

BIOGRAPHY

ROBERT F. MILLIGAN

Bob Milligan was elected to a four-year term as Comptroller of Florida in November 1994. He was re-elected in November 1998 to a second term. He retired from political service in January 2003.

As Florida's Comptroller, Milligan was the state's Chief Financial Officer serving as the watchdog over taxpayers' money and on the Florida Cabinet. As head of the Florida Department of Banking and Finance, he regulated financial industries and provided consumer protection.

During his tenure, Comptroller Milligan focused on improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the accounting and auditing function of the Comptroller's Office, while maintaining an even hand on policy matters related to the industries under his regulatory authority. Doing what was right, not what was political, was the standing order of the day.

Bob Milligan was Florida's first Republican Comptroller. His election in 1994 received considerable attention after his surprising defeat of the Democrat incumbent, the dean of the Florida Cabinet, who was seeking his sixth term after 20 years in office.

Born in New Jersey on December 27, 1932, he was one of seven children reared on a small farm.

He holds a distinguished record of 39 years of military experience. He rose to the grade of Lieutenant General (three stars) in the United States Marine Corps.

General Milligan's Marine Corps career culminated as Commanding General of Fleet Marine Forces, Pacific, and Marine Corps Bases, Pacific, with headquarters in Hawaii. He was responsible for two-thirds of the operating forces of the Marine Corps, consisting of 92,000 Marines and sailors serving at 18 bases and stations and aboard ships at sea stretching from the continental United States to the far reaches of the Pacific and Indian Oceans.

He earned a B.S. degree in engineering from the U.S. Naval Academy and a master's degree in business administration from the University of Rochester. He also studied economics at the doctoral level at the University of Maryland.

General Milligan serves on a number of boards including the Florida Association of Volunteer Agencies for Caribbean Action, the Tallahassee Community College Foundation, and the Suwannee River Council of the Boy Scouts.

Bob and his wife, June, reside in Tallahassee.