



Office of the President

NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY

November 9, 2020

Dear Lumberjacks,

On behalf of the NAU community and as we approach Veterans Day, I would like to express my gratitude to veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces and their families for their service to our country.

NAU has a strong history of supporting veterans and military-connected students. We have been named one of the best colleges for veterans several years in a row by Best for Vets and other military-focused surveys.

The honor recognizes NAU for its academic programs and for its support services that help students take advantage of their veteran benefits and ease the transition into college.

Last year, the Military Order of the Purple Heart recognized NAU as a Purple Heart University for its support of veterans wounded in combat.

I would like to thank the staff of the Department of Veterans and Military Services, under the direction of Peter Yanka, including student employees and volunteers, who work so hard to make sure our veteran students receive the support they need. We are so appreciative of your work.

Our veteran and military-connected students make up an important part of our community, bringing with them leadership skills developed from serving our country. They have often served in multiple deployments, and add to the richness of the student body and experience. For their presence here and for their sacrifice, we are grateful.

NAU's Annual Veteran Flag Tribute, which honors those who have served or are serving, will be held as a livestream event this year. **Please join us via Youtube at [5:30 p.m., Tuesday, November 10.](#)**

For more information, **visit the Department of Veteran and Military Services.** If you have any questions, please contact us at (928) 523-8387 or vets@nau.edu.

To all who have served or are currently serving, and their families, thank you for the sacrifices you have made for us and this country.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rita". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'R' and a trailing flourish.

Rita Hartung Cheng
President