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### **El Pomar Foundation Welcomes New Trustee**

**Colorado Springs, Colo. – September 14, 2020** — El Pomar Foundation Executive Chairman, Bill Hybl, is pleased to announce the election of Colonel (Ret) Gail Benjamin Colvin to the Foundation's Board of Trustees. Colvin has served on El Pomar's Pikes Peak Regional Council for four years, providing insight and guidance to the Foundation on issues and needs related to El Paso and Teller Counties.

Colvin is the Director of Staff of the United States Air Force Academy. Her 30-year military career is marked by diversified leadership experience in a wide variety of disciplines, including joint military doctrine, research and development, and weapon systems acquisition. She commanded the 5<sup>th</sup> Mission Support Squadron, the 5<sup>th</sup> Services Squadron and the 49<sup>th</sup> Mission Support Group, and has held a variety of positions at the Joint Staff Headquarters United States Air Force and major command levels. She served as the Chief of Joint Doctrine for the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. In this capacity, she headed the U.S. delegation to the NATO subcommittee on Allied Joint doctrine and chaired the NATO Joint Warfighting Interoperability subcommittee. In her final military assignment, she served as USAFA's Vice Commandant for culture and climate.



*Colonel (Ret) Gail Colvin*

A native of Brooklyn, New York, Colonel Colvin graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy as a member of the first coed class in 1980. She earned a master's of business administration from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, a master's degree in national security and strategic studies from Air War College, and is a certified level 3 acquisition professional.

*El Pomar Foundation is one of the largest and oldest private foundations in Colorado. El Pomar contributes more than \$25 million annually through grants and Community Stewardship programs to support Colorado nonprofit organizations involved in health, human services, education, arts and humanities, and civic and community initiatives. Spencer and Julie Penrose founded El Pomar in 1937. To learn more about El Pomar Foundation please go to [www.elpomar.org](http://www.elpomar.org).*

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