

Rick Johnson

My name is Rick Johnson. I am a Vietnam era veteran of the United States Army Security Agency, and a graduate of the Defense Language Institute at the Presidio of Monterey. I attended Monterey Peninsula College on the G.I Bill, and have Bachelor and Master Degrees from the University of San Francisco.

Among many civic, professional and educational memberships, I was a member of the San Carlos School Board in downtown Monterey for 8 years. I served on the Monterey Peninsula College Citizens Tax Bond Oversight Committee for four years, and was later elected to the MPC Board of Trustees representing the cities of Del Rey Oaks and Monterey in 2011. I was reelected as a trustee in 2015, and was a governing board member through December 2020. During my time as a trustee, I also served on the statewide California Community College Veterans Caucus.

I am a former member of the Institutional Review Board at the United States Naval Postgraduate School, and was a member of the California 20th Congressional District Selection Board for Military Academies. I am a Silver Life Member of the NAACP.

I have been executive director of the Old Monterey Business Association for over 21 years, and as such, have been guest speaker regarding small city issues and government interaction at a number of downtown conferences throughout California, Asia and Scandinavia.

I strongly believe that along with the enormous economic advantages brought to us by the military presence in Monterey County, comes a great ongoing responsibility towards the men and women who answered the call to military service at some point in their lives. I also believe that the men and women currently serving the needs of veterans in Monterey County are a very fine example of the commitment to "leave no man or woman behind." I will be particularly honored to represent Del Rey Oaks as an appointed member of the Monterey County Veterans' Issues Advisory Committee.