

2002 Colorado Springs Sports Hall of Fame Class of Inductees

Colonel F. Don Miller

Colonel F. Don Miller devoted more than 25 years of service to athletes and coaches at every level of sport. Following a 26-year career in the United States Army, Colonel Miller served as Executive Director of the United States Olympic Committee from 1973-85. As Executive Director, he oversaw the opening of the first U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs in July 1977 and, several months later, the relocation of the USOC's headquarters from New York City. He also led the USOC and America's Olympic athletes to new heights of success in international competition.

Following his tenure as Executive Director, Colonel Miller served as President of the U.S. Olympic Foundation from 1985-96. In recognition of his many contributions and accomplishments, the USOC dedicated one of its two athlete residence halls at the U.S. Olympic Complex in Colorado Springs in his name in 1997.

Colonel Miller passed away in 1996 at the age of 75. His impact on Colorado Springs remains unmistakable, however, with 45 national or international sports organizations now headquartered in the Pikes Peak region - half of which are connected to the Olympic movement.