



Rosemary B. Conatser, seen here, was the first female pilot to report to Naval Air Station (NAS) Oceana. She reported to Oceana in July 1974, a few weeks after completing the Navy's rigorous flight training program. In this photograph, taken in January 1976, Conatser is conducting a series of preflight checks. Conatser was among the first women to benefit from shifting gender policies regarding the expansion of jobs available to women in the armed forces.

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