Bill L. DeWitt – Bio Page

Hailing from Washington State with a split residence in Seattle, WA and Saint Petersburg, FL; Bill is a former enlisted Navy SEAL who served in Vietnam.

After two tours with SEAL Team One, he left the Navy. Bill continued his military career after graduating from Washington State University with an Undergraduate in Criminal Justice, as an Army Officer, with RANGER and Special Forces designations. Bill tracked a career in Military Intelligence/Special Operations/Counterterrorism. While serving in the Army, he completed his Masters in Police Science Administration, NOVA University.

Bill retired as a field grade officer in 1994 and accepted a position as a Security Director for a Department of Defense installation in the Republic of Panama. Upon the withdrawal of US forces from Panama, Bill started his career with SSA Marine in 1999. He assumed the role of Security Manager at Manzanillo International Terminal, Panama.

Bill put in place plans, policies, procedures and systems to manage an indigenous 140 man guard force, K-9 patrols, electronic surveillance, access control, and vessel security including underwater hull inspections. He developed detailed threat assessments and plans for SSA Marine international operations in Chile, Mexico, Egypt and Panama. He developed the first Security Enhancement Format, which is still in effect, for the Panama Canal Railway.

In July 2001, Bill developed and taught a maritime security program for Caribbean port managers held in Trinidad, sponsored by the TRAINMAR, a training organization operating for the United Nations. He has been an instructor and advisor for Trainmar; and has developed an ISPS Code training seminar for them that will be presented in the next 30 day.

He has the distinction to be certified by The American Society of Industrial Security as a Certified Protection Professional (CPP).

In 2002, Bill assumed the position as the Security Director for SSA Marine, the largest privately held stevedoring company in the US. He is responsible and has oversight for terminal security for all SSA Marine terminals in the US; and abroad. SSA Marine has applied for and received 3.2 million dollars in port security grants for security enhancements. Additionally, as of 31 December they have completed and submitted over 15 Facility Security Assessments and Plans in compliance to the requirements under the ISPS Code and MTSA.

He continues as a supporter and advisor to OAS for nearly three years and is presently serving a two year term as a technical advisor for the U. S. Maritime Administration (MARAD) Technical Advisory Group (TAG) for the Organization of American States (OAS).