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FRANCIS B. KISH (Bernie)

Professional Degrees

Bachelor of Science in Education 1960
Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Major: Geography Minor: Social Studies

Master of Public Administration 1973
University of Missouri-Kansas City

Doctor of Philosophy 1998
The University of Kansas
Major: Higher Education-Teaching and Leadership

Professional Experience

September 2005-Present Facilities Director/Lecturer Department of Health, Sport and Exercise
Science University of Kansas Lawrence, Kansas

April 2005-August 2005 Regional Coordinator National Football Foundation Lawrence, Kansas

April 1995-March 2005 Executive Director College Football Hall of Fame South Bend,
Indiana

August 1992-March 1995 Director of Ticket Operations and Sales University of Kansas
Athletics Department Lawrence, Kansas

November 1989-July 1992 Systems Analyst BDM, Titan Corporation, RDA Leavenworth,
Kansas

May 1960-October 1989 Officer in the US Army. Completed service as a Full Colonel.

Professional Organizations

Phi Kappa Phi
North American Society for Sports History

Community Activities

Jayhawk Breakfast Rotary Club, Lawrence, Kansas

Jayhawk Chapter Military Officers Association, Lawrence, Kansas

Sunflower Chapter, National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame

Presentations and Publications

“Rockne: The Coach and the Car”, presentation to the Annual Conference of the North American Society for Sports History in Green Bay, Wisconsin, May, 2005 and the 150th Anniversary Dinner of the Studebaker Corporation in South Bend, Indiana, 2002.

“Knut Rockne and the Kansas Connection,” presentation at the Annual Rockne Breakfast at the University of Notre Dame, 1998.

“Rockne, the Coach-maker,” presentation at the Annual Rockne Breakfast at the University of Notre Dame, 1999.

“The Military Career of Harry S Truman”, a feature article published in the February 1972 issue of Military Review and the Spring 1984 issue of National Guard Magazine.

“The Pittsburgh Steelers,” Professional Football Team Histories. Edited by Michael L. La Blanc. Gale Research Institute. Washington DC. 1994.

“The Nebraska-Notre Dame Rivalry,” published in Notre Dame-Nebraska game program by Notre Dame Sports Information Department, September, 2000.

Recent Honors and Awards

HOPE Teaching Award, University of Kansas, November 2011

HOPE Teaching Award Finalist, University of Kansas, November 2010

Joyce Elaine Pauls Morgan Teaching Award, Department of HSES, University of Kansas, 2010

Del Shankel Teaching Award Finalist, University of Kansas, 2009

Sagamore of the Wabash, presented by the Governor of Indiana, 2005

Key to the City of South Bend, Indiana, presented by the Mayor of South Bend, 2005

Distinguished Alumnus Award, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, 2004

Athletic Hall of Fame Selectee, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, 2000.

Indiana County (PA) Sports Hall of Fame Selectee, 2002