



**Wm. Keith Blair**  
**Commander**  
*United States Coast Guard*



Commander Wm. Keith Blair earned his commission from USCG Officer Candidate School in 2001 and was designated a Naval Aviator in 2003. He currently serves as Commanding Officer at Air Station New Orleans, LA and is responsible for aviation operations in the busiest portion of the 8th District.

His previous tours include assignment as Operations Officer at Coast Guard Air Station Clearwater, Homeland Defense Planner at



USNORTHCOM in Colorado Springs, Assistant Operations Officer at Air Station Atlantic City, Assistant Operations Officer at Air Station Kodiak's Alaska Patrol, Flight Safety Officer at Air Station Atlantic City, and duty standing pilot at Air Station San Francisco.

Commander Blair is a native of Kintnersville, Pennsylvania. After completing his Bachelor of Science degree from Lehigh University in 2000, CDR Blair worked as an Engineer at CONMEC, Inc. for a year prior to being selected for Officer Candidate School. He is also a graduate of the American Military University where he received a Master's of Business Administration.

His personal awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Coast Guard Meritorious Service Medal, Coast Guard Commendation Medal, Coast Guard Achievement Medal, as well as other numerous other service and unit awards. Commander Blair is married to the former Kathryn Veluya and has two daughters, Adeline and Sarah.