

Colonel Robert P. Miller (Class 49-43)

Colonel Miller earned a B.A. Degree from North Dakota State University in 1936 and enlisted in the Army on July 19, 1942. He graduated from the Field Artillery Officer Candidate School, Fort Sill, Oklahoma on January 28, 1943 and was commissioned as a 2LT.

During World War II he was assigned to the 2nd Cavalry Division, a black cavalry division with horse drawn artillery at Fort Clark, Texas. The Division was shipped overseas and eventually dis-banded by May 1944. After the cavalry unit was disbanded, he was stationed in North Africa and then went on to serve as an artillery officer for an operations and planning unit in the Italian campaign and later Austria.

Colonel Miller joined the North Dakota National Guard after the war as a reserve officer and continued his civilian and military education. He attended summer programs at the Atomic Weapons School, the U.S. Armor School, the National War College, the U.S. Army Engineering School and the Command and General Staff College. He earned an M.A Degree from Iowa State University in 1946.

In 1952 during the Korean War, he served overseas as Executive Officer of the 188th Field Artillery Battalion. He was promoted to LTC on April 1, 1955 and to Colonel in the Engineer branch on October 2, 1961. He returned to active duty for the Berlin Crisis in 1961, serving as the commander of the 164th Engineer Combat Group and retired as a Colonel in 1968.