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**NTSA M&S Lifetime Achievement Award Given in
Memory of AEGIS Co-Founder and Chairman Bill Waite**



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

Huntsville, Alabama (December 7, 2015) – The National Training and Simulation Association (NTSA) posthumously awarded AEGIS Co-Founder and Chairman Bill Waite with the NTSA Modeling & Simulation (M&S) Lifetime Achievement Award. The award was presented to his wife Katie Waite at the NTSA M&S Awards dinner held December 1 during the Interservice/Industry Training, Simulation and Education Conference (I/ITSEC) in Orlando, FL, by Rear Admiral Jim Robb, USN (Ret.), NTSA's President.

"Katie, her family and the entire AEGIS family are very touched by such a prestigious award and recognition of Bill's accomplishments in advocating for and impacting the Modeling and Simulation industry," said AEGIS President and CEO Steve Hill. "Bill was as passionate about M&S technology as anyone I have ever known. He dedicated much of his professional life to advancing the state-of-the-art in M&S application, training and education."

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

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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 also 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.

The M&S community had no stronger advocate. His colleagues had no better friend. And his employees at AEgis had no better mentor.

About The AEgis Technologies Group Inc.

AEgis Technologies is a privately held small business headquartered in Huntsville, Alabama, USA. AEgis specializes in utilizing modeling & simulation (M&S) technology to support weapon systems development and create training solutions so our war fighters make it home safely. Our M&S products and services include simulation software and training simulators; geospatial databases; 3D models; warfighter exercise support; systems engineering and analysis; verification, validation, and accreditation (VV&A); test and evaluation support; and Hardware-in-the-Loop (HWIL) simulation.

Our engineers and scientists excel in advancing cutting edge technologies from concept to deployment with applications ranging from defense to energy to biotechnology. Our expertise includes system development and integration, mechanical and optical development, microelectronics, directed energy sensors and instrumentation, laser eye protection, advanced coatings, metamaterials/plasmonics and pharmacokinetic modeling.

AEgis was awarded one of the Top 20 Best Places to Work in 2012 by the Huntsville/Madison County Chamber of Commerce and was also awarded the 2012 Small Business of the Year. AEgis' President & CEO, Steve Hill, was awarded the 2012 Russell G. Brown Executive Leadership Award for excellence in leadership and entrepreneurship.

AEgis has enjoyed steady growth with revenues increasing to \$60+ million in sales and employment of 325+ professionals. For more than 25 years, AEgis has been instrumental in the acceptance of M&S as a profession, as a graduate program of study and in the creation of an M&S standards and professional certification across the international M&S professional community-of-practice. Since its founding in

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1989, AEGIS is committed to honesty and integrity and has been recognized for its honorable business practices by receiving the Better Business Bureau's Torch Ethics Award. The company's highly skilled work force is dedicated to building lasting relationships and providing superior products and services to our customers.

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