

MR. MERRILL T. KELLY, SES 4
Department of the Army Civilian, Retired (Deceased)



After completing his freshman year at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Merrill Kelly enlisted in the Army. He served with the 82nd Airborne Division as an enlisted Counter Intelligence Corps (CIC) agent from 1946 to 1947. He received an appointment to Warrant Officer and worked in positions that included Assistant Operations Officer in 970th CIC Group, Germany, until 1949. He then performed special agent duties with the 108th CIC Detachment from 1951 to 1952 after receiving his commission. He continued to work as a special agent for the 66th CIC Group in Germany until 1954.

Mr. Kelly left the Army in 1954 to work as a Civilian Analyst in the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, G2, US Army Europe, until 1958. He transferred to the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, Department of Army (DA) as a GS-15 responsible for planning, programming, budgeting, supervising, and liaison functions at DA and the national level until 1974. From 1974 to 1985, he managed at all levels of intelligence in all disciplines. The last position he held was Director, Special Advisory Staff, Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense, at the grade SES 4. After retiring from the Pentagon in 1985, he served as Staff Consultant, Senate Select Committee on Intelligence under Senator Chic Hecht (HOF 1988) of Nevada.

Mr. Kelly was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1988. He passed away on 11 August 2012.