

November 8th

Salute our Heroes on the
Big Screen and in person

James E. Miller



James Edward Miller was born on July 26, 1945 in Canton, Ohio and graduated from Poland Seminary High School in Poland, Ohio, in 1963.

He attended Bowling Green State University for two years before entering the Warrant Officer Rotary Wing Aviation Course (WORWAC) in the United States Army in December 1965. After graduating from primary flight school at Ft. Wolters in Mineral Wells, Texas, in Class 66-19, Jim was transferred to Ft. Rucker in Alabama where he graduated from advanced flight training in Class 66-21, and received his coveted Aviator's Badge (Wings) and promotion to Warrant Officer (WO1).

Upon graduation from flight school, Jim was assigned to the 336th Assault Helicopter Company in Soc Trang, Vietnam flying the UH-1D Huey (armed transports or 'slicks'). During his time in Vietnam from February 1967 to February 1968, Jim was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross (for Heroism), Air Medal (with 38 oak leaf clusters), Army Commendation Medal (with "V" device for valor), Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal (with 3 Bronze Service Stars), Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal (with device), Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross (with Palm Unit Citation Badge), 2 O/S Bars, and a Sharpshooter Qualification Badge (with Pistol Bar).

Upon rotation back to the United States, Jim became an Instructor Pilot at Ft. Wolters and was promoted to Chief Warrant Officer (CW2). During his time instructing at Ft. Wolters (Mar. 1968-Dec. 1969) Jim was awarded a Flight Safety Award for 500 hours of accident and incident free flight instruction and also earned his Civilian Commercial Pilot's License for Airplane Single-Engine Land and Rotorcraft-Helicopter.

After his Honorable Discharge from the Army, Jim was hired by Brown-Bridge Mills in Troy, Ohio, where he served in various management roles. After retiring early, at age 55, Jim soon returned to flying helicopters. He received his Bachelor's Degree from Capital University (Columbus, Ohio) in 1997 with a major in Aviation Technology and minors in Management and Behavioral Science. Jim retired from full time work, again, on December 31, 2007, and stopped flying as a Corporate (Commercial) Pilot on October 21, 2010 where he flew an American Eurocopter AS350B2 Astar Helicopter.

Jim has been married since July 1968 to Janice A. Towey (of Ada, Ohio) and has two sons and two grandchildren.

In May of 2004 Jim was inducted into the Ohio Military Hall of Fame for Valor.