



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

FOR NEARLY 70 YEARS, Embry-Riddle has enjoyed a very special relationship with the U.S. military. In fact, the Embry-Riddle we know today owes much to its long-standing partnership with the Armed Forces.

In the early days, we trained military pilots and mechanics for World War II—more than 25,000 when all was said and done—and we were also there for the Korean and Vietnam wars. Those key years of helping the military prepare to defend America played a vital role in our growth and helped propel us to the leading position we now enjoy.

As someone who grew up in a military family—my father was a career Army officer and my uncle an Air Force pilot—I am especially proud of our continuing role as a provider of education and training to the military.

Clearly, our partnership remains as strong as it has ever been. Our Worldwide Campus serves the educational and training needs of thousands of military personnel every year, wherever in the world they are deployed. Home to thriving ROTC programs, our residential campuses boast

the largest Air Force ROTC program in the nation and rapidly growing programs in the Army and Navy-Marines.

In this issue of *Lift*, you will see just a few of the many ways that Embry-Riddle's military alumni have used their education and training to make a difference in the world. Whether it is flying state-of-the-art helicopters and vintage P-51 Mustangs, launching in Space Shuttles or designing space vehicles that are changing the way we look at the universe, Embry-Riddle's military alumni are at the center of some of the most important human endeavors we are engaged in today.

Please join me in celebrating the men and women of the U.S. military and the special role they have played in our great history.

Warmest regards,

John P. Johnson, Ph.D.
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