



Col. F. Don Miller

A pioneer whose imprint on the sports landscape of Colorado Springs remains indelible, 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. It was under his leadership that the first U.S. Olympic Training Center was opened in Colorado Springs in July 1977, providing athletes and coaches with unprecedented access to a world-class training environment.

Several months later, again under Colonel Miller's direction, the U.S. Olympic Committee relocated its headquarters from New York City to the Pikes Peak region — a defining moment in the rich sports history of Colorado Springs.

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 his name in 1997.

Colonel Miller passed away in 1996 at the age of 75. His impact on Colorado Springs is 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.