

Colonel Philip K. Miller USA (RET)

State Chair, Kentucky Committee Employer Support of the Guard & Reserve

Phil Miller was appointed by the Secretary of Defense in 2017 to serve as state chairman of the Kentucky Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR).

Miller, a retired Army colonel, served for more than 40 years in the active Army, Army Reserve and Army National Guard before retiring in 2010 as chief of staff for the Kentucky Army National Guard. His tenure in the Army included both enlisted and officer posts and he is currently employed full-time as the leadership mentor coordinator for the Kentucky National Guard.



While a citizen-soldier, he pursued a parallel career in journalism, beginning in 1975 as a photojournalist for daily and weekly newspapers in Kentucky and Indiana, and later as a broadcast journalist for WLEX, Lexington. In 1984, he was appointed deputy press secretary in the administration of Gov. Martha Layne Collins. In 1987, he began his fulltime military career after being appointed Director of Public Affairs for the Kentucky Army National Guard.

Miller served in Saudi Arabia, Iraq and Kuwait during Operations Desert Shield-Desert Storm, and in Qatar and Iraq in Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. He also has served in international assignments in South America, Africa and Eastern Europe. He has numerous military awards and decorations, including the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, and Senior Aviator badge. Miller has a bachelor's degree from Eastern Kentucky University and a Master of Science Degree from the U.S. Army War College. He resides in Lexington.

The ESGR chair position carries a three-year term and is the equivalent to a military two-star flag officer under the United States Department of Defense (DoD).