

SLWG Member Spotlight: *We're pleased to present...*

Billy Adams



**SLWG Member Since January 2006
2008 SLWG Member of Distinction**

Billy J. Adams was born September 21, 1932 in Green County, Arkansas and attended local schools there. He enlisted in the United States Air Force in November of 1951 and served four years' active duty (including the Korean Conflict) and 20 years in the inactive reserves. He was honorably separated from active duty in November 1955 and honorably discharged in 1974. He is currently serving his 13th year as a chaplain in the Civil Air Patrol, part of the United States Air Force. His current assignment is Deputy Wing Chaplain and he holds the rank of Lieutenant. Colonel.

Billy and his wife, Faye (also an SLWG member), were married in July 1954 and have four children and eight grandchildren.

From 1955 until 1962, Billy worked for two small companies assembling instruments for the aerospace industry while attending Washington University. In 1962 he went to work for McDonnell Aircraft Co. He was employed there until 1971 and was laid off and decided to start his own business, Adams Electric, which he sold in 2002. He is currently the electrical license holder and vice president for Bill Yount Signs.

In 1971, Billy was ordained to the Gospel Ministry by Fee Fee Baptist Church. He served as pastor of several small churches while operating Adams Electric. In 1995, the Southern Baptist Convention

commissioned him as a military chaplain. He was inducted into the CAP/USAF Chaplains Service at the same time.

Billy served as president of the Writers' Society of Jefferson County (WSJC) in 2005 and 2006. He is currently Vice President of the Missouri State Poetry Society (MSPS) and serves as state representative to MSPS for the De Soto Chapter, *On the Edge*, which he founded.

Billy is a small-lot book publisher who has published poetry books for other members of WSJC and has published six annual anthologies for the poetry group. He is a pilot, photographer, husband and grandfather and currently creates working computers from old components to donate to students and seniors who are in need.

Billy writes poetry and nonfiction. His articles, poems and book are: "Folklore of Conformal Coatings" (Plastics Today); "Dielectric Constant and Power Factor" (*Microwave Digest*); "Lucidity Poetry Retreat" (*Lucidity Poetry Retreat Workbook*, 2003); "Perfect Flower Bed" (*Art With Words*, 2006); "General Store," "The Messengers" (*Lucidity Poetry Journal*, 2005); "Fleeting Moments" (*Newspaper Cabot Arkansas*, 2004); *Around the Mulberry Bush*, ISBN number 0-9764860-2-4 (*Fountain City Publishing*, 2004, 155 pages. poems and nonfiction short stories).