

Bill Johnson-Miles Experience

Bill has 30 years of experience working with media products and special events, and has a Bachelor of Science degree in Humanities with depth fields in Journalism and Religion/Philosophy. He became the photo editor and then co-editor of his college newspaper in the late 1970s, and won several awards for his photography. He handled publicity, lighting and other elements of theater productions in the late 1970s and early 1980s.

Bill joined the Navy in 1983, graduated the top of his class at the Defense Information School and worked as a Navy Journalist for 20 years. On board the aircraft carrier *USS Constellation*, he became the editor of all printed items including the ship's newspaper (which earned a DOD Thomas Jefferson Award naming it the best in the military), familygrams, cruisebooks, "Welcome Aboard" brochures, port briefs, and many other items. At Naval Base San Francisco, Bill played a major role on the public affairs team handling many special events which earned top Navy awards. The only junior enlisted member ever selected for the city's Fleet Week Executive Committee, Bill directed the Fleet Week 10K Run and the committee selected him as their MVP.

Bill became the overall operations director at the AFRTS TV and Radio station in Adak, AK, and spent rotations managing the radio station and television board operations, with a stint as television sports anchor. He produced radio and TV spots, news stories and telethons. Next, Bill spent eight years working for "*Navy/Marine Corps News*" producing and editing award winning video stories. He also spent six months in Bosnia as the station manager for the AFRTS radio station there keeping 10,000 American peacekeepers informed and entertained. During his free time outside the Navy, Bill moonlighted as a freelance utility person working sporting events for ABC, ESPN and NFL Films. He spent his final years in the Navy as the Managing Editor of the Navy magazine "*Surface Warfare*," where he earned several writing awards including the International Mercury Excellence Award "Grand Winner." Bill also designed the magazine's website, serving as its webmaster.

After retiring from the Navy a few years ago, Bill began working as a public affairs specialist for a small city in Los Angeles County, creating flyers, posters, programs, brochures, invitations, newsletters and helping with special events, which included celebrities such as Kirk Douglas, Faye Dunaway, Morgan Fairchild and Paul Rodriguez. He is the city's webmaster, and is experienced with Adobe Photoshop and PageMaker, Quark, Word, Power Point, digital photography and the Avid digital video editing system.