

## ROTC Cadets Wear Vintage Uniforms in Honor of 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the End of World War I

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LINCOLN, Neb. – When a four-person color guard team representing the University of Nebraska’s Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps steps onto the turf at Memorial Stadium on Saturday, they will honor thousands of Nebraskan – including more than 100 University of Nebraska students and faculty members – who served in the Armed Forces during World War I.

In honor of those Nebraska past service members, the team of Midshipman 2<sup>nd</sup> Class James Contreras, Midshipman 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Ian Kernes, Midshipman 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Jakob Moberg and Midshipmen 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Christian Neu will be outfitted in World War I uniforms while carrying a 48-star U.S. Flag during the pregame service salute ceremony.

The uniforms the color guard team will wear aren’t reproduction, either. The uniforms are actual uniforms worn by service members during the World War I timeframe, including a rare University of Nebraska ROTC cadet uniform.

The uniforms were loaned to the team from the private collection of the Nebraska National Guard Museum in Seward, Neb. Because peoples’ bodies have changed dramatically over the past 100 years, the team travelled to National Guard Museum earlier this month and were outfitted in the antique uniforms by former Nebraska National Guard Museum curator Capt. Cody Cade. Cade also took time to explain the various symbols and how to properly wear the old Army uniforms to the color guard team.

Along with the pregame ceremony, the World War I commemorative team will also appear during Sunday’s World War I plaque dedication ceremony at Memorial Stadium as well as the afternoon Nebraska mens’ basketball game at Pinnacle Bank Arena.