



Sept. 16, 2008

TO:

FROM: Northeastern Illinois University
Students Veterans Club
5500 North St. Louis Avenue
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SUBJ: Veterans Day, Tuesday, November 11, 2008

On November 11, 2008 at 11:00 am, at Northeastern Illinois University, the Student Veterans Club of Northeastern Illinois University will have a ceremony commemorating the Iraqi and Afghanistan service personnel who have given the supreme sacrifice for their country. Several years ago, on this campus, a student veteran of the Vietnam War spearheaded an effort to establish a "Peace Garden", to commemorate the service of the men and women who have fallen in service for their country in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The "Peace Garden" has a display of dog tags hanging from a wall. Each dog tag represents 1 casualty of this war. There are now over 4,000 casualties of this conflict and we, as veterans on this campus, believe we should commemorate this sacrifice with an appropriate Memorial Dedication Ceremony. We will place a Memorial Bench and a Bronze Plaque in the "Peace Garden" during the ceremony and memorialize their ultimate sacrifice.

There will be a number of Veteran Organizations that are interested in attending and participating in this Dedication Ceremony. I would like to extend an invitation to you on behalf of the Students Veterans Club at Northeastern Illinois University, to participate in the Dedication Ceremony. For Veterans Day, parking will be available on the 4th and 5th floors of the parking garage at no charge.

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Scheduled events for Veterans Day, Northeastern Illinois University
Tuesday, November 11, 2008

11:00 am to 12:00pm – Opening Ceremony

Opening Remarks
Posting of Colors
Dedication of Memorial
A Moment of Silence
Taps
Closing Remarks

12:00pm to 3:00 pm – Reception in Village Square

Veterans Information Table
Refreshments (Food and Beverage)
Live Music Entertainment
POW/MIA Remembrance Table
Veterans Memorabilia on Display
Student Veterans Glass Display Case (Village Square)

5:00 pm to 7:00 pm - Concert in Student Union

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