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“Opportunities for the SCV Aerospace & Defense Industry – a Washington Update”

Presenter:

Congressman Mike Garcia

California 27th District

Santa Clarita Valley Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, February 21, 2023

In-Person Meeting: Networking & Breakfast: 7:30-8:00am
Meeting: 8:00-9:00am Pacific Time

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Both members and non-members must register to attend.

Registration for the meeting will close 24 hours before the event to give time to send parking passes.

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Free - A&D Forum member &
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\$35 - Non-member - in person

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To Attend In-Person

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The meeting room is at:

Dr. Dianne G. Van Hook University
Center
UCEN Room 258
College of the Canyons
26455 Rockwell Canyon Road
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Industry – a Washington Update”

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The Aerospace and Defense industry is one of the largest business sectors in the Santa Clarita Valley, with close to 100 companies manufacturing products in military and commercial aerospace supply chains.

Please join us for a special presentation and discussion with Congressman Mike Garcia on activities in Washington affecting the aerospace and defense supply chain in the Santa Clarita Valley, with a focus on issues, opportunities, and efforts to continue to bring projects and high quality jobs into our region. Following his presentation, ample time will be provided for attendee Q&A and discussion of how to strengthen the industry in the Santa Clarita Valley.

Presenter



Congressman Garcia's background reflects his deep knowledge and expertise in the A&D industry, and his continued

commitment to strengthen this industry in the Santa Clarita Valley. Before serving in the United States House of Representatives, Congressman Mike Garcia was a highly decorated United States Naval Officer and an executive

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with Raytheon. His superb flying performance earned him the honor of becoming one of the first F/A-18 Super Hornet strike fighter pilots in the Navy. While on active duty, Congressman Garcia flew over 30 combat missions during Operation Iraqi Freedom in the skies above Baghdad, Fallujah, and Tikrit.

On the heels of 9/11, Congressman Garcia deployed as an F/A-18 strike fighter pilot aboard the USS Nimitz, a nuclear-powered aircraft carrier. Throughout his career, Congressman Garcia was lauded as one of the best leaders and most naturally-talented pilots in the U.S. Navy. He participated in combat operations during the first six months of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003. Accruing over 1,400 hours of operational flight time over nearly 20 years of active and reserve military service to our Nation, Congressman Garcia decided to separate from the Navy with an Honorable Discharge and focus on his family. He subsequently joined the Raytheon Company as an executive.

During his eleven years as an executive with Raytheon, Congressman Garcia was responsible for business growth and the creation of hundreds of jobs. Additionally, he has demonstrated a long track record of community service, business growth, and investment across the District.

Congressman Garcia has lived in Santa Clarita since 1983. He serves on two House committees: House Committee on Appropriations and House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

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