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Lt. Gen. William K. Hotchkiss III was born on January 8, 1943 in the rural town of Cantilan, Surigao del Sur, Philippines, and spent most of his primary years there.

As a young man, he joined the Philippine Air Force, where he became a member of the elite fighter pilot team, The Blue Diamonds, and where he went on to become the Commanding General in 1996-1999.

Upon retirement from the service, he diverted his attention towards giving back to his hometown. He became the President of the Rural Bank of Cantilan, a rural bank focused on creating innovative micro-finance programs for the community, and he also established the Hotchkiss Learning Center, an elementary and secondary school that focuses on producing students that are globally-adept in English, Math, and Science.

He was once again called to service in 2012, and assumed the position of Director General of the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines, where he is now creating leaps of progress and development as he leads the agency with his motto, "The Future is in the Skies."