

VIETNAM VET HOLDS BOOK SIGNINGS

Some soldiers retire to live out their lives in the peace and tranquility they've earned, choosing to keep the memories of war locked up forever in that corner of their minds reserved for them alone. Others battle a second war, now known as Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), and many find it more difficult than actual combat. *The Prodigal Road – My Journey up the Mountain* is one veteran's story.

LTC (R) Richard (Dick) L. Miller served in Vietnam in 1968-69. When he returned home he found himself swallowed up in a quagmire of deception and paralyzing fear. PTSD victims deal with this disorder in different ways – some resort to suicide. Richard dealt with it in a very unique way, which he describes in detail in his book, *The Prodigal Road – My Journey up the Mountain*- a story interwoven with fascinating stories and terrifying adventures.

Dick retired from the Army in 1981 and moved to Manhattan, KS, to accept a position with K-State as a graduate assistant and later as an electrical engineer. Mr. Miller also served as an Industrial Engineer with Ft. Riley Facilities Engineering. He then lived an exciting eleven years as a corporate executive in Oklahoma City.

The corporate world was a great adventure, but the open road began to beacon, so the Millers sold their house, stored their furniture and toured America for three years in an RV. While on the road, Dick completed a Doctorate of Strategic Leadership (DSL) online with Regent University. When they were “dun rovin” they returned to Manhattan to “truly retire” and build their dream home at Tuttle Creek Lake. However, retirement did not fit Dr. Miller, so he became active in Kansas politics, first to help organize The Flint Hills Tea Party, then to run a vigorous campaign for the Kansas House of Representatives-- twice.

The great adventure with the wonderful people of Kansas eventually yielded to the desire to be close to children and grandchildren, so the Millers sold their house on Tuttle Lake, bid many friends goodbye and headed west. They landed in Sisters, OR, to share life with daughter, Deb Ricker, and her family – and to enjoy his favorite pastime, trout fishing. However, the days on the Metolius River were few for in 2012 Dr. Miller, now in his late 70s, began writing the book he had feared to write. At the same time he accepted an invitation to mentor a group of entrepreneurs in Rwanda, Africa, where he visited three times.

Life in Oregon was a wonderful experience, but it was time to live near their son Doug and his family in Goldsboro, NC, where they now reside. But that's not the end of the story. *The Prodigal Road – My Journey up the Mountain* was released by Deep River Books recently and the Millers are back on the road again attending book signing events like the ones in Manhattan, KS, March 1-6.

The Millers will fly to Manhattan, KS, February 28 to participate in the Constitution Bee at the **K-State Alumni Center on March 4th 2 PM to 4:30 PM** followed by a book signing of the Prodigal Road.

The owners of the Outpost Western Store at 7030 Tuttle Creek Blvd, Manhattan, have offered a room adjacent to their store to conduct a book signing Saturday **March 3rd noon to 4 PM.**

The Prodigal Road is available on line at www.amazon.com and www.barnesandnoble.com The paperback book sells for \$16.99 on line and rounded to \$17 at the book signings for convenience in making change. We hope to see you at one of the events.