

CDR BRYCE AUBUCHON | USN

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Commander Bryce Aubuchon was born and raised in Washington, MO. He graduated from Southeast Missouri State University in 2005 with a BS in Marketing and captain of his college hockey team for his final two years. In 2006, after working in the civilian world as a physician recruiter, he attended Officer Candidate School in Pensacola, FL, and was designated a Naval Aviator in July of 2008.

In November, 2008, Bryce reported to Patrol Squadron (VP) 30, "The Pro's Nest," at NAS Jacksonville FL, for initial training in the P-3C. In May, 2009, he reported for his first operational tour with VP-26, the "Tridents," at NAS Brunswick, Maine. He deployed twice while assigned, operating in 3rd, 5th, and 6th Fleet Areas of Operation. In February, 2011, Bryce as his crew were selected to represent the United States Maritime Force as the sole U.S. P-3C for the month-long International Anti-Submarine Warfare exercise PROUD MANTA in Sigonella, Italy, in a multi-country surface and sub-surface warfare scenario. While assigned to VP-26, he qualified PPC, MC, Functional Check-Flight and Instructor Pilot. He left VP-26 in May, 2012, to report to VT-10 in Pensacola, FL, for three years as a Naval Flight Officer primary flight instructor. He achieved every flight qualification at VT-10 and left as Assistant Operations Officer.

In May, 2015, Bryce reported to USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN-69) as an Aircraft Launch and Recovery Officer. Bryce completed two months in the yards, multiple work-up underway cruises and exercises, and a seven-month deployment to 5th Fleet Area of Responsibility. After subsequent multiple post-deployment underways, he checked-out a month before the ship returned to the yards. He left as V2 Division Officer and TOPCAT and spent 13 total months of the tour at sea, personally launching 1,779 aircraft to include numerous combat operations in support of Operation Inherent Resolve.

In May, 2017, Bryce reported to VP-30 where he assumed Student Control Department Head. There, he managed community student manning for three aircraft pipelines, to include the upcoming sundown of the P-3C and integration of the MQ-4C as well as updated training plans for constantly developing integrations of the P-8A. While at VP-30, he qualified Fleet Replacement Squadron P-3C Instructor Pilot.

In August, 2018, Bryce reported to VP-40, "The Fighting Marlins," at NAS Whidbey Island, WA, for his operational Department Head tour. He served as Admin Officer, Training Officer and Maintenance Officer, and completed the last operational P-3C deployment to 5th and 7th Fleets. He served as the Kadena, Japan, operational detachment Officer-in-Charge for two-and-a-half months while also flying as a crew-holding PPC/MC conducting Littoral Surveillance Radar System operations. Following the squadron's return to homeport, he transitioned to the P-8A and was the squadron's only transition pilot to qualify P-8A Patrol Plane Commander, Mission Commander, Functional Check-Flight and Instructor Pilot.

In June, 2021, Bryce once again reported to VP-30 at NAS Jacksonville, FL, to liaison as the Safety Officer for Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Group, in support of the Maritime Patrol Reconnaissance Force admiral's staff in Norfolk. There, he assumed the role as Senior Aviation Safety Officer for the Maritime Patrol Force and qualified P-8A Fleet Replacement Squadron Instructor Pilot.

Bryce joined the Blue Angels in September, 2023. He has accumulated more than 3,100 military flight hours around the world to include 2300+ Pilot-in-Command and more than 1300 hours of aircraft instructor time across three platforms. His decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, three Navy Commendation Medals, three Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, and various personal, unit and service awards.