

## Financial angel among us gives back

*Former marketing executive helps U.S. servicemen and servicewomen succeed with Embry-Riddle degree*

Leon R. Noe, a lifelong pilot and retired president and founder of several marketing publication companies, understands what helping students can accomplish for the betterment of all. As a young man, Noe was influenced by a gentleman who was always willing to help young people get the right start. That gentleman made a lasting impression and instilled in him the importance of “giving back.”

Now, many years later, Noe is giving \$100,000 to help Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University students in Prescott, Ariz., get the right start with their education and career plans.

Noe, who relocated to Prescott after a thriving career in the publishing industry, became acquainted with many Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University students through a common interest in aviation. After many conversations with students working in the community, as well as their employers, Noe was impressed by the students’ focus, determination and work ethic. “Employers tell me they seek out Embry-Riddle students for their reliability and intelligence,” Noe says.

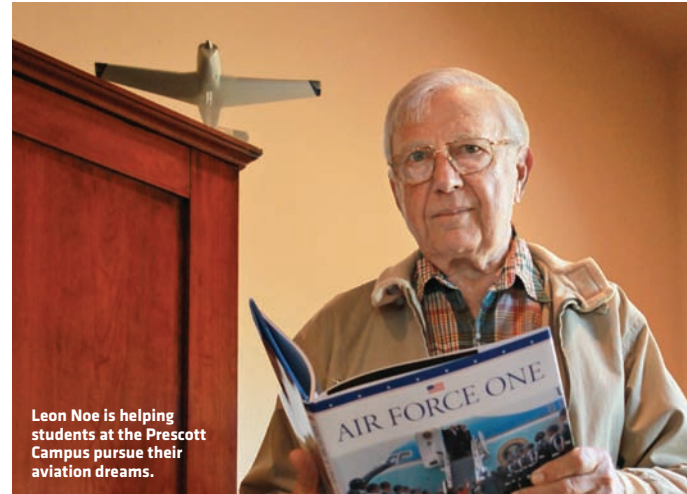
He started looking for ways to help these up-and-coming leaders in the aviation industry. As a perennial supporter of the U.S. military, Noe’s search led him to take advantage of the Pension Protection Act of 2006 and the Post-9/11 G.I. Bill’s Yellow Ribbon Program.

“I have always been a proud patriotic American, having served in the Army paratroopers with the 82nd Airborne Division,” Noe explains. “I am an enthusiastic supporter of all veteran programs.”

Noe directed his gift to support returning servicemen and servicewomen seeking a degree at Embry-Riddle’s Prescott Campus, as well as senior-level students who need financial help to continue at the university.

While Noe downplays his own generosity, he acknowledges the importance of giving at all levels. “Small is my contribution, compared to others, but the sum of many small efforts can be huge,” he says.

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Leon Noe is helping students at the Prescott Campus pursue their aviation dreams.

## Students inspire Daughters of the American Revolution Scholarship

What began as renting apartments to students has evolved into scholarship support for nearly two decades, thanks to the generosity and vision of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Captain James Ormond Chapter.

“In 1992, our scholarship chairperson and her husband rented their apartments to Embry-Riddle students and saw their great character and ambition, but also their financial need,” explains Linda Giovanni, the chapter’s current scholarship chairperson. “She wanted to create a way to help these students, so we partnered with Embry-Riddle and created the [Daughters of the American Revolution Scholarship]. Today, it is still the high quality and integrity of Embry-Riddle students that makes it our privilege and honor to be a part of this.”

This year’s recipient, Ross Malugani, a junior ROTC student pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Applied Meteorology, plans to use the scholarship to help earn his degree and join the U.S. Air Force as a combat weatherman. “Because of this scholarship, I can become a better student, a better officer and a better person, and I believe that is what is most important in this world,” Malugani says.



Donor Relations Coordinator Maxine Sowinski (left) and DAR Scholarship Chairperson Linda Giovanni (right) present Ross Malugani with a DAR Scholarship award.