

## Girl Scout Council of the Florida Panhandle



### NAVAL AVIATION TRY-IT

**Level:** Brownie

Naval aviation plays an important role in our Gulf Coast community. Learn more about Naval aviation and the contribution of women to the mission of Naval Aviation.

**Requirements:** Complete 4 of the following activities.

1. Talk with a Naval Aviator or visit an aviation museum with Navy airplanes.
2. Read a book on Naval Aviation or have one read to you.
3. See a movie about Naval Aviation. Suggestions: *The Magic of Flight* at the IMAX.
4. Attend a Navy air show or observe flight operations at an airport.
5. Draw a picture and label the parts of a Navy airplane
6. Learn more about the first women Navy pilots?

a. What was the first airplane flown by a woman Navy pilot?

The Grumman C-1 Trader was a carrier on-board delivery (COD) aircraft. The C-1A could be configured to carry up to nine passengers or up to 4,800 lbs of high priority cargo.

b. Who was the first woman Navy pilot?

Barbara Ann Allen Rainey was born on August 20<sup>th</sup>, 1948 at Bethesda Naval Hospital. Her father was a Navy officer. She was a very good student and athlete in high school. After college she became a Naval officer in 1970. In March 1973 she started her pilot training in Pensacola, Florida. She officially became a Navy pilot in February 22, 1974 when she earned her “Wings of Gold” at Corpus Christi, Texas. She then trained to fly the C-1 airplane.

7. Find out what a Naval aircraft carrier does? Make a list of jobs people perform on an aircraft carrier?
8. Write a story or a poem about Naval Aviation.

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