



November 10, 2021

Dear Lumberjacks,

As you know, Northern Arizona University is home to a number of veterans who choose to study and work here. They each bring their own story to campus, enriching our classrooms, labs, student organizations, and workplaces with a unique perspective and set of skills learned during their service. We are grateful for the sacrifice and service of the veterans, their families, and all our military-connected students, staff, and faculty.

I am proud to say that NAU is truly a place that veterans can call home. In my time at NAU, I have been impressed by the dedication and services provided by our **Veteran Success Center**, which helps students find resources, navigate their educational journey, and connect with other veterans—all with the support of a dedicated and talented staff.

We continue to work to support our veteran and military connected Lumberjacks in achieving the bold and boundless future they envision for themselves.

Tomorrow, as the university closes in observance of Veterans Day, I encourage you to reflect on the sacrifices made by our veterans, celebrate their experiences, and show gratitude for the diverse perspectives they bring to our campus. As Zach Hamilton writes in yesterday's **Views from NAU**, "Every new student veteran brings their own story to this campus and contributes to the shared history of our institution. Their stories can enrich the conversation in the classroom and broaden our understanding of global events." For that, I am very grateful.

I invite you to join **Veteran and Military Services** at the annual **Veteran Flag Tribute** at 5:30 p.m. today at the University Union West Lawn. You can also **livestream** the event. I encourage our Lumberjacks throughout the state to join our veteran community in this observance.

Since we will be observing the holiday tomorrow and will not publish *The NAU Review*, I also wanted to make sure you can still read this week's **Notes from the President** online.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "José Luis Cruz Rivera".

José Luis Cruz Rivera  
President



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