

BILL DONOVAN



BILL WAS BORN DURING WORLD WAR II IN GERMANY, OF GERMAN PARENTS. HIS MOTHER REMARRIED AN AMERICAN SOLDIER AND THEY BROUGHT BILL TO THE U.S. WHEN HE WAS FIVE YEARS OLD. AT THE TIME HE SPOKE ONLY GERMAN, BUT WAS SOON RENAMED BILL DONOVAN AND GREW UP AS AN AMERICAN WITH HIS STEPFATHER.

BILL STARTED SCHOOL IN SAN ANTONIO HOWEVER, AS A MILITARY FAMILY, THEY LIVED IN MANY PARTS OF THE WORLD, INCLUDING BIG CITIES LIKE TOKYO AND LONDON OR BASES IN TEXAS, CALIFORNIA, COLORADO AND OHIO. BILL ATTENDED COLLEGE IN DAYTON, OHIO AND BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA, THEN SETTLED FOR MOST OF HIS CAREER IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

HE WAS WORKING AS A CHEMICAL LAB TECHNICIAN WHEN, FRUSTRATED WITH HIS JOB, HE TOOK SOME APTITUDE TESTS WHICH LED HIM TO A TRAINING PROGRAM WITH IBM AND A CAREER IN COMPUTER PROGRAMMING. GOOD AT LOGIC, ONE THIRD OF HIS CAREER WAS SPENT DESIGNING SYSTEMS AND WRITING COMPUTER CODE. THE FINAL TWO-THIRDS OF HIS CAREER WAS IN THE VERY CHALLENGING FIELD OF COMPUTER INFORMATION SECURITY.

BILL HAS PLAYED PARTY BRIDGE ALL OF HIS LIFE BUT ABOUT ONE YEAR BEFORE RETIRING HE JOINED ACBL AND, PLAYING MORE FREQUENTLY, HE BECAME A LIFE MASTER IN 2013 AT THE PALM SPRINGS REGIONAL. THE SAME YEAR HE BECAME A CERTIFIED DIRECTOR AND NOW, HAPPILY RETIRED IN SAN LUIS OBISPO, HE DIRECTS THERE AND OCCASIONALLY IN MORRO BAY. HE IS WORKING TOWARDS HIS BRONZE LIFE MASTER AT PRESENT.

BILL HAS VISITED 80 COUNTRIES AND THIS SUMMER WILL GO TO GREECE AND LONDON. BESIDES TRAVELLING, HE ENJOYS OPERA, THE SYMPHONY, AND TRIPS TO L.A. FOR THEATRE. HIS SPORT IS SWIMMING. HE SWIMS AT KENNEDY FITNESS AND LAST YEAR, ALONG WITH LARRY HOULGATE, HE HAD A NATIONAL "TOP TEN" TIME, PLACING THIRD IN THE COUNTRY FOR 2015.