

Kimberly Mitchell

Kimberly Mitchell is the Senior Vice President for Military, Veteran and Government Affairs at National University. She leads the innovative efforts at NU for military, veteran and military family educational and degree programs. Prior to her position at National University, Kim was President and CEO of Veterans Village of San Diego, where she led a robust team who serve over 3000 veterans annually by providing veterans experiencing challenges post service with residential treatment programs, mental health programs, and support services. Kim is a nationally recognized leading vocal advocate for our service members, veterans, military families and Gold Star Families and frequently speaks at non-profit, community, and corporate conferences in communities across the country. Adopted during the Vietnam War from an orphanage in DaNang in 1972, Kim is also recognized as an advocate for our Vietnam Veterans and Vietnam era veterans. She was the official spokesperson for the Department of Defense 50 Year Vietnam War Commemoration Committee for 3 years, and over the past 8 years has participated in events across the country recognizing and honoring the service of our Vietnam Veterans.

Kim served in the United States Navy for 17 years as a Surface Warfare Officer serving onboard surface ships and at shore commands. She was hand selected by the Secretary of the Navy and the White House to serve as a White House Military Social Aide where she participated in more than six hundred events hosted by the President and First Lady under two administrations. Her last 2 years on active duty she worked for the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff as the Deputy Director of the Office of Warrior and Family Support. Kim has worked with hundreds of communities and has assisted thousands of organizations to find solutions to address the challenges of transition and reintegration for our service members, veterans and military families. After departing the Navy in 2012, she was the President and Co-Founder of Dixon Center for Military and Veterans Services where she worked with over 650 communities nationwide and thousands of organizations assisting service men and women transitioning from the military to the local community. In July 2017, Kim moved to San Diego to be the first non-Vietnam Veteran and first woman selected to be President & CEO of Veterans Village of San Diego. In March of 2020, she stepped down from her position at VVSD to lead National University's educational efforts providing secondary education for our service members, veterans, and their families.

Kim currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF), Hershel Woody Williams Medal of Honor Foundation, Infinite Hero Foundation, sits on the Advisory Committee for Iraq Afghanistan Veterans of America (IAVA), and served for 2 years as a Trustee on the Board for the National University System. She is a 2019 George W. Bush Presidential Center Stand-To Veterans Leadership Program Scholar. Kim holds a Bachelor's degree from the United States Naval Academy in Ocean Engineering and a Master's degree from The George Washington University in Organizational Management.