Saluting Veterans, MVPS Students
By Ron Rosati, NCTA Dean

A college community is richer when relationships and interactions can span generations, cultures, diverse backgrounds and vast life experiences.

November 11, Veterans Day 2014 afforded our students and our staff such an opportunity to publically participate in a special event on campus.

We had a very moving observance with local veterans, families and many individuals from the Curtis community, thanks to the American Legion Post #95 and Post Commander Tyre Nelson.

What an incredible experience for kindergarten students to give each veteran in attendance a thank you note for his or her dedication to our country. The image of veterans in uniform saluting the American flag will not leave the mind’s eye of these youngsters any time soon. It will leave an indelible imprint.

Patriotic music starting with the Star Spangled Banner played by the Medicine Valley High School students was striking. They also shared other musical tributes, adding significance to the day.

American flags waved on two large screens at the front of the NCTA Education Center auditorium, the site of this Veterans Day observance.

The Legion Post color guard posted the colors of our nation. On Memorial Day, we dedicate our thanks to those who have served in the military, some dying on battlefields or in conflicts.

On Veterans Day, we extend our appreciation to our living veterans who have served and for those who are currently in active duty and reserve military roles. To each of you, we say “thank you” for your dedicated service.

A firing squad often fires a round of three shots to pay tribute to fallen comrades. On this day, however, due to the activity being moved indoors, squad members were present and music reigned.

Again this year, as in years past, a tribute was delivered by Legion Commander Nelson and Barbara Berg, a veteran and head of the NCTA Veterinary Technology Division. We salute them!

Veterans Day holds significance for all of us. We appreciate an opportunity to be a part of this special observance, and to help students – young and old, alike – to understand the value and contributions of our veterans and military service to the USA.

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What’s ahead at NCTA:

**Nov. 24** – 10th Annual Cornhusker Economics Outlook meeting series, 5-8 p.m., NCTA Ed Center
Hosted by UNL Extension and the Department of Agricultural Economics
Contact Paul Clark, assistant professor, NCTA, 308-367-5275 or pclark4@unl.edu for information.
To register, contact Frontier County Extension Office at 308-367-4424.

**Nov. 27-28** – NCTA offices and campus closed for Thanksgiving

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