

COLONEL TROY R. PHILLIPS

404th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade Commander, Illinois National Guard

Colonel Troy R. Phillips assumed duties as the 404th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade Commander in September 2011. His previous assignment was as Team Chief for the 244th Army Liaison Team in Springfield, Illinois.

COL Phillips commissioned in 1986 through the Reserve Officer Training Corps program at Truman State University in Kirksville, Missouri. COL Phillips served in several positions to include the 108th Sustainment Brigade deputy commander; chief, Detainee Operations and Police Transition Teams Coordinator, Multinational Division Central-South in Iraq; commander of the 1st Air Defense Battalion, 129th Regimental Training Institute at Camp Lincoln in Springfield, Illinois; and Battery F, 1-202nd Air Defense Artillery Battalion in Galva, Illinois.

COL Phillips mobilized to Afghanistan in December 2011 as the deputy brigade commander for the Bilateral Embedded Support Team A9, with the Polish 6th Airborne BDE in RC-E.

COL Phillips' professional education includes a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Northeast Missouri State University in Kirksville, Missouri, and a master's degree in strategic studies from the United States Army War College.

COL Phillips' awards include a Bronze Star Medal (2nd Award), Meritorious Service Medal (1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Commendation Medal (1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster), Joint Meritorious Unit Award and Humanitarian Service Medal, NATO Award.

As a civilian, COL Phillips is the operations officer for Zone 5 with the Illinois State Police.

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