

COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR GERARDUS F. WYKOFF

US Army, Retired



CSM Jerry Wykoff began his enlisted military career in December 1983 and joined Military Intelligence in 1988 as a Ground Surveillance Radar Operator assigned to the 102nd MI Battalion in Korea. He had subsequent assignments as a Team Leader, Squad Leader, Platoon Sergeant, and First Sergeant in Germany and at Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

In 2003, during Operation IRAQI FREEDOM 1, then-MSG Wykoff served as the Chief of the 501st MI Battalion's HUMINT Operations Cell, controlling 18 Tactical HUMINT Teams operating in Baghdad. The intelligence his cell produced directly contributed to the capture of more than 25 top-ranking Iraqi officials. After graduating from the Sergeants Major Academy, he returned to Iraq as

the Command Sergeant Major of the Brigade Troops Battalion, 2nd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division. CSM Wykoff personally established the first Iraqi NCO training course in the Southern Baghdad Area of Operations. Additionally, his own performance was reflected in the remarkable record of his Soldiers, who received 343 combat awards during the deployment.

After developing realistic and relevant training for MI Soldiers while serving as the 111th MI Brigade Command Sergeant Major, CSM Wykoff became the Military Intelligence Corps Command Sergeant Major in 2007. In addition to advising on all matters concerning the 40,000 enlisted Soldiers within the MI Corps, CSM Wykoff conducted leader circulations to active and reserve MI units worldwide, providing a source of great inspiration and essential information to MI Soldiers across the Army. His tactical and operational experience, coupled with his drive and passion for training, were instrumental in shaping the MI Corps of today and tomorrow. To improve intelligence support to deployed commanders in theater, he assisted in the development and execution of a 48-week Arabic immersion course at Fort Huachuca for linguists, the creation of tactical overwatch Geospatial Intelligence training, and the first implementation of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles in combined live fire exercises for students, making the US Army Intelligence Center of Excellence the only school in Training and Doctrine Command conducting this type of realistic training. His commitment to the professional development of MI Soldiers was obvious in his personal involvement in the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club, the accreditation of the Noncommissioned Officers Academy (NCOA) as an Institution of Excellence, and improvements to the qualifications and training of MI Soldiers supporting commanders across the Army. In addition to his dedication to US Army Soldiers, CSM Wykoff

assisted his counterparts in Israel, Jordan, Japan, and Romania in establishing NCOA-equivalent schools to further develop their professional education system.

CSM Wykoff retired from the US Army in June 2010, concluding 26 years of leadership and unwavering dedication to Soldiers and their Families. His awards and badges include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star (1 Oak Leaf Cluster), Meritorious Service Medal (2 Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Commendation Medal (5 Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Good Conduct Medal (6 awards), and the Parachutist, Air Assault, and Combat Action Badges.

CSM Wykoff was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2016.