



AEgis Friends, Family, and Community,

It is with much regret and sadness that we announce the passing of our Co-founder and Chairman, Bill Waite. Bill suffered a heart attack on Saturday, July 25, from which he did not recover. Our heartfelt sympathy and condolences go out to Katie, Bill's wife; Elliott, Portia, and Emily, Bill's & Katie's adult children; and the rest of the Waite and extended family during this difficult time.

As everyone in the AEGis family is well aware, Bill was a true pioneer in Modeling & Simulation (M&S). His 45+ year career spans the decades where M&S came of age. Bill was instrumental and personally led many initiatives in this technology's advancement. Bill spent a majority of the last 20 years working to raise the national and international awareness of the power of Modeling & Simulation technology. He worked diligently to transform the industry's ability to collaborate and communicate through the establishment of industry forums such as the Alabama Modeling and Simulation Council (AMSC) and the Virginia Modeling and Simulation Partnership (VMSP). He took this concept to a national and international scale, birthing the idea and supporting the full implementation of both the National Modeling and Simulation Coalition (NM&SSC) and the international *SimSummit* Round Table. He twice led the Society for Modeling and Simulation International (SCS) as Chairman of the Board of Directors, and he served twice on the Executive Committee of the Simulation Interoperability Standards Organization (SISO). Bill was also active in the National Training and Simulation Association (NTSA), served the National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA) as a member of its Board of Trustees, and was on the Economic Development Partnership of Alabama (EDPA) Foundation Board of Directors.

Bill was instrumental in supporting Congressman Randy Forbes and the Congressional M&S Caucus in establishing House Resolution 487, recognizing M&S as a National Critical Technology. Bill was impassioned about M&S education and was an influential, active member of the Modeling and Simulation Professional Certification Commission (M&SPCC), which established the concept, protocols, testing, and training for Certified Modeling & Simulation Professional (CMSP) program. Bill also worked diligently in advocacy and support to establish Master's Degree and PhD programs in M&S at several major universities to include UAH, UCF, Old Dominion and the Naval Post Graduate School to name a few.

By all accounts and to everyone that knew him, it was very evident that Bill was a loving husband, great father, a good friend to many - both in the Aerospace/Defense industry, in the Huntsville community, and on the national and international scale - simply, a truly exceptional person. Bill truly valued people. All who knew him well personally experienced Bill's continual growth as a person who deeply cared about people, their professional growth and opportunities, their well-being, and their lives both at AEGis and at home.

Bill will be profoundly missed by the AEGis family and the many, many people he worked with, influenced, and collaborated with over several decades of success. We have lost a legend among our hallways, among the company he so lovingly helped create and build.

With Sincere Regards,

Everyone at AEGis Technologies



William F. (Bill) Waite passed away on July 25, 2015, at the age of 68 at his home in Lacey's Spring, AL.