



*Marine Cryptologic Support Battalion
Company D
Senior Enlisted Marine*



Born in Richmond, Virginia Master Sergeant Phillips enlisted into the Marine Corps and graduated Parris Island recruit training in 2001. After completing Marine Combat Training and the Communication Signals Collections and Processing Course, LCpl Phillips was sent to Camp Lejeune as a Signals Collector at 2d Radio Battalion. In the spring of 2003, LCpl Phillips was attached to the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit, deploying with the 22nd MEU to Southern Afghanistan as a counter to the spring offensive and security operations throughout Kandahar, Oruzgan, Zabul, and Helmand provinces. Upon return to 2d Radio Battalion, Cpl Phillips deployed with the Battalion FWD Element to Ramadi, Iraq to support Team and OCAC Operations until July 2005.

In September 2005, Cpl Phillips was selected as an individual augment to assist all-source analyst efforts in Kabul, Afghanistan in direct support of Combined Forces Command-Afghanistan. During that tour, Cpl Phillips was selected as the senior analysts representing the J-2 to the Commanding General and participated in multiple multi-agency initiatives on counter-narcotics trafficking, cross-border leadership coordination, force protection, and many other areas of interest. Directly after returning from Afghanistan, Sgt Phillips was assigned the OCAC main element in 2d Radio Battalion FWD deploying to Fallujah from August 2006 to April 2007, serving as the Battalion Targeting Chief. Sgt Phillips was then selected to serve in the Watch Chief Capacity for OCE 2/7 in Al Asad, Iraq from September 2007 – April 2008. During that period, Sgt Phillips was directly responsible for watch floor operations and management for 9 teams and multiple personnel supporting SIGINT efforts in western Al-Anbar province.

Sgt Phillips executed PCS from 2d Radio Bn to MarDet, Corry Station Pensacola Florida to serve as an entry-level instructor at the CSCPC/450 Course. Within that capacity, Sgt Phillips taught 5 classes consisting of joint personnel, and was assigned as the Company Gunnery Sergeant and the Operations Chief for the Detachment.

SSgt Phillips then executed a PCS to 1st Radio Bn in January 2012, and was immediately assigned to the MEF SOTG office to support SIGINT training for MEU Detachments. After training 2 rotations of MEU units, GySgt Phillips returned to 1st Radio Bn to serve in the capacity of a detachment commander for an IA detachment supporting SOCOM Task Force Operations in OEF. During that assignment, GySgt Phillips served as Senior Enlisted for the forward detachment of 120 members in multiple locations and totals 154 combat flight missions directly supporting kinetic operations. GySgt Phillips then assumed the SNCOIC position of the 1st Radio Bn OCAC for 12 months, and was then reassigned as the Company Gunnery Sergeant, for C Company, 1st Radio Bn.

In January 2016, GySgt Phillips executed PCS to Company D, MCSB, and has served in Plt Commander, Section NCOIC, and Company Operations Chief Billets. Upon Promotion to MSgt in May 2018, MSgt Phillips transitioned into the Senior Enlisted Billet for Company D, MCSB.

MSgt Phillips' personal awards include a Combat Action Ribbon, three Navy Marine Corps Achievement Medals, Navy Marine Corps Commendation Medal, a Joint Service Commendation Medal, seven Air Medal/Strike Flight Awards, and a Defense Meritorious Service Medal.

MSgt Phillips holds both an Associates of Arts in General Studies and Bachelors of Science in Criminal Justice Administration from the University of Phoenix. He is married to his wife Kimberly, and they have one son, Tristan.