



Stuart O. Witt
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Stuart O. Witt is the Chief Executive Officer of the Mojave Air & Space Port (MASP). Since joining in April 2002, he has transformed MASP from a small general aviation test airport to the nation's first inland spaceport.

Witt is the force behind the Mojave Desert's primacy in the space business, as home to Virgin Galactic, The Spaceship Company, Scaled Composites, Stratolaunch Systems, Masten Space Systems, Firestar Technologies, XCOR Aerospace, Orbital Science's L1011 Stargazer, Interorbital Systems, as well as the National Test Pilot School and Flight Research Inc. In 2004, under his leadership, MASP played host to the world as Scaled Composites qualified and won the \$10M Ansari X-PRIZE and received its designation as the America's first inland spaceport. Witt recently has been credited with crafting and seeing through to Governor Brown's signature, California Bill AB2243 – Space Flight Liability and Immunity Act.

Prior to joining Mojave Air & Space Port, Witt served as Executive Vice President of CTA, Inc, where he directed engineering projects from New York to Hawaii. Before that he served as an Engineering Test Pilot on numerous DoD and civilian test programs for Westinghouse Electric Corporation.

Witt served in the United States Navy both as an active duty member and reservist from 1976 to 1996. He was an F-14 Tomcat Pilot on the USS JFK and later a FA-18A project pilot at the Naval Warfare Center, China Lake, California.

In September 2012 Witt was elected Chairman of the Board of the Commercial Spaceflight Federation (CSF), whose members span the industry. The mission of the CSF is to promote the development of commercial human spaceflight, pursue ever-higher levels of safety, and share best practices and expertise throughout the industry.

A native of Onyx, California, Mr. Witt is a graduate of California State University at Northridge, the Naval Aviation Schools Command, the Naval Fighters Weapons Schools (TOPGUN) and University of Maryland's Center of Creative Leadership. He is married to the former Susan Etoch and they have three grown sons.