



COL F. DON MILLER AWARD RECIPIENT FRANK AIRES

The retired, decorated and beloved Air Force officer served in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam, but also spent two decades as a dedicated staffer and volunteer with the United States Olympic Committee, the United States Air Force Academy, and USA Basketball. At the USOC, he dedicated himself to American athletes and their preparations for Olympic and Pan American Games and many more events. He was a logistics specialist and operations genius, coordinating everything from shipments of equipment to the complex system of outfitting USA athletes with clothing, luggage and amenities for the Games, from Los Angeles in 1984 through Athens in 2004. He served on Press Row for hundreds of Air Force football and basketball games, and was always the most familiar figure to the scores of media covering Falcon games. Aires loved USA Basketball and his association as a volunteer with its Olympic Teams, Pan American Teams, and U.S. Olympic Festivals among others. He was first hired at the USOC by the man for whom the tribute is named.