

Sandy's Schenk flying high in Navy as plane captain at weapons school

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SAN DIEGO — Advancements in design and technology have taken Navy fighter aircraft from the single engine biplane to the supersonic space-age jets we have today. Navy fighter pilots have had to change with their aircraft.

Making sure today's fighter pilots are trained to their fullest is the job of the Navy Fighter Weapons School at Miramar Naval Air Station, north of here. And keeping the school's jets in top condition is the job of sailors like Linda Schenk.

The 22-year-old daughter of Nancy Ann Conner of Vancouver is a plane captain in the squadron's line division.

"I help handle general maintenance for the squadron's F-5 aircraft," explains Schenk. "Some of the duties I perform are

daily and pre-flight inspections, oiling and fueling, and signaling for launches and landings.

"Just about everything involved with what I do here is a learning experience, and that's a challenge for me. On the days that pilots are doing a lot of flying the plane, captains are really kept busy. I learn a lot on those days because of the hectic pace and the amount of work it takes to launch one of those jets," says Schenk.

TOPGUN, as the school is nicknamed, trains experienced fighter and adversary aircrews at the advanced level in both air combat maneuvering (dogfighting) and fleet air defense. Other areas of training include aspects of fighter weapons systems, tactics, technique, procedures and doctrine.

The course includes approximately 75 classroom hours on topics ranging from aircraft performance to Soviet

pilot training and tactics. Airborne training consists of 35 flights during which students fly against F-5 and A-4 adversary aircraft flown by TOPGUN instructors. The F-5 and A-4 jets were chosen because their size and performance closely resemble current Soviet fighters.

TOPGUN often takes its school on the road in small groups called detachments (dets) as part of a class or to present a shorter version of the course. These dets usually last from five days to two weeks, and visit air stations throughout the country.

"The part of working in TOPGUN that I enjoy most is going out on dets. For one thing I get to travel a lot. I also get to meet new people. The travel allows me an opportunity to get away from things here and see something new," says Schenk.

A 1981 graduate of Sandy High School, Schenk entered the Navy in

March 1984. She reported to TOPGUN after completing boot camp at the Naval Training Center, Orlando, Fla.

"I joined to take advantage of the Navy's educational benefits and programs. I decided on the Navy because I thought it was the best. Aviation sounded fun also. I hadn't done anything like it before, so it was new to me," she says.

"I've become a much more responsible person since joining the Navy. My job calls for a great deal of responsibility — as a plane captain I have to make sure that the aircraft I'm working on is in working order and ready to fly.

"Being part of TOPGUN is a good feeling and the work I'm doing is a part of that feeling. I know that what we do here influences what happens in fighter squadrons throughout the fleet," says Schenk.



Assuming the role of enemy aircraft, three TOPGUN F-5 Tiger II fighter jets prepare to engage in simulated air combat.



Navy Airman Linda Schenk conducts a pre-flight inspection.

Deadlines for Post day early

Because of the Thanksgiving holiday, next week's Sandy Post will go to press a day early. The news deadline has been moved up to Monday at noon.

That deadline applies to letters to the editors, which have regularly addressed the school closure issue. Next week's Sandy Post will be the last one before the Tuesday, Dec. 3 special election.

That deadline also includes display advertising, the advertising that appears in the main section of the newspaper. People with news or display advertising should call 668-5548.

The deadline for classified advertising in the Golden Nuggets classified section will not change. That deadline is 5 p.m. on Monday. Call 667-6633 to place a classified advertisement.

The Nov. 28 issue of the Sandy Post is scheduled to arrive in the mail on Wednesday, Nov. 27. It will be on the newsstands the evening of Nov. 26.

Menus

Bull Run School
Nov. 25-27

Monday: Fish krispies, tater tots, peas, hot rolls, apricots and milk.

Tuesday: Navy bean ham soup, corn bread with honey and butter, carrot sticks, applesauce and milk.

Wednesday: Turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, hot rolls, mixed vegetables, cranberries, fruit salad, pumpkin pudding and milk.

Welches School

Monday: Cheeseburger deluxe, fruit, french fries, ketchup and milk.

Tuesday: Ravioli, buttered spinach, cottage cheese with pineapple, cornmeal roll and milk.

Wednesday: Corn dog with mustard and ketchup, green beans, applesauce, tater tots and milk.

Woman joins Alaska Air

Lauri Dunn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fox of Boring, has graduated from the International Air Academy in Vancouver, Wash. She has taken a job with Alaska Air in Seattle.

Woman completes basic

Julie Dasher, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Dasher of Alder Creek, has completed basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

She is currently stationed at

Lowery Air Force Base in Denver where she is learning to work on missile guidance systems.

She is a 1985 graduate of Sandy High School.

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