

## Ron Miller Biography

Ron Miller of Huntingtown, Maryland is Ron Miller is executive director of Regular Folks United, a non-profit organization dedicated to the advocacy of liberty, a regular contributor to several opinion web sites, and a candidate for the Maryland Senate in 2010, challenging Senate president Thomas V. "Mike" Miller. Ron is a consultant in the information technology field and a nine-year plus veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

Ron served in the federal government from 2001 to 2004 as a senior executive with the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Department of Homeland Security, and the U.S. Small Business Administration. During that time, he was recognized by Federal Computer Week in 2002 and 2003 as one of the "Federal 100" leaders in government information technology. Ron was cited both years for his technology leadership in the homeland security arena. Since 2004, he has held senior management positions with the American Red Cross and in the private sector and is currently a homeland security principal for a major technology professional services firm.

Prior to joining the federal government, Ron was a senior requirements analyst, project manager, and division manager in the private sector from 1992 to 2001, and served in the U.S. Air Force as an air intelligence officer from 1983 to 1992, attaining the rank of Captain. His military honors include the Meritorious Service Medal and the Air Force Commendation Medal.

Born in Lake Charles, Louisiana, Mr. Miller holds a B.A. in Political Science from Texas Tech University and a M.S. in International Relations from Troy State University. Mr. Miller is active in various ministries at Chesapeake Church in Huntingtown, Maryland, and serves as the communications director for the Calvert County Republican Party. He was a Republican candidate for the Maryland Senate in 2006. Mr. Miller has been married for 25 years to the former Annik (ah-NEEK) Aeschbach of Hegenheim, France and they are the proud parents of two daughters and a son.

## Why I am running

I am running to be your state Senator because, while I honor my opponent's more than 38 years in the General Assembly and the power he has amassed in that time, he has run out of bold ideas to better serve the people of Maryland.

We are in the midst of the greatest fiscal crisis in Maryland since the Great Depression. People are losing their jobs or struggling with stagnant pay, and small businesses are challenged to keep their doors open, but our state government is badly mismanaging our finances and making it harder than ever to make a living and build a life in Maryland. As we enter the second decade of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, we need new blood, fresh ideas and bold action.

Our elected officials in Annapolis raised our taxes by \$1.4 billion, the largest tax increase in Maryland history, and received over \$4 billion in federal stimulus money, yet we are still facing \$ 2 billion budget deficits every year for the next four years.

What happened to all that money? Why aren't we better off, and why isn't our budget balanced like they said it would be when they made us the 4<sup>th</sup> highest taxed people in America?

It's time for a clean sweep and a new start. I have a plan to energize Maryland's small businesses, create jobs and get people working again, but it will require a lot more courage than our current elected officials have demonstrated. It depends on your willingness to make a change and work with me to make the plan successful. It requires you to look beyond the earmarks my opponent uses as his measure of success, and ask yourself if these projects have done the most good for the most people.

One party has run this state for almost 150 years, and one man has occupied the people's state Senate seat for almost four decades. He's had his chance and the system is broken. Give me the opportunity to serve you and I'll honor your trust with vigor, hard work and humility.