



Goffsgram



Mojave Desert Heritage & Cultural Association
Goffs Schoolhouse

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ANNOUNCING OUR NEW MDHCA BOARD MEMBERS



David Taylor - Elected to MDHCA Board of Directors

Many of you are already familiar with David Taylor, and when at Goffs you can usually find him in the Cookhouse or behind the grill in the Flywheel Cafe, but for those that don't know him, here is a brief introduction. Dave was born and raised in Torrance, California and worked for that city for a short time before working in the safety and health industry (CAL OSHA) as a safety instructor. His last occupation, and from where he retired, was directing security and fraud operations for the Stronach Group which owns and operates horse racing facilities across the country. At Santa Anita track, Dave supervised approximately fifteen managers overseeing about fifteen hundred people.

Dave has been involved in the East Mojave all his life and some of his family lived out here, in fact his grandfather is buried in the old Twentynine Palms cemetery. He's been a landholder in the Mojave Preserve since it was first formed in 1995 and helped the park service from time to time sort out land issues. Dave previously served on the MDHCA Board of Directors at the request of Dennis Casebier.

He's currently retired and lives in Oak Hills on the summit of Cajon Pass in the Mojave. Dave is a historian as such for E Clampus Vitus (aka The Clampers) and helps them locate interesting and historical points of interest.

Dave has seen many changes at Goffs over the past years and admires the people that have been able to continue the vision Dennis planned for Goffs. He tries to convey to folks at Goffs that stepping onto the property is like stepping into the mind of Dennis Casebier and he truly believes that the best that we can do in these ever changing times is to keep that spirit and culture alive.



Greg Waggoner - Elected to MDHCA Board of Directors

Greg is mostly retired after enjoying a 40-year career in education, mostly at the college level. He served as a professor, coach, athletic director, and director of development. His last 24 years he served as athletic director/director of development. Greg was involved in collegiate athletics and professional development at the national level throughout his career. He holds a doctorate degree in sport administration. Greg has been actively engaged in service and with nonprofit organizations for his entire career and has served on the board of directors of multiple nonprofit organizations.

Greg and his wife, Gloria, are from Colorado and have two grown children and three grandchildren. They enjoy traveling and have been traveling full-time in their motorhome for a few years now. They spent four months in 2023 serving as docents for MDHCA and were honored to receive the Wagon Master award. Greg and Gloria have continued to visit and stay engaged with the MDHCA and value the organization and the great people involved in making it a unique and special place. In addition to traveling, Greg enjoys mountain biking and fishing.



Garret Baquet - Elected to MDHCA Board of Directors

Garret Baquet joins the Board of Directors of the Mojave Desert Heritage & Cultural Association (MDHCA) bringing over 30 years of engineering, technology leadership, and community service to the table. As Co-Founder of 7ensor, LLC, Garret has led development of Internet of Things (IoT) and sensor-network solutions that span subsurface telemetry, electromagnetic signal mapping, and embedded system design.

His recent projects include building a heat-map system of WiFi and Bluetooth signals using a Windows 11 platform, NUC, SDR and USB GPS; and spearheading efforts in the bio-technology realm with the MycoDAO and MycoSoft platforms, where he helps develop modular “Lab-in-a-Box” units for distributed biological monitoring applications for education and environmental awareness and protection.

Garret's technical pedigree is matched by a deep commitment to public service: he served for seven years as an officer of the Glendora Masonic Lodge #404 and holds the 32nd Degree of the Pasadena Scottish Rite. He earned the rank of Eagle Scout in 1993, participates as a member of InfraGard, and completed Infrastructure Liaison Officer (ILO) training through InfraGard Los Angeles and Global Risk Intelligence & Planning (GRIP). His 30-year career in IT consulting includes high-stress live-production engineering for Jet Propulsion

Laboratory/NASA, where precision and reliability are standard.

With his entrepreneurial insight—from his startup activity (including participation in the Microsoft for Startups Founders Hub) to engagement with SBIR/STTR proposals and collaborations with the California Energy Commission and CleanTech Open - Garret brings a unique blend of innovation and operational rigor to the MDHCA board.

Please join us in welcoming Dave, Greg, and Garret, to the Board of Directors of the Mojave Desert Heritage & Cultural Association.



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