



William E. McGee

Author of “Men of Granite: True Stories of New Hampshire’s Fighting Men”

William “Bill” McGee was raised in Milford and graduated from Milford High School in 1955. He was active in the Boy Scouts, becoming an Eagle Scout. After high school graduation he enlisted in the New Hampshire National Guard as an Artilleryman. Upon graduation from the University of New Hampshire he was commissioned a 2nd Lt. U.S. Army. Bill was a rated Army Aviator in both helicopters and fixed-wing aircraft. He served five years active duty and was promoted to Captain during his 12 months in Vietnam, where he flew over 400 combat missions and rescued wounded American and Vietnamese soldiers while under intense enemy fire.

When asked why he decided to write this book, Bill replied “Frankly, if someone had suggested that I write a ‘history’ book, I never would have started. I wanted to write this book for the average high school student who wasn’t particularly interested in history. I wanted to make his or her state’s history interesting and easy to understand. Then in going from biography to biography, it seemed to make sense to include recaps of wars that would provide a context for what those soldiers did, and would contribute a bit of national and world history. And in my research, I found a lot of little-known facts that I think will make this a valuable book for adults interested in the topic, too.”

As a free-lance writer, Bill has had stories and articles published in England, Poland and the United States. Although making his home in Liverpool, New York, for many years, Bill always considered Milford, NH, his hometown.

Compiled from information provided by Bill’s daughter and interviews conducted after the publishing of “Men of Granite: True Stories of New Hampshire’s Fighting Men”