

2024 ALL SERVICES RETIREE SEMINAR A GREAT SUCCESS – THANKS TO ALL!

The NorCal CG Retiree Council (NCCGRC) in partnership with Base Alameda hosted the 30th All Services Retiree Seminar on April 27, 2024. This year we hosted over 150 attendees made up of DOD, USCG, National Guard, and USPHS retirees, dependents, caregivers, and annuitants.

We continue to receive outstanding support from many organizations that provide a wealth of relevant information to our attendees. This year we had five formal presentations from Health Net Federal Services (TRICARE West), MOAA National Financial and Benefits Education/Counseling/Veteran Services, Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office Elder Protection Unit, Military Legal Services, and Travis AFB Passenger Services (Space-A). Additionally, each speaker spent time at their exhibitor table answering one-on-one questions.

In addition to the formal presentations, three of our exhibitors highlighted their programs between the formal presentations. The Alameda Chapter of MOAA highlighted California Legislative initiatives affecting military retiree pay and benefits. Honor Flight Bay Area Foundation spoke about eligibility prioritization and the process of allowing our veterans to see the memorials built in their honor. Friends and Family of Nisei Veterans (FFNV) provided us with an overview of the challenges faced by our Japanese American citizens during WWII who were forcibly relocated from their homes and businesses on the West Coast to include Hawaii, while many of the second-generation Japanese Americans either volunteered or were drafted into the military. Their exhibit is located aboard the USS Hornet Museum in Alameda, CA.

Within the exhibitor room, we provided a continental breakfast and refreshments before and between presentations to allow our attendees time to interact with our 25 exhibitors. In addition to those listed above, our exhibitors included Disabled American Veterans – National Service Office Oakland, Veterans Benefits Administration – Oakland Regional Office, National Cemetery Administration – Pacific Division, Veterans Health Administration –

Northern California, Public Affairs, FBI San Francisco Field Office – Community Outreach, Alameda County Veterans Services Office, Social Security Administration, American Legion Post 647, US Navy League – Oakland, US Navy League – Pacific Central, Moffett Field Commissary, VFW Post 9601, ContigoU, Sea West CG FCU, First Command, and CG Legal - Pacific.

The success of this year's seminar is due to the outstanding support received from Base Alameda, MSST 91105, PSU 312, Sea Cadets-Hanford Squadron, and the Base Alameda PCPOs. Taking time from their already busy schedules, these Commands assisted with the planning, facilities, and personnel to support the event providing static displays, ID Card services for 22, the galley serving meals to over 50 attendees as well as providing coffee and juice for the entire seminar and Base Security quickly and professionally screened over 200 attendees, speakers, and exhibitors providing smooth access to the seminar. Following the success of this year's seminar, we are excited to host our 31st All Services Retiree Seminar in April 2025. We hope to see you there!

