

Charles A. Miller Jr. '65



Charles Miller came to Sam Houston State as a transfer from Tarleton State, along with Tom Sharp '65.

Charles Miller earned his first U.S. Army rank from SHSU in 1965, when he was commissioned through the ROTC program as a second lieutenant. In September 2009, he became one of only six ROTC graduates from SHSU to be promoted to Brigadier General, a significant promotion for an officer, according to David Yebra, current head of the Bearkat Battalion and an Army veteran who served three tours in Iraq. "Fewer than 1 percent of career officers will ever be promoted to a general officer," Yebra said. "To have a Sam Houston State University ROTC graduate promoted to the rank of Brigadier General is an honor."

Miller, who is now serving as the deputy commanding general and chief of staff of the Texas State Guard, has served in numerous units on active duty, the U.S. Army Reserve, the Texas Army National Guard and the Texas State Guard. He is a graduate of the United States Army Armor, Military Police, Quartermaster Schools, and the United States Army Command and General Staff College. He holds a master's degree from Southwest Texas State University. Throughout his career, Miller has been recognized with such awards as the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Commander's Award for Public Service, the Lone Star Distinguished Service Medal, the Texas Outstanding Service Medal, and Texas Medal of Merit. He was also awarded the U.S. Armor Associations Honorable Order of St. George.

Note: At the time of his passing on April 14, 2019, he was attained the rank of MG in the Texas State Guard. It is of interest to note that he passed away almost 52 years to the day after his buddy Tom Sharp (who transferred with him from Tarleton, graduated with him, and was also an Armor officer) was killed in action in the RVN.

Bereavement Notice

It is with deep personal sadness that I inform you that Major General Charles A. Miller, Jr. has passed from this life on 14 April 2019, after a long and difficult battle with cancer.

General Miller served for over three decades in the U.S. Army, the Texas Army National Guard and the Texas State Guard. General Miller joined the Texas State Guard in September 2000, and he continuously demonstrated exceptional service professionalism, technical expertise and outstanding performance of duty throughout his tenure in this organization.

On a personal note, General “Charlie” Miller, was a close personal friend and mentor to me for the past 30 years. Many of the past successes of the Texas State Guard started with General Miller and continue today. His leadership, mentorship and professionalism will be sorely missed.

General Miller was a valued member of the Texas State Guard leadership team and will be missed by all that knew him. Please keep the Miller family in your thoughts and prayers as they go through this difficult time.

Funeral services are pending with Weed-Corley-Fish funeral home.

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