



## United States Africa Command

**Colonel Jesse A. Phillips**

Director of C4 Systems, J6

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Colonel Phillips is currently serving as the Director, J-6 and Chief Information Officer (CIO), United States Africa Command (USAFRICOM).

He is a native of Willmar, Minnesota and enlisted in the U.S. Army in June 1988. COL Phillips spent over seven years as an enlisted Soldier attaining the rank of Staff Sergeant which included enlisted assignments with 1st Battalion, 3rd Aviation, 2nd Armored Division; 2nd Battalion, 1st Aviation, 1st Armored Division participating in OPERATIONS DESERT SHIELD, DESERT STORM & PROVIDE COMFORT; and 82d Aviation Brigade, 82d Airborne Division. Upon graduation from the United States Army Officer Candidate School (OCS) in April 1996, he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Signal Corps.



Colonel Phillips has commanded at the company, battalion, and brigade levels. His operational assignments include Platoon Leader and Executive Officer with Alpha Company, 125th Signal Battalion, 2d Infantry Division; Battalion Maintenance Officer and TAC White Platoon Leader, Alpha Company, 50th Signal Battalion (Corps)(Forced Entry)(Airborne), 35th Signal Brigade (Airborne); Battalion Signal Officer (S-6), 3d Battalion, 7th Field Artillery, 25th Infantry Division; Battalion Operations Officer (S-3), 125th Signal Battalion, 25th Infantry Division; Commander, Charlie Company, 125th Signal Battalion, 25th Infantry Division and Brigade Signal Officer (S-6), Combined Task Force Longhorn, OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM 04-05; Battalion Operations Officer (S-3), 30th Signal Battalion, 516th Signal Brigade; Battalion Operations Officer (S-3), 50th Signal Battalion, 35th Signal Brigade, OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM 09-10; G6 Sensitive Activities Division Chief, United States Army Special Operations Command (USASOC); Brigade Operations Officer (S-3), 11th Theater Tactical Signal Brigade; Commander, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division; and Commander, 3rd Brigade, United States Army Cadet Command (USACC).

Previous joint assignments include Contingency & Exercise Officer and Army Liaison Officer to United States Army Pacific (USARPAC) and Special Operations Command Pacific (SOCPAC), Defense Information Systems Agency Pacific (DISA-PAC); J6, Joint Task Force, United States Special Operations Command (USSOCOM); and Enterprise Services Branch Chief, J631, United States Special Operations Command (USSOCOM).

COL Phillips is a graduate of the Signal Officer Basic and Advance Courses; Combined Arms Staff Service School (CAS3); Joint Command, Control, Communications, Computers and Intelligence Staff Operations Course (JC4ISOC), Director of Information Management (DOIM) Operations Officer Course, Intermediate Level Education (ILE), the Joint and Combined Warfighting School (JCWS), and the United States Army War College. He holds a Bachelor's of Science Degree in History from Methodist College, Master's Degree in Administration from Central Michigan University, and Master's Degree in Strategic Studies from USAWC.

His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Valorous Unit Citation, Joint Meritorious Unit Citation, Combat Action Badge, Aircraft Crewman Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge as well as Polish, Dutch, and German Parachutist Badges.