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C. Gary Sydow was named Director of Research and Analysis on February 12, 2002. He leads DPMO's researchers and analysts in advancing accounting for the missing on all wars and hostilities from World War II forward to include current conflicts worldwide. Gary leads some 40 researchers and analysts who work on accounting issues at the national-strategic and theater-strategic level, and who, as a DPMO field activity, oversee personnel accounting operations.



Mr. Sydow has been a senior intelligence officer and supervisory analyst on POW/MIA for 25 years, and came into DPMO at its founding in July 1993 from the Defense Intelligence Agency's Special Office for POW-MIA (DIA/PW), which he joined in January 1985. He is a veteran of the Vietnam War and served in Vietnam from April 1966 to September 1971. Gary is a master linguist of Vietnamese (northern dialect) which he learned at the Defense Language Institute, Monterey, California, in 1965-66, and has some Thai, German, and Chinese as well. In the Vietnam War he was a linguist/cryptographer and senior interrogator for the US Army Security Agency 1966-1969, and a linguist/interpreter for the Central Intelligence Agency at US Embassy, Saigon, 1969-71.

In 1992 Gary was awarded the John T. Hughes National Military Intelligence Award for his work in support of the Special Presidential Emissary to Hanoi on POW-MIA, General John Vessey, whose negotiations opened the Vietnam in-country accounting investigations in 1988 that continue today. In 1988 he was awarded a Director DIA award for exceptional witness debriefings, and then awarded another in 1993 for testimony, briefing and support of the Senate Select Committee on POW/MIA (1991-93). In April of 2000 received runner-up recognition with the Paul H. Nitze Award for Excellence in International Security affairs.

Gary is a native of the Mackinac Island area of Michigan. From 1972-1985 before joining the Special Office for POW-MIA, he was at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor on staff as a library assistant, as a student, and an occasional teaching assistant. He has a Masters of Urban Planning (1985) and a Bachelor of Arts (1972) in Psychology, Mathematics, and Anthropology from Michigan. Gary is a practiced race walker, marathoner, and Sudoku master.