

## Resume of Colonel James Chris Miller

- Chris graduated from High School in Dallas, Texas in 1949 where he was Texas State Debate Champion, Dallas Outstanding Graduate and Class Salutatorian. He held various class offices.
- In 1954 Chris graduated from the University of Texas with a degree in Geology. He was a Phi Eta Sigma Scholastic Scholar, a Distinguished ROTC Graduate and a member of Sigma Nu Fraternity.
- After joining the United States Air Force in 1954, Chris graduated in the top 10% of his Pilot Training Class 55 T and then flew the B-36.
- In 1958 his B-36 crew won the SAC Trophy for the best bomber crew in the free world. Chris was appointed a Regular Officer and was promoted two years early to Captain.
- Chris became a copilot in B-52 in 1958 and an aircraft commander in 1961. He spent most of his time flying alert missions, or on ground alert, to counter the Soviet Union nuclear and Cuban threats.
- The Air Force selected him to attend the Harvard Business School in the fall of 1963, where he received his MBA in June 1965 and was in the top third of his class.
- Upon graduation from Harvard, he was assigned to the Pentagon to work for Brig Gen Glenn Kent, who was the Assistant Chief of Staff for Studies and Analysis.
- From 1965 to 1969, Chris was the only Study Director who was a Captain. The others were Colonels. His studies saved the USAF hundreds of millions of dollars.
- During the Vietnam War, 1969 and 1970, Chris was a B-52 Mission Director and Airborne Commander. He earned the Air Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster and a Bronze Star. He planned and then led the first B-52 strike into Cambodia.
- Upon return from Vietnam in January 1971, Chris became one of five directors at the Air Force Military Personnel Center, as a Lt Colonel. The other directors were Colonels.
- Chris led an In-House Consulting Group for Lt. Gen Robert Dixon, DCS Personnel. He saved the Air Force one billion dollars and helped many Guard and Reserve units get combat ready one to three years ahead of time. Chris was a leading architect for implementing the Secretary of Defense Program of Total Force Management. Many of his programs are still in operation.
- Chris was promoted four years early to Colonel in 1974. He was selected to attend the National War College, but decided to retire in January 1975 and to marry his high school sweetheart, Shirley. Chris said, "I was a slow learner."

- After 20 years, Chris retired as a Colonel, Command Pilot with over 5,000 flying hours.
- In 1975, starting with \$5,000, a USAF Retirement, and \$20,000 equity in a home, Chris and Shirley eventually became part owners of numerous oil/gas wells and owners of five ranches, apartments, office buildings, warehouses, and six restaurants.
- They said, “We did it the old fashion way—we earned it, one dollar at a time.”
- In 1985 Chris retired again. He bought and rebuilt five run down ranches totaling 7,000 acres. He returned them to beautiful productive showplaces. He also put 500 acres into soil conservation programs, including forest restoration, game preserves and water conservation. “I wanted to give back the thousands of acres that I caused to be destroyed in Vietnam.”
- Twice, in 1989 and 1991, Chris and Shirley sponsored on their ranch the Cattle Baron’s Ball that you may have seen on the old TV program, “Dallas.” These events raised five hundred thousand dollars for the fight against cancer.
- Through all of the taxes that Chris and Shirley have paid since his USAF retirement, he has repaid all of the USAF Active Duty pay, retirement pay, and costs of Harvard.
- “I was a “freebie” for the Air Force, with over a billion dollar payback (in 1973).”
- In the fall of 2005, Chris and Shirley invested \$4,000,000 in Charitable Remainder Trusts for the orphans of military men and women who were killed in action (KIA). These trusts will continue to grow in perpetuity. They have already grown to almost \$5,000,000.
- A portion of the income, only, from those trusts is to be used to give scholarships to those qualifying orphans of any member of the U.S. Armed Services who were KIA. So that the children may have the opportunity to earn a Bachelor’s degree.
- And for those orphans who want to excel, they will be offered scholarships to obtain a Masters Degree, PHD, or MD at the Mayo Clinic's five schools of medicine, and the schools of Business, Medicine, and Divinity at Harvard.
- “When money and medicine fail, and they surely will, God will provide.”
- If there are no orphans of KIA, the scholarships may be offered, in priority, to:
  - Orphans of service members killed in the line of duty;
  - Children/orphans of recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor;
  - Children of MIA; and lastly
  - Children of service members who are serving honorably on active duty or who have retired honorably from active duty.

- “Our objective is to give them a chance to earn an education, thereby equipping them to become contributors *to* our great nation, not consumers *from* our nation.”
- The first school year, 2007-2008, six students received the Miller Scholarships. One had a parent who was KIA, three had a parent that was Killed in the Line of Duty, one’s father suffered from Post Traumatic Stress and one’s father was honorably retired. They sought Bachelor’s, Master’s and/or Doctorate degrees at Harvard, Mayo and other colleges. Some of their parents were enlisted, while some were officers.
- As of the summer of 2009 there are 13 Miller Scholarship winners.
- April 24, 2009 Colonel Miller was awarded the National Medal of Honor by the Daughters of the American Revolution (D.A.R.) for his “Distinguished Military career, his Conservation efforts, his donations to Medicine and the Miller Scholarships.”

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