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2025 RETIREE APPRECIATION DAY



Robert H. and Mrs. Sandra Johnson flew from Rancho Cucamonga to attend the Retiree Appreciation Day. He served 27 years in the US Air Force and the US Army. He was stationed in Japan and Fort Riley, KS, as a supply sergeant.

2025 Retiree Appreciation Day



SFC (RET) Stephanie Schafer, US Army, sang the National Anthem

CH (MAJ) Luke J. Basler, USAG Presidio of Monterey Chaplain, conducted the invocation



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CSM Theo De Hoyos, Defense Language Institute and Foreign Language Center (DLIFLC), presenting his opening remarks. He emphasized the importance of Retirees to continue supporting the Armed Forces.

Photo: USAG Presidio of Monterey Public Affairs Office

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US Representative Jimmy Panetta, California 19th District, was the RAD guest speaker. Congressman Panetta briefed Retirees on the latest legislative updates impacting them.

Photo: USAG Presidio of Monterey Public Affairs Office

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As every year, service members were on site supporting the RAD. Here, two Sailors staffed the sign-in table.

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Defense Language Institute students were on site greeting Retirees. Every year, Service Members, from all military branches, assist the USAG Presidio of Monterey Retirement Services Office. They welcome Retirees, operate the grill, prepare refreshments, and perform the venue's set up and tear down.

Photo: USAG Presidio of Monterey Public Affairs Office

2025 Retiree Appreciation Day



Active duty service members from the 229th MI Battalion and the *BOSS* program (Better Opportunities for Single Service Members) volunteered to support the 2025 Retiree Appreciation Day.

**THANK YOU TO ALL SERVICE
MEMBERS WHO VOLUNTEERED
AND MADE THE EVENT A SUCCESS**



2025 Retiree Appreciation Day



LTC(RET) Jack Murphy, US Army, Director, Monterey County Military and Veterans Affairs Office briefed Retirees on VA benefits and claims submission as well as the latest California State legislative updates impacting the Retiree community.

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CSM Theo De Hoyos, DLIFLC, and the youngest service member in attendance, Private First Class Bethany Kelly, US Army, Arabic Linguist student, conducted the traditional cake-cutting ceremony.

Photo: USAG Presidio of Monterey Public Affairs Office

Retirees attending this year's Retiree Appreciation Day provided recommendations and what they would like to see for future RADs:

Topics:

- ♦ TRICARE for Retirees

How did Retirees learn about the Retiree Appreciation Day:

- Army Echoes
- Flyer posted at the Commissary and Exchange stores
- Veteran Service Organizations
- Retiree Council
- USAG Presidio of Monterey Public Affairs Office
- The Presidio Echo, USAG Presidio of Monterey Retiree Newsletter

What services would you like the USAG Presidio of Monterey offer to Retirees:

- * Veterinarian care

Suggestions for future RAD's:

- Move starting time to 10:00 a.m.

Recommendations came from a survey Retirees filled out at the RAD as well as comments and suggestions submitted by individual retirees and the Retiree Council.

2025 Retiree Appreciation Day Statistics

Date / Location: 19 July 2025, General Stilwell Community Center, Ord Military Community.

Attendees: Approximately 200 Retirees, Surviving Spouses, and Family members.

Agencies: More than 20 government, community, and garrison agencies participated, providing up-to-date information to the attendees.

Support personnel: More than 30 Service Members from the 229th Military Intelligence Battalion and the *BOSS (Better Opportunities for Single Service Members)* program volunteered to assist in the execution of the RAD. They welcomed and registered attendees, set up and tore down the venue (audio visual equipment, banners, tables, chairs), prepared refreshments, operated the grill and manned the lunch serving line.

By engaging directly with retirees, these active duty service members helped strengthen cross-generational bonds, and honor the legacy of those who served before them.

For additional photos, click link below:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/presidioofmonterey/albums/72177720327773399>

Flickr site set up by the USAG Presidio of Monterey Public Affairs Office

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to participating organizations

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DEFENSE COMMISSARY AGENCY

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, PALO ALTO DIVISION

MONTEREY COUNTY MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS OFFICE

SANTA CRUZ VETERAN CENTER

MONTEREY—SALINAS TRANSIT

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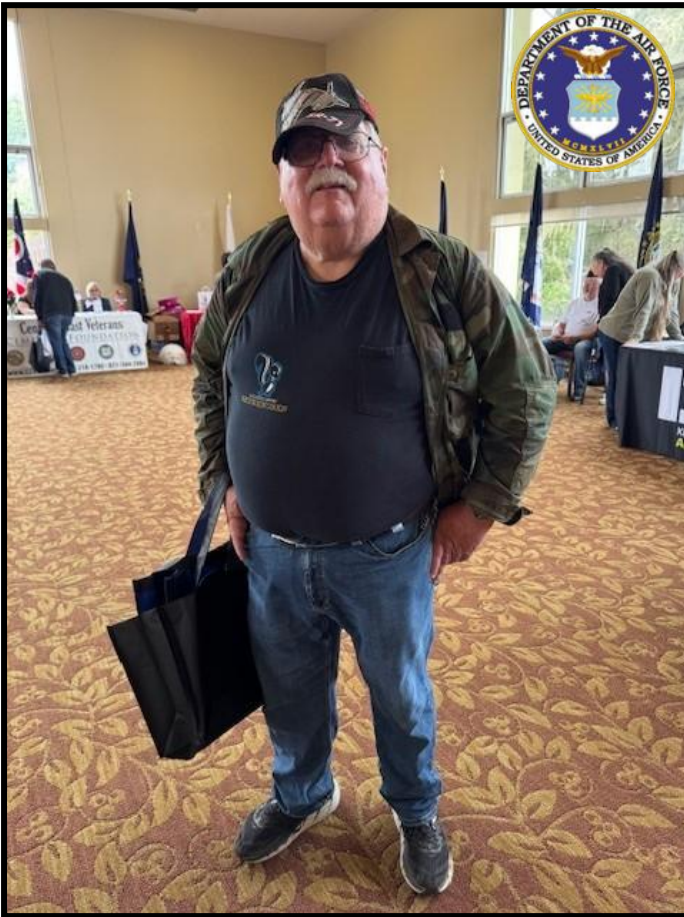
MSgt (Ret) Joe and Mrs. Arreola. He served in the US Marine Corps, as a Combat Engineer from 1974 to 1994. Stationed in San Diego, 29th Palms, Okinawa, Japan, Camp Pendleton, Camp Lejeune, Hawaii, El Toro, CA, INI Oregon with the 3d Marine Division.

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CPT (RET) William and Mrs. Hannelore Cooper, US Army, Field Artillery Officer. He served 1959-79, stationed in Germany for 13 years, Fort Riley, KS , and served one tour in Vietnam.

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MAJ (RET) Mike Shipsey, US Air Force, served from 1979 to 1996. He was stationed at Wright-Patterson AFB as an Engineer Program Manager.



SSG (RET) Alex Perez, US Army, served in the California Army National Guard, as a Human Resources Specialist (Military).

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Gumesindo and Mrs. Eleanor Valtierra. He served in the US Marine Corps, Infantry, 1966-70 and 1974-91, stationed at Camp Pendleton, 29th Palms, and the USS Kitty Hawk.

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SFC (RET) Anthony and Mrs. Juana Pierrenoel have been loyal attendees of the Presidio of Monterey's RAD. He served in the US Army as a combat engineer. He was drafted and later volunteered, serving two tours in Vietnam, two in Korea, one in Panama, and one in Germany.

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Left to right: Antonio Navarro, US Army, 1972-83, Army National Guard 1988-2010, Petroleum Specialist; Will Thomas, US Army, Personnel Actions Specialist, 1976 - 1996, stationed at San Francisco, Presidio of Monterey, Oakland, CA, and Germany. Dr Darryl Powe, US Army, Signal Corps.

Honor Flight is a non-profit program dedicated to transporting United States military veterans to Washington, D.C., to visit the memorials dedicated to their service, at no cost to the veterans.



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After the COVID-19 pandemic pause, the USAG Presidio of Monterey Retiree Appreciation Day has been attracting more Retirees every year.

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The Presidio of Monterey's Army and Air Force Exchange Service is a loyal participant in the Retiree Appreciation Day

The Ord Commissary is a constant supporter of the Presidio of Monterey's Retiree Appreciation Day.



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Disabled American Veterans is another of the Veterans Service Organizations that always supports the USAG Presidio of Monterey's Retiree Appreciation Day

Photo: USAG Presidio of Monterey Public Affairs Office

The local chapter of the American Legion is one of the Veteran Services Organization, which, year after year, supports the USAG Presidio of Monterey Retiree Appreciation Day.



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Congressman Panetta with members of the USAG Presidio of Monterey Directorate of Human Resources and its Military Personnel Division

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