



Allen (Al) Goshi, raised in Hawai'i, was inspired by uncles who served in Japanese American Army units during World War II, and also by the wartime court challenges to the unconstitutional incarceration of Japanese Americans.



Al followed both callings. After graduating from West Point, he patrolled the Iron Curtain as an Armored Cavalry officer. The Army then sent him to Georgetown Law, and transferred him to the Judge Advocate General's Corps after his call to the bar. During a thirty-five year Army career, he deployed for operations and combat in Panama, the Gulf War, Caribbean, Balkans, Iraq, Pakistan, and Afghanistan. His senior Pentagon assignments were to the Army Staff, the Joint Staff, and Defense Department's Office of General Counsel, serving at different times as an attorney, strategic planner, and on a number of National Security Council working groups.

Al's awards include military combat and peacetime decorations, the State Department Meritorious Honor Award, allied government awards, as well as the Judge Advocate Association's Outstanding Active Army Career Judge Advocate Award. His degrees include a J.D. *cum laude* and an LL.M.

Since retiring from the Army, he has been a managing attorney in a large Federal agency. He has also been an officer in the Japanese American Veterans Association along with other Asian Pacific community groups and veterans' organizations.