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Spring semester  
begins  
01 November 2021

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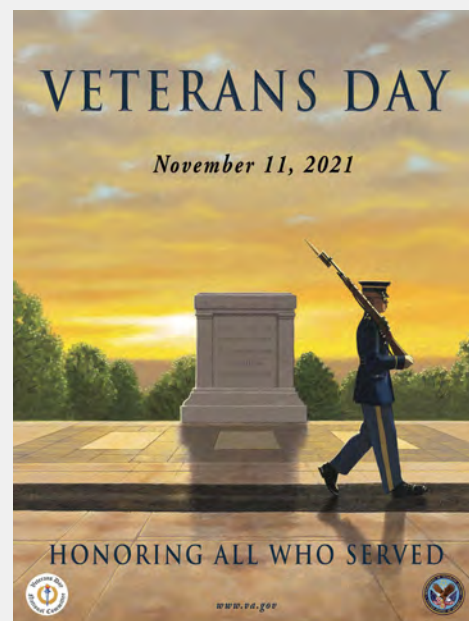
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## Spotlight a Vet

### Michael Embrey

A US Air Force veteran reaching the rank of E5 and receiving the "Presidential Outstanding Unit Award," he is currently a member of four Military Veteran organizations and is Executive Director of Sweets4Troops.com. Embrey is a 40 year resident of DeKalb, IL and a business owner/entrepreneur for the last 35 years. Prior to starting his business FunMe Events(TM), he was the Show Band Director at NIU and worked with former NIU President William Monat in Public Relations. He was a member of the NIU Huskie Club. Embrey is well known for producing special events throughout the country as well as locally such as Kishwaukee Fest Parade, Baconpalooza, Drum Corp Shows, Military Concerts at the Egyptian, Hopkins Park and DeKalb airport. Embrey serves on three organization's Board of Directors, holding an officer position with two of the Boards. Embrey is a graduate of NIU and holds two degrees, B.M.Ed and M.S.Ed. As a military musician, Embrey has played TAPS at over 1,000 events including in 2016 at the American Cemetery in Normandy, France. This year, Michael Embrey has been invited to play Taps in Washington, DC at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier for the 100th anniversary official ceremony. Thank you for your service!



It is the 100th year anniversary of The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier  
2021 Veterans Day program - Kish Cafe  
November 11, 2021 11:00am

## Helpful tips about using VA Benefits

**Q: How often do I need to submit a Request for Certification?**

**A: If you wish to utilize your VA benefits, you must submit an Enrollment Certification Request EACH semester. Contact Wendy Goff for more info [wgoft@kish.edu](mailto:wgoft@kish.edu).**

**Q: How do I continue to receive a monthly room and board stipend in Spring 2022?**

**A: The COVID waiver for Resident credits is expiring in December so to be able to receive room and board at the highest level the student must be enrolled in at least ONE In-Person course in Spring 2022.**



## History Corner

### Coast Guard

August 4, 1790

The Coast Guard's official history began on 4 August 1790 when President George Washington signed the Tariff Act that authorized the construction of ten vessels, referred to as "cutters," to enforce federal tariff and trade laws and to prevent smuggling.

## Where are we in the VA process?

➤Effective January 1 2021 the VA will now require 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 within 30 days of the start of the semester. Kishwaukee College will certify initial enrollments at the end of the Summer Semester but before the end of the first week of classes. The second certification will be after the Add/Drop period.

➤In addition, the VA will also require student to verify their attendance, for housing allowance purposes, each month they are in classes. Failure to certify could result in delays of housing payments so make sure you are certifying with the VA.

➤Lastly, the COVID-19 housing waiver which allows schools to certify students for Residency status will expire at the end of the year on December 31, 2021. This means that any students planning to utilize Chapter 33 funds for Spring 2022 semester will need to take classes in person in order to qualify for the housing stipend.