



## Primary Primer

In the May–Jun 98 issue featuring the Naval Air Training Command, Ens. David M. Werner captured the flavor of primary flight training in “Oh, To Solo! A Student’s Journal” (pp. 17–18). His subsequent comments summing up his experience are worth noting:

“I feel that, all in all, flight training isn’t that fun. It’s not supposed to be. It is extremely challenging. It requires an enormous effort on every student’s part to do well. However, we know that, in the end, all our hard work and dedication will have paid off and it will have been worth it. Occasionally

during our training, we are able to catch a glimpse of what it’s all about and what it is we’re striving for. The few solo flights that we have during training are an excellent example of this. They are a huge confidence builder and motivator. The formation-flying solo is especially gratifying because it is that much more challenging. This flight was probably my most enjoyable so far.”

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