

Bill Connor grew up on military bases in the United States and Europe and graduated The Citadel in 1990 (having been selected as Cadet Major and "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities"). Bill was commissioned an Infantry Officer in the United States Army, and served for over a decade on active duty. During his active duty Infantry service, Bill deployed to the Persian Gulf region twice in the early 1990s and served from 1996-1997 on peacekeeping duties between Egypt and Israel in the Sinai. He commanded both light Infantry and Ranger companies before being selected as the Aide-de-Camp to the Commanding General of Fort Benning and Chief of US Army Infantry.

After leaving Active Duty for the Reserve Component to attend Law School, Bill went on to graduate the Command and General Staff Officer Course and earn his Juris Doctor from University of South Carolina School of Law. Shortly after graduation from law school, Bill volunteered to deploy to Afghanistan where he became the Joint Operations Officer for the Southern Region of Afghanistan. In this position, he was responsible for establishing the advisory mission throughout the region for Afghan National Security Forces under RPAC during the 2007 Taliban summer offensive. Due to success in that position, Bill was promoted in position to take over as Senior US military adviser to Helmand Province, Afghanistan and was then promoted in rank from Major to Lt. Colonel. He was awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge for involvement in direct fire combat and awarded the Bronze Star.

Upon return from Afghanistan, Bill published the book "Articles From War" about his experiences in Afghanistan, including his combat service with Prince Harry of the Royal family of the United Kingdom. He has been published in state, national, and international media sources for national defense and foreign policy articles, and has been interviewed by national and international news media, including the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC).

In 2010, Bill ran for Lt. Governor of South Carolina, beating a number of high profile opponents to make the runoff election in that race. After the election, Bill co-founded Horger and Connor Law Firm where he serves as co-owner and practices law to this day. In 2012, he was honored to receive the highest peer review rating for ethics and competency for attorneys in the United States: "AV Preeminent".

Bill directed the Command and General Staff Officer Instruction for the state of South Carolina from 2011 until 2015. In 2015 was promotion to full Colonel to become the US Army North Representative to South Carolina for Defense Support

to Civilian Authorities. In 2016, Bill began the US Army War College (Master in Strategic Studies), a prerequisite for General Officer with a 7% selection rate. He has served as Chairman of the 6th Congressional District GOP, Board Chairman for Orangeburg Christian Academy, Board member of South Carolina's "Youth Challenge" Academy, and numerous other civic leadership positions. Bill also co-founded a Defense Consulting Firm "National Defense Consultants, LLC" offering security related consultation and training.

Bill's wife, Susan Connor, is an Ob-Gyn in private practice, and they have three teenage children. They worship at Christ Church of the Carolinas and Fairfield Mountain Chapel. Bill has been quoted and mentioned in numerous books about his time in Helmand Province, and continues to write about national security and foreign policy for the Times and Democrat Newspaper, the Canadian Free Press, and other national media.