

KISHWAUKEE COLLEGE VA CONNECTIONS

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Summer semester begins 31 May 22

COVID Waiver will expire 01 Jun 22

Spotlight a Vet

Kimberly Ahlert

Kimberly Ahlert is a current Kishwaukee College Assistant Professor for Physics and Engineering. Prior to Kish, she taught at the College of DuPage and Elmhurst College as an Adjunct Professor. She graduated from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 2001 with a BS in Chemistry, and University of Illinois Chicago in 2013 with a MS in Physics and Chemistry.

After the attack on the Twin Towers, Ms. Ahlert enlisted in the Marine Corps and shipped off to boot camp in Paris Island, SC in October, 2002. She was assigned a Military Occupational Specialty of Intelligence Language Analyst. She trained in the Thai language and also specialized in language identification, and received a top secret security clearance where she served in the Marine Cryptologic Support Battalion, India Company. Next she was stationed in Kunia on Dahu, Hl. She worked in the NSA facility that is under the pineapple fields near the Army Schofield Barracks. All branches of service and civilians work together in this facility. Ms. Alhlert completed her tour of active duty as a Sergeant in October 2007 with an honorable discharge.

Thank you Kimberly Ahlert for your service to our country and our Kish community!

> The waiver for COVID residence credits expires on June 1, 2022. To continue to receive the higher level of Housing Allowance payments for GI Bill recipients you MUST enroll in at least 1 course that is In-person OR **Hybrid starting in the Summer 2022**





History Corner

National Medal of Honor Day

March 25, 1990

National Medal of Honor Day was signed into law by President George HW Bush as a day to honor the heroism and sacrifice of Medal of Honor recipients.

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Military Birthdays:

USO - Feb. 4, 1941 Coast Guard Res. - Feb. 19 (1939) Navy Reserve - Mar. 3 (1915) American Legion - Mar. 15 (1919)

Important Reminders semester. Also, remedial coursework MUST be in-person to utilize benefits.

The VA will require Chapter 33 students to verify their attendance, for housing allowance purposes, each month they are in classes. Failure to certify could result in delays of housing payments. Verification can be done in one of three ways: Text (you must opt-in), Phone 888-442-4551, or Email. Those that do not opt-in for the Text option will automatically be opted in to the Email verification and will receive an email at the end of each month.

- -The COVID waiver for Resident credits will expire on June 1, 2022. Please be sure to register for at least ONE in-person or hybrid course to receive the higher level Housing Allowance (MHA) payments. Please keep in mind that Synchronous courses do not count as in-person or "residence" courses.
- -If you wish to utilize your VA benefits, you must submit an Enrollment Certification Request EACH semester. Contact Wendy Goff for more info wgoff@kish.edu.
- -Effective January 1 2021 the VA now requires schools to certify and verify student attendance twice throughout the semester. The first certification will be no later than the first week of the semester. The second will be after the Add/Drop period. Chapter 33 funds will not be applied until they are received from the VA. There will be no fees or drops due to non-payment while the funds are processing.