



# L-4 Alumni Association, Inc.

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Subject: 4th Friday Monthly Activity Update

Dear Valued Member,

During a recent meeting of your board of directors, it was decided to cancel any further plans for a fall formal reunion. Planning is proceeding to establish an informal get together, such as a tailgate party at one of NC State's home football dates. The military appreciation day football game is scheduled on November 20, 2021.



At the conclusion of WW1, General John J. Pershing requested that his officer corps continue serving America after their active military service ended. The Military Order of the World War (MOWW) was established in 1919 and its "companions" have lived ever since by the Order's motto, "It is nobler to serve than to be served."



It's no surprise that General John J. Pershing facilitated the creation of The American Legion (AL) that same year, 1919. Standing before the legionnaires to receive the Honorary National Commander designation, he reminded them that they stand for the things that are right. He said, "But it is especially important that you interest yourselves in your local communities to see that your representatives are fine, upstanding, alert, honest men, intelligent and efficient, and not slackers nor demagogues."



It was Second Lieutenant John J. Pershing that created the Varsity Rifles at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln in 1894. Upon his departure to another assignment, the cadets renamed the Varsity Rifles to the Pershing Rifles (PR). The PRs became a national organization 1923.

The MOWW, AL and PRs are interconnected by one man, John J. Pershing. The idea of community service is a mutually shared concept by these three organizations.

Fraternally,

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Director of Administration