Joaquin (Jack) Tamargo

Joaquin (Jack) Tamargo is a retired civil service employee with over 41 years of federal service. Married for 56 years, he and his wife Janet live in Vallejo, CA where they raised their three married sons. They have four grandchildren (3 boys and 1 girl). Jack is an avid SF 49er football fan and has been a season ticket holder since l958. He and his middle son David have attended three of the five Super Bowl games won by the 49ers.

Jack started his career with the government shortly after graduating from high school in 1950. After serving a 4 year apprenticeship as an ordinance machinist on Mare Island, he was drafted into the Army in June 1955. He spent the next two years on active duty with a NIKE missile battalion stationed in upstate NY. Released from active duty in June1957, he returned to work at Mare Island where he had an extended and successful career as a machinist, shop planner, foreman machinist, foreman shop planner, general foreman machinist and project manager, serving as the shipyards representative to NAVSEA's shipyards modernization program.

In 1988 he was selected by the Office of Naval Research (ONR) to serve as a member of their Best Manufacturing Practices (BMP) team that was tasked with conducting independent surveys of various manufacturing facilities throughout the country in order to document and publish their "best practices." Retiring from Mare Island in 1994 as the longest active employee on the shipyard, he was hired by Production Technology Incorporated (PTI), a management and consulting firm based in Crystal City, MD. Working out of his home office in Vallejo, his duties required him to continue to participate in the BMP program surveys as well to coordinate and manage the activities of the seven BMP satellite centers strategically located throughout the country. He retired from that job in March of 2000 in order to spend more time with his grandchildren and is now currently working as a volunteer with the Mare Island Historic Park Foundation