

## [Military mom turned medical student featured in new book](#)

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A new book celebrating the careers of women who are both military aviators and mothers features the story of current Tulane University medical student, Alexis Rominger McCabe ? a mother of two and a former pilot to the Marine Corps' F/A-18 *Hornet*.



Tulane medical student Alexis Rominger McCabe is one of 71 pilots featured in the book *Military Fly Moms: Sharing Memories, Building Legacies and Inspiring Hope*. (Photo by Frank McCabe)

*Military Fly Moms* was compiled and edited by retired naval aviator [Linda Maloney](#) and is illustrated with 75 color photos, depicting women aviators in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard.

The photos provide a glimpse of the women alongside their helicopters, transport aircraft or fighter planes. Other photos show the women with their families.

McCabe, one of the first *Hornet* pilots in the Marine Corps, is one of 71 women telling their story in the book.

A few years after giving birth to her first child, McCabe deployed with her squadron in 2004 onboard the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise, conducting missions in support of Marines and soldiers on the ground in Iraq and Afghanistan.

“The cruise was good, but it was emotionally difficult leaving my daughter. She did great?it was much harder on me than her,” said McCabe. “My husband, an airline pilot, managed his flying schedule so he wouldn't be gone for any extended lengths of time, and we also had a nanny.”

Attending medical school was next on McCabe's “must do list.” She will graduate from the [Tulane University School of Medicine](#) in 2014.