

WILLIAM F. "BILL" GREEN

William F. "Bill" Green was born December 6, 1909 in Elba, Alabama, the eldest of eight children and grew up in Coffee County. He was an active member of Dauphin Way Baptist Church for many years.

Bill Green was a veteran of World War II serving in the U.S. Navy as a Fireman First Class aboard the USS Hank D.D. 702 Destroyer. During the war, he served four months in the Atlantic and 16 months in the Pacific Theaters. He later joined the Alabama National Guard following his active duty service.

Active in many Veteran Service Organizations in Mobile, AL, Bill Green was a member of American Legion Post 3, and a Life Member of the Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 7, where he served as Commander and Senior Vice Commander. He later served as the State Adjutant of the DAV and served on the organization's National Executive Committee that represented four states. Bill Green was also a Life Member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 49, Life Member of American Veterans, and a member of Alabama Veterans.

Bill Green spent 24-years serving on the State Board of Veterans Affairs. His first term was from 1961-69. He was later reappointed to the board in 1981 and served as the board's vice chairman until 1997. Under his leadership, the board was responsible for approving the construction of the state veterans homes in Alexander City, Huntsville and Bay Minette.

William Green was selected the Alabama Veteran of the Year in 1987 and was awarded the M.O. Beale Scroll of Merit 1989.

Before his death on July 28, 1998, William Green was married for 56 years to the late Margaret L. Green and had 6 children and 12 grandchildren.