

CHRISTOPHER T. PHILLIPS, COMMANDER

Commander Phillips was raised in Arbutus, Maryland enlisted in the Navy in 1982, accepted an appointment to attend the United States Naval Academy in 1984 and graduated with Honors in 1988, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Ocean Engineering. He was commissioned an Ensign in May 1988 and reported to Pensacola for flight school training in June.

After receiving his "Wings of Gold" in Nov 1989, CDR Phillips' initial squadron tour was with "Boomers" of Patrol Squadron FORTY-EIGHT (VP-48) and "Grey Knights" of Patrol Squadron FORTY-SIX (VP-46) at Moffett Field Naval Air Station, California. Flying the P-3C Orion, he made 2 Western Pacific deployments to Cubi Point, Republic of the Philippines, Misawa and Kadena, Japan and 1 5th Fleet deployment to Diego Garcia (BIOT) and Masirah, Oman. During his first tour, he was qualified as an Instructor Pilot, Mission Commander and Maintenance Check Flight Pilot. Among his other duties, he served as Aircraft Division Officer and Pilot NATOPS Officer.

In 1993, CDR Phillips reported to Patrol Squadron THIRTY (Fleet Replacement Squadron) as an instructor. He served as Foreign Military Training Officer, training flight stations from Norway, Spain, Thailand and Korean Air Forces/Navy's and completed his tour as the Assistant Operations Officer.

In 1996, CDR Phillips reported aboard the USS KITTY HAWK (CV-63) as the Operations Administration Officer. His qualifications while afloat included Officer of the Deck (Inport/Underway), Command Duty Officer (Underway) and Special Evolutions Officer of the Deck. In 1998, he reported to the Tactical Support Center North Island as Assistant Officer in Charge.

In 1999, CDR Phillips reported to the "Grey Knights" of Patrol Squadron FORTY SIX (VP-46) to begin his Department Head tour and made 2 deployments to 5th and 7th Fleet AORs. While assigned, he served as Safety/NATOPS Officer, Operation Officer and Maintenance Officer.

CDR Phillips reported to the Joint Staff (J8), Washington D.C., where he served as the Assistant Joint Requirements Oversight Counsel Secretariat from January 2003 through December 2005 and was the Joint Staff Action Officer of the Year for 2005.

CDR Phillips reported to Naval Recruiting District Seattle in July 06 where he served as the Executive Officer. In January of '08 Commander Phillips assumed the duties as NRD Seattle's Commanding Officer.

CDR Phillips' awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (5), the Joint Service Achievement Medal, the Navy Achievement Medal (3), Joint Meritorious and Navy Unit Commendations and various campaign and service awards.