

CDR Harper Phillips
Commanding Officer, Air Station New Orleans

Commander Harper Phillips was commissioned in 1997 and has had a diverse career of operational and staff tours. He most recently served as the Deputy Assistant Director in the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Chief Financial Officer's Office of Program Analysis and Evaluation. In this capacity, he conducted independent analysis and provided fact-based advice to the DHS Chief Financial Officer, Deputy Secretary, and executive bodies across the Department to inform resource decisions of over \$28 billion per year.

Previous assignments include Operations Officer at Air Station San Francisco, where as the Chief Pilot from June 2011-June 2014, he was responsible for all oversight and risk management of four aircraft in support of all Coast Guard missions. Prior to this he was the Budget Manager in the Office of Aviation Forces where he supported over 200 aircraft flying 128,000 annual flight hours and oversaw the distribution of \$232 million in operating funds. Commander Phillips also previously served as the Flight Safety Officer at Air Station Detroit, Duty Pilot at Air Station New Orleans, and Assistant Engineer on the USCGC ALERT.

Commander Phillips has earned a Master's degree in National Security Strategy from the National War College at the National Defense University and Business Administration from Baker College. He also holds a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the United States Coast Guard Academy and earned his "Wings of Gold" from Naval Flight School in Pensacola Florida in 2000.

Commander Phillips has received numerous military and civic awards. However, he considers those awards earned throughout his career associated with unit performance to be most satisfying and representative of Coast Guard service because they recognize the participation and accomplishment of all crew members.

Commander Phillips is originally from Placitas, New Mexico. He and his wife Tracy of 17 years, who is also a Coast Guard Commander, are the proud parents of two amazing children – Mason and Sierra. In addition to spending time with the family, he is an avid mountain bike racer and loves to spend time snow skiing, sailing, and playing soccer.