

DISTINGUISHED MEMBER OF THE SPECIAL FORCES REGIMENT



**COLONEL
CHRISTOPHER C. MILLER**
U.S. Army, Retired

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Colonel Christopher C. Miller was raised in Iowa City, Iowa and in 1983 he began his 27 years of military service as an enlisted infantryman in the U.S. Army Reserves and as a military policeman in the District of Columbia National Guard. In 1987, he obtained his bachelor's degree and would commission as an infantry officer. In 1993, he transferred to U.S. Army Special Forces where he would make immeasurable contributions to the Special Forces Regiment serving in numerous command and staff positions within the 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne).

Miller was a key player in numerous deployments worldwide to include major contributions of the planning and participation of 5th Special Forces Group's initial combat operations in Afghanistan and Iraq. Throughout his distinguished military career, he served in numerous Special Operations organizations, culminating as the Deputy Commanding Officer, Specialized Joint Unit, U.S. Special Operations Southern Command.

Upon retirement in 2014, Miller worked for over two years as a defense contractor providing clandestine special operations intelligence expertise directly to the Under Secretaries of Defense for Intelligence and Policy. From Mar. 2018 – Dec. 2019, he served as the Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Counterterrorism and Transnational threats at the National Security Council. In this position he was responsible for strategic level policy making and implementation and providing support to the senior National Security Council and White House leadership. Other significant contributions include performing the duties of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations Low Intensity Conflict and served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Combating Terrorism. Mr. Miller was responsible for overseeing the employment of special operations forces in counterterrorism, military information support operations, information operations, unconventional warfare, irregular warfare, direct action, special reconnaissance, foreign internal defense, counter proliferation, sensitive special operations, and personnel recovery/hostage issues as specified by the Secretary of Defense.

Chris Miller served as the Acting Secretary of Defense from Nov. 9, 2020 - Jan. 20, 2021.

He lives in Virginia with his wife. They have two grown daughters and a son in college.