



William A. Wroolie Chairman of the Board

Bill Wroolie is a native of Brainerd, Minnesota and has lived his entire life in central Minnesota. Currently he and his wife Mary Beth make their home in Brainerd. They have a combined family of three children and five grand children.

Bill enlisted in the US Army Reserves as a combat engineer in 1964. He completed basic training at Ft Leonard Wood, MO and AIT as a heavy equipment operator also at Ft Leonard Wood.

In March 1967 he enlisted in the regular Army and was deployed to Viet Nam. He served in three units while in country, 102nd Engineer Co. CS in Plieku, 170th Assault Helicopter Co, also in Plieku, and B Troop 2117th Calvary, 101st Airborne Division, Phu Bai, Viet Nam.

Serving 25 months in RVN Bill was wounded 6:00 am on May 25, 1969 while flying in a loach on a first light mission. He was hit by one of two anti aircraft rounds in Tam Ky, he was later evacuated to Japan and the US.

For his service in RVN Bill was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, Purple Heart, Air Medal with 22 OLC, Army Commendation Medal with combat V, Good Conduct Medal, and RVN Cross of Gallantry with Palm.

Bill has served in several organizations: National Commander of The Military Order of the Purple Heart, State commander of the Purple Heart and Disabled American Veterans, concurrently chaired the Commanders the Minnesota Commanders Task Force. Chairman of the V4V, an organization which helps Minnesota veterans and their families improve their quality of life. Past President of Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association (MMUA).

Bill currently serves as: Chairman of the Board Purple Heart Service Foundation, Board member MMUA, and commissioner of Brainerd Public Utilities.

