



GUEST SPEAKER

Army Veteran
Major Joe Gatlin

Joe Gatlin is a proud native of San Pedro and has been active in the community for over 60 years. He is an Army veteran serving for 11 years, including a stint with specialized Air Defense Unit as a commissioned officer. He later became area commander over the missile battalion located on the Palos Verdes Peninsula.

Joe has been very active in the community serving on the boards of Toberman House, Harbor College Foundation and Behavioral Health Services (BHS). Joe was also on the Board of Trustees for the Port of Los Angeles High School. He has also served on the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council as Vice President and President; served for five (5) years on Chamber of Commerce Waterfront Planning Committee. Joe also found time to coach the San Pedro High School Girl's basketball team.

Being a true community leader he has supported Social Justice programs for the YMCA and YWCA; was instrumental in establishing the San Pedro section of the National Council of Negro Women and is the Chairperson for the San Pedro Juneteenth committee. He also assisted in the emergency food programs of the ILWU Open Wide Program and the Toberman House Food Pantry which provides food for casual longshoreman and local harbor area residents.