

MR. MAURICE J. SHELEY
MASTER SERGEANT, US ARMY, RETIRED
DEPARTMENT OF ARMY CIVILIAN, RETIRED (DECEASED)



Maurice J. Sheley enlisted in the US Army in 1967 and served 10 years as a Supply Specialist/Radar Operator with two tours in Vietnam, before serving an additional 10 years as a Counterintelligence (CI) agent. He retired as a Master Sergeant in 1987.

Mr. Sheley then became a Department of the Army Civilian and, for the next 27 years, served in various positions within the US Army Foreign Counterintelligence Activity (FCA). He was first assigned as a Team Chief and then Chief of the Counterespionage Section in the Wurzburg, Germany, Field Office, 511th MI Battalion, 66th MI Group. Reassigned to the Special Operations Section, he remained in Wurzburg conducting Offensive Counterintelligence Operations (OFCO)

until 1994, when the OFCO effort was consolidated in Munich as Detachment 15. Mr. Sheley then served as a Case Officer and Assistant Team Chief on Detachment 15's Team Hercules, one of the most successful OFCO teams in the history of CI operations. While many of his operations remain classified, Mr. Sheley's operational exploits helped ensure the United States maintained a strategic advantage over its adversaries during and after the Cold War.

After serving as the Deputy Director of FCA from 1999-2001, Mr. Sheley became the Operations Officer of Detachment 14 at Fort Meade. He refined the OFCO craft into a viable capability against nontraditional or asymmetric target sets. His operations and investigations were responsible for both the exploitation and/or neutralization of entire espionage networks targeting the US Army and the Nation. While serving as the Operations Officer for the US Army Special Investigations Detachment from 2009-2012, Mr. Sheley oversaw the successful investigation and prosecution of SPC William Millay for espionage, resulting in a 16-year prison sentence. These results and his expertise in ensuring them won Mr. Sheley and his team the prestigious Department of Defense (DoD) CI Investigations Award for 2011. In his final position at FCA, Mr. Sheley's operational successes resulted in his team receiving the National Counterintelligence Executive Operations Award and two DoD CI awards in 2012.

Mr. Sheley also had significant accomplishments outside of FCA. In 1997, he managed a wide variety of critical and highly sensitive Special Access Programs while assigned as the US Army Intelligence and Security Command's Chief of the Special Programs

Office. In 2004, he served as the Army G-2's liaison to the National Security Agency, and was then called on to serve as a contributing agent in the Abu Ghraib Task Force. In 2007, he was tasked by Army leadership to revive the Pacific Liaison Detachment, which had been operationally shut down prior to his arrival.

Upon his retirement in 2014, Mr. Sheley was widely recognized throughout the Intelligence Community as one of the most successful Counterintelligence Case Officers. In addition to the team awards already mentioned, his Civilian awards include the Meritorious Civilian Service Award, Commander's Award for Civilian Service, Achievement Medal for Civilian Service, and the MI Corps Knowlton Award.

Sadly, Mr. Sheley passed away on August 20, 2016. He was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2019.