



General Henry A. Miley, Jr.
1 November 1970 - 5 February 1975

Henry A. Miley, Jr., was born in Boston, Massachusetts, on 14 February 1915. He graduated from historic Boston Latin School and began his military career at West Point. He graduated in June 1940 and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Coast Artillery Corps. His first station was at Fort Monroe, Virginia, where he was assigned to the 2nd Coast Artillery Regiment. In December 1941, he moved with the 57th Coast Artillery to Hawaii, to garrison the north shore of Oahu.

General Miley returned to the U.S. in late 1942 and, after a tour at the Anti-Aircraft School, was assigned to the 33rd Anti-Aircraft Artillery Group. He remained with this organization through its training phases at Fort Bliss, Texas, and Desert Training Center. In February 1944, his outfit moved to New Guinea, where it participated in the leap-frog operations, executed by the Army along the northern coast of that island.

In January 1945, General Miley was detailed to the Ordnance Corps and left New Guinea and Artillery for Manila and Ordnance. He remained there until September 1946 in command, successively of the 189th Ordnance Battalion and the Ordnance General Supply Depot.

Following World War II, General Miley served a year on the faculty of the Ordnance School at Aberdeen, Maryland, and in 1947 embarked on advanced education tour at Northwestern University. He received his Master's Degree in June 1949 and remained an additional year at Evanston, pursuing advanced studies in economics and statistics.

In 1950, General Miley was transferred to Frankford Arsenal in Philadelphia, where he served as comptroller and then as Works Manager. After three years at Frankford, General Miley went to Heidelberg, Germany, for a three-year tour on the staff of the U.S. Army Europe (USAREUR) Ordnance Officer.

General Miley returned to the United States in June 1956, attended the Army War College and, in 1957, moved to Washington, D.C., to become chief of tank-automotive procurement in the Office of the Chief of Ordnance.

In December 1961, he became Commander of the Advanced Weapons Support Command, Pirmasens, Germany. In March 1963, he was reassigned to Heidelberg, where he served as USAREUR Ordnance Officer. Returning to the United States in March 1964, General Miley was assigned to Headquarters, U.S. Army Materiel Command (AMC) as Deputy Director, Procurement and Production.

In August 1966, he was reassigned as Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics (Programs and Budget), where he was directly responsible for the successful establishment of a logistical base in Vietnam. He remained in this position until June 1969, when he was named Deputy Commanding General, AMC, and promoted to the rank of lieutenant general.

On 1 November 1970, he was promoted to the rank of full general and became the Commander of AMC. General Miley had the distinction of being the first Ordnance officer to attain the rank of 4-star general. Shortly after his retirement as Commander of AMC on 5 February 1975, General Miley was inducted into the Army Ordnance Hall of Fame. He died on 6 February 2010.