

A Salute to Bill Cox A Man of Many Hobbies

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William Edward Cox was born July 19, 1932 at Columbia Hospital for Women, Washington, DC. He has one brother, ten years younger, and a sister, 12 years younger.

When Bill was a young boy his father built a new house in Prince George's County, Maryland. Bill attended Washington, DC schools through Junior High School. Later, Bill's family moved to a new larger house on Aspen Street in Chevy Chase, Maryland.

Bill attended Chevy Chase High School, graduating in 1950. He enjoyed the school, it had a good faculty, and he did well. He was a member of the Junior ROTC. (In 1945, when President Franklin Delano Roosevelt died, the Junior ROTC had a big FDR ceremony with a large picture of FDR. This made a big impression on Bill.)

Bill enrolled at Bucknell University in 1950, where his grandfather had graduated in 1899. Bill was a member of the ROTC at Bucknell. He had a terrible freshman year, his sophomore year was better. When the Korean War draft regulation came along, his grades improved because good grades meant that he could avoid the draft. He had good experience in writing, he was recognized for a term paper on World War I. He became the Battalion Adjutant, then Brigade Adjutant. He graduated in 1954. Although he was in the Transportation Corps, he also served as a Military Police Officer.

Bill went on active duty in the Army on January 28, 1955, at Fort Eustis, Virginia, as a 2nd Lieutenant. He ended his active service on January 27, 1957 as a 1st Lieutenant, then went into the Inactive Reserves for six years. All of his duty was served in the USA.

On April 23, 1955 Bill married Virginia Harper while he was in the army; a Chaplain presided. He had met her at a party and was immediately greatly impressed by her. Bill and Gini have five children, ten grandchildren, and four great grandchildren.

After his discharge from active duty, Bill went back into the family insurance business. He also received a law degree in 1961 from George Washington University - he worked in the insurance business while studying law. He stayed in the insurance business and bought the agency in 1970. Bill sold his business in 1997 and retired.

Bill and Gini had visited the Raleigh area where their youngest son was a bank manager. They liked Cary and decided to move here after retirement.

Model railroading and railroad history were two of Bill's hobbies. He started these hobbies in 1946 while he was in Junior High School. He sold much of his large models before moving to Raleigh, but he still meets monthly with people in this area interested in the hobby. Another hobby was coaching youth soccer from age 5 to 25, he did this for twelve years. Another hobby was music; he sang in several choirs, accumulated a record collection with some records more than one hundred years old.

Bill joined the American Legion while he was in Arlington, Virginia. When he moved to Cary, he became active in Post 67. He has served as Post Historian, Judge Advocate, and has edited and published the monthly newsletter.

Finally, Bill is a military history buff modeling airplanes, tanks, and war game figures.

**Bill Cox, The American Legion Post 67, Cary, North Carolina
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