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Jim Weatherford was born in a sharecropper's farm house which had hard-packed clay as a floor, no electricity, no indoor plumbing and with the only "running water", coming from a "pitcher pump" located at a wash tub on the open back porch. Some of his earliest childhood memories reflect on the coolness of the clay floor, walking beside his father as he plowed rows with a mule and a single-tree harness, the smell of the corn-crib in the old barn, and his first "paying" job at age five, picking eggs out of the hen house. He hand-milked his first cow at age six. He first memory of being in the saddle was somewhere around age five or six.

Thus began a life-long love affair with farming, ranching and all things agricultural.

Fast forward forty years. Through a series of foster homes and after a life-time of world travel that encompassed service in the United States Navy, where he achieved the rank of commander, Jim circled the globe too many times to count, travelled to every continent on our planet and under the polar ice cap four times via nuclear submarine. After his service in the United States Navy, Jim served with the United States Agency for International Development in numerous parts of the globe, including, Southeast Asia, The Middle East, Africa and Central America. He is fluent in four languages.

Throughout his travels, Jim focused his energies and duties on economic and agricultural development, alternative energy sources in rural communities and the impact of livestock on the local environment. He developed the skills necessary to work with primitive, indigenous people and tribesmen or Boards of Directors for international corporations. He is at home in either setting.

Once he settled down in the United States, to "retire", he realized that he simply could not find that word in the vocabulary of any of the languages that he speaks. As such, he has come on board Scythe & Spade as the General Manager and Designated Broker of our Desert Southwest Division, located in Chandler, Arizona. Though his disciplined leadership, his commitment to excellence in all arenas, and his direct but diplomatic approach to a "win-win" resolution to sensitive issues, he has added a welcomed and needed element to Scythe & Spade in farm and ranch management, based on his international experience with agriculture and governmental agencies.

According to Jim, he is "...blessed beyond measure..." to be married to his wife Carol and to have a daughter, Lindsey, that is "...the epitome of what a young woman should be." According to Carol and Lindsey, they are fortunate to have a husband and a dad who can "...rope anything with hair on it!"

Welcome aboard, Commander.