flight hours. Her decorations include the Strike/Flight Air Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement medal, and various other personal and unit awards.