



THE MILLIONAIRES' UNIT
*America's Pioneer Pilots
of the Great War*

Documentary Receives \$100,000 Award

Humanus Documentary Films Foundation has been awarded a \$100,000 grant from The Louise H. and David S. Ingalls Foundation to support the production of *The Millionaires' Unit: America's Pioneer Pilots of the Great War*. Fifty-thousand dollars is available immediately, and the other \$50,000 is a dollar-for-dollar challenge grant. Humanus is now reaching out to you to match this challenge. When we meet this goal, we will be able to be in production full-time for the next several months. We plan to deliver a short film to help the U.S. Navy commemorate the Centennial of Naval Aviation in May, while at the same time raising the rest of our budget. Please help us match the challenge grant and help carry our production to completion by making your tax deductible donation today. We thank the Ingalls Foundation for this opportunity to forge ahead and look forward to working with you to complete production on *The Millionaires' Unit* in 2011. Please make out your check to: **Humanus Documentary Films Foundation** and mail to:

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Film Production at NAS Norfolk

The US Navy marks the beginning of naval aviation with a flight by Eugene Ely off the deck of the cruiser Birmingham on November 14th, 1910. On Friday, November 12th, 2010, Co-Producer/Director Ron King will be on hand at Naval Air Station: Norfolk, Va. to film the flight of a replica of the Curtiss pusher flown by builder/pilot Bob Coolbaugh. This footage, along with interviews with the pilot and others will be a great addition to establishing the era of naval aviation prior to the Yale Unit's arrival on the scene.



Full Time Staff Starts in January

After 3 years of diligent and largely voluntary effort, the production will finally be able to employ a full time staff of filmmaking professionals beginning in January. This will enable steady progress toward our goal of completing a film that can be a part of the Naval Aviation Centennial in 2011! Look for more details on these plans in future issues.

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Naval Aviator #92

Reginald C. Coombe (pictured below) was captain of freshman crew at Yale. He was in the third group of Unit members, including Walker, Smith, McIlwaine, Landon, Ingalls and Beach to sail for Europe. Coombe served at LeCroisic coastal air station in France and, with 'Hen' Landon, piloted the first U.S. naval air patrol over European waters. Coombe was with Sam Walker on furlough in Tours when he was devastated to learn of the death of Albert Sturtevant in a newspaper article. Coombe trained to fly the notorious Caproni bombers at Malpensa, Italy, along with fellow unit members Walker and Landon. He piloted Capronis from Italy to France over the Alps for the Northern Bombing Group.. Read more about the members of the First Yale Unit on our [People](#) page.

