

# *Col. F. Don Miller and William Thayer Tutt Awards Presentation*

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## **Col. F. Don Miller Award**

The Colonel F. Don Miller Award is presented annually by the Colorado Springs Sports Corporation to the person or persons who best reflect the commitment exemplified by Colonel Miller in providing a lasting contribution to the Colorado Springs sports community.

After completing a 26-year career in the United States Army, Colonel Miller devoted the remainder of his life to the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) and America's Olympic athletes. He served in a variety of positions for the USOC, including Executive Director from 1973-85. He was also President of the U.S. Olympic Foundation from 1985 until his passing in 1996.

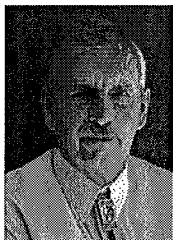
During Colonel Miller's tenure as Executive Director, the USOC enjoyed its greatest expansion, achieved unprecedented athletic success, and was accorded the highest respect by the international Olympic family.

Colonel Miller was instrumental in the relocation of the United States Olympic Committee headquarters to Colorado Springs in 1978 and remained a steadfast supporter of the value of amateur sports throughout his life.

The presentation of this award is a fitting tribute to Colonel Miller and the thousands of young men and women who benefited from his unparalleled service on behalf of our nation's youth.

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## **Raymond Lutz**



A football, basketball and track and field official for more than four decades, Ray Lutz has made a tremendous impact on sports in Colorado Springs. He has called more than 3,100 regular-season varsity games and meets in Colorado, nearly 400 Playoff games and Regionals, 36 State Championships, and has officiated countless sub-varsity games. The Colorado High School Athletic Association, NFIOA, Colorado Track and Cross Country and CSBOA have all recognized Lutz' talent with numerous awards and accolades.

In addition to the impact he's made on youth, coaches and other officials as a referee and clinician, Lutz has been a Special Olympics coach for 16 years, a volunteer Parks and Recreation coach, is a former president and Executive Committee Member of the IAABO Colorado Board, is a former Colorado Football Officials Association State Vice President, founded the Pikes Peak Track and Field Officials Association and continues to serve as President.

Lutz graduated with Bachelor of Arts degree in Physical and Elementary Education from the University of Northern Iowa and a Masters degree in Physical Education from the University of Northern Colorado.

Ray and his wife, Nancy, live in Calhan.

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