

Colonel John M. Sullivan Jr.
Deputy Commander
Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command



Col. John Sullivan is the Deputy Commander of the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command. He assumed this position in July 2008.

Col. Sullivan enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in January 1979. After graduation from Recruit Training at Parris Island, and the Field Artillery Radar Crewman Course at Fort Sill, he was assigned to Headquarters Battery, 10th Marines. Selected for Enlisted Commissioning Program, he reported to Officer Candidate School in February 1981. He was commissioned in April 1981.

After graduation from The Basic School in 1981 and the Field Artillery Officer Basic School in 1982, he served with Battery B, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii in assignments as Forward Observer, Artillery Liaison Officer and Battery Executive Officer. In June 1985, he transferred to Marine Barracks, Alameda Naval Air Station, Calif., and was assigned as Assistant Guard Officer. Promoted to Capt.

in December 1985, he was reassigned as Barracks Guard Officer and subsequently reassigned in July 1987 as Barracks Executive Officer, a billet occupied until transfer to the Field Artillery Officer Advance Course in May 1988.

Following graduation in October 1988, Col. Sullivan was transferred to the 3rd Remotely Piloted Vehicle Company, 7th Marine Expeditionary Brigade, in 29 Palms, Calif. Assigned as the Operations Officer, in April 1989 he was certified as an internal pilot for the Pioneer RPV system. In August 1989, he was transferred to the 5th Battalion, 11th Marines for duty as Commanding Officer, Battery Q. While serving as Battery Commander he participated in Operation DESERT SHIELD and combat operations in Operation DESERT STORM.

In May 1991, he was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 14th Marines, Alameda, Calif., as the Inspector-Instructor for Headquarters Battery. He was promoted to Maj. in February 1993. In September 1993, he was transferred to Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps, and assigned as an Action Officer in the Current Operations Branch Operations Division, Plans, Policies and Operations Department.

In June 1996, he was assigned as a student in the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Upon graduation in June 1997, he was assigned to the Defense Language Institute (DLI), Presidio of Monterey, Calif. as a student in the Thai Language Basic Course. In Dec. 1997, he was promoted to Lt. Col. while at the DLI. Upon graduation in July 1998, he was transferred to the Joint United States Military Advisory Group Thailand for duty as Chief, Joint Operations Division.

In June 2001, Col. Sullivan transferred to Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii and took command of 1st Battalion, 12th Marines. Selected for Colonel in December 2001, he changed command in July 2002 and reported as a student to the Naval War College. Promoted to Colonel in June 2003, he was assigned to III Marine Expeditionary Force in Okinawa, Japan, as the AC/S G-3. In July 2004, he transferred to the 1st Marine Division and took command of 11th Marine Regiment. In July 2006, he transferred to Marine Forces Europe in Stuttgart for duty as Chief of Staff. In July 2008, he transferred to the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command, Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii.

Colonel Sullivan has a Bachelors Degree in History from Worcester State College, Worcester, Mass., a Master of Military Art and Science from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies from the U.S. Naval War College.

His personal decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal with "V", the Defense Meritorious Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with 3 Gold Stars, the Joint Service Achievement Medal, the Combat Action Ribbon, and from the Kingdom of Thailand, the Most Noble Order of the Crown.