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 Capt. **Mary F. Keener** (1920-2004), a native of Attalia, Ala., served as an aerospace physiologist (now known as an **aerospace and operational physiologist**).

 In the 1950s, Keener helped inaugurate programs for **high altitude training** and **initiated the first ejection seat training** in the Navy.

 In 1965, upon promotion to captain, Keener had purportedly **trained more aviation personnel in night vision, ejector seat procedures, and low-pressure chambers than any other aerospace physiologist** in naval history.

 In April 1967, the U.S. Navy Uniform Regulations granted designated naval aerospace physiologists the permission to wear aviation wings breast insignia. Keener was the first to wear wings and was **designated Aerospace Physiologist # 1**.