



Summary of background, work and life experience.



I have lived in Colusa California most of my life, as has my wife Sheila. I am retired from a Law enforcement career. My wife, Sheila is a Nurse Practitioner who is currently the Director of Nursing for Yuba College. We have four adult children, Peter, Valerie, Vanessa, Charlie, and six grandchildren. We have lived on a ranch setting just outside of Colusa for many years and have many years of experience with livestock. My hobbies are antique collecting, traveling, fishing and hunting. My joys are my children and grandchildren.

At 18 years of age I began a career in law enforcement, spanning over 30 years until my retirement in 2006. During those years I worked for two Police Departments as a Police Officer and the Colusa County Sheriff's Office as a Deputy Sheriff. While at the Sheriff's Office I held the positions of Patrol Deputy, Detective, Commander of the Drug task Force, and the administrative position of Undersheriff, which I held for 10 Years. As a lead detective I worked all crimes ranging from thefts, burglaries, to homicides. I formed and organized the Drug task force made up of a representative from all the county law enforcement agencies and became Commander. I have personally worked undercover making drug buys to orchestrating the largest drug arrests in Colusa County History. As Undersheriff I was the Sheriff's second in command of the department and was acting Sheriff in his absence. My duties included but were not limited to overseeing the division commanders which consisted of Patrol Services, Administrative Services and Support Services, which included the Office of Emergency services. As the Office of Emergency Services Assistant Coordinator I provided emergency services and support to local flood victims in our county and victims from outside our county.

I have always had a keen interest in education and have been elected to the Colusa County Board of Education for the past 16 years. As a trustee with that County Board I was instrumental in collaboratively working with the Sheriff's Office in providing drug awareness training for our youth through grant funding. I served on the youth grant committee, school to career committee, and other programs benefiting education.



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As Undersheriff, I was fortunate to work directly with other Sheriff's and Undersheriff's throughout the State of California and other governmental officials. I have had many lifelong experiences during that tenure. One of which was meeting two former Vice President of the United States. Another was I had the honor of running for the Colusa County Sheriff position. After 30 years in Law Enforcement it became an easy choice to retire. Over my life and career I have worked closely with important volunteer organizations as a member of Rotary and Colusa County Board of Education. In Rotary I volunteered in such activities as dictionaries for all third graders, foreign exchange student program where I sponsored exchange students, youth scholarship committee, and several other youth programs.

How long in the Alpaca Business

Sheila and I have been in the alpaca business for little over a year. We currently have 16 alpacas. We first became interested around 2003 but actually started building towards the business in early 2009. Our business philosophy is to strive for industry excellence and contribute to the alpaca body of industry knowledge.

Challenges for the California industry

The challenges for California go well beyond that of the alpaca industry. The current and most apparent challenge is the economy. We have all seen and felt the impact of the economy with sales going down and costs going up with its unemployment, higher taxes, and businesses leaving the state.

Other challenges for the California industry are:

1. Obtaining a viable fiber industry that is the best in the world.
2. Promotional advertizing and disseminating of information about the industry.
3. Transition of the industry from what it is to what it should be.
4. Research and development for the industry.
5. Veterinary research and treatment for the Alpaca.
6. Education for industry at large.
7. Additional training and business opportunities for owners and breeders.
8. E.P.D's (estimated prodigy determination) integration in the industry.



Addressing the challenges

At this point in time it is imperative for the sake of the alpaca industry that we remain in a positive direction as we wait for the economic crises to pass. How we embrace and overcome these challenges are by working together. Not just among ourselves but in a fashion outlined by prior and current Calpaca board members. By continuing to network with other organizations and using their industry model such as the sheep industry and the bovine industry. This can be achieved by research and development. Why reinvent the wheel when we already have other viable markets through their own industry development. We must also market our products by internet sales marketing with our ultimate goal being the world market place. The only way to achieve this goal is to produce superior fiber for the industry through proper breeding programs. E.P.D.'s (estimated prodigy determination) will become the standard for the future. This type of breeding formula will improve all herds and is already used throughout the sheep and bovine industry. We must continue our veterinary training and research through such organizations as the U.C.Davis Camelid program, and seek out other training resources by developing grant funds and the promotion of non-profits fundraising for industry research and development.

My talents and skills to bring to the board

Over the course of my law enforcement career I have obtained many talents and skills which can be applied to the Calpaca board. Leadership is my main attribute having been the Colusa County Undersheriff and having served as president for several organizations. They have consisted of Colusa County Deputy Sheriff's Assoc., Colusa County Management Coalition, Colusa Rotary Club, and the Colusa County Board of Education. These leadership roles have taught me the value of working together as a team and looking to the future for progressive ideas. I have acquired the talent of working outside the box, both promoting and fostering new programs. I have been instrumental in acquiring funding and staying within budget having been responsible for a multimillion dollar budget at the Colusa County Sheriff's Office. I have extensive budgetary experience and have managed other budgets and contracts. I have a talent in locating funding for projects and have successfully obtained both state and federal monies. As the Colusa County Undersheriff I was also the media liaison for the department responsible for TV, radio and newspaper briefings. I feel my talents and skills in leadership, finances, and media will be an attribute to the Calpaca Board of Directors, as well as my critical thinking, goal setting, and problem solving.