

## Colonel Paul M. Phillips, USA



Colonel Paul M. “Mike” Phillips is the Director of South Asian Studies at the U.S. Army War College. A native of Allentown, Pennsylvania, Colonel Phillips was commissioned an armor officer in 1987 through Purdue University’s ROTC program and served as a cavalry tank platoon leader in the Indiana Army National Guard. In 1988, he transferred to the Military Police Corps and was selected for active duty through the Commandant’s Program. Colonel Phillips accepted a Regular Army appointment in 1989.

From 1988-1991, Colonel Phillips participated in operational deployments to Germany (REFORGER '88) and Panama (NIMROD DANCER, PROMOTE LIBERTY), and served in the Persian Gulf War with the 16<sup>th</sup> Military Police Brigade (Airborne) and 3<sup>rd</sup> Armored Cavalry Regiment. He later commanded the 57<sup>th</sup> Military

Police Company, Camp Carroll, Republic of Korea, and served as Provost Marshal of the Army Medical Department Center and School, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Colonel Phillips is a Foreign Area Officer. He holds a Master of Arts in political science and international relations from Indiana University and is enrolled in King’s College London’s Defense Studies PhD program. From 1999-2008, Colonel Phillips served in the Defense Intelligence Agency as an analyst and regional branch chief, and later as Defense Attaché to the U.S. Embassies in Tanzania, Eritrea, and Liberia. His foreign languages include French and Kiswahili.

In 2009, Colonel Phillips deployed to Afghanistan and Pakistan in support of ENDURING FREEDOM as International Security Assistance Force Chief of Liaison to the Pakistan Army. On his return he served as an intelligence advisor to the Chairman of the Joint Staff’s Pakistan-Afghanistan Coordination Cell, and later as Deputy Director for Intelligence in the National Joint Operations and Intelligence Center.

Colonel Phillips attended the Zimbabwe Joint Command and Staff College and is a graduate of the U.S. Army War College, the Joint Forces Staff College, and the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College. His high-order decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal (fourth award) and the National Intelligence Achievement Medal.

Colonel Phillips is married to the former Jennifer Lynn Ancil of Kokomo, Indiana. Together they have three children, Grace (17 years), Connor, (15 years) and Helen (13 years), and make their home in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. He enjoys hunting, shooting and restoring his family’s Civil War-era house.