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Dr. Donovan D. Phillips is the chief of staff, United States Military Entrance Processing Command.

A native of North Royalton, Ohio, he earned a Bachelor of Science in Engineering Management from the U.S. Military Academy, and a Master of Science and a Doctor of Philosophy in Applied Mathematics from the Naval Postgraduate School. He earned his commission from West Point.

While on active duty in the Army, he served tours in Japan, the Netherlands, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Somalia, and Afghanistan, along with stateside duty at Naval Station Great Lakes, Illinois; Fort Hood, Texas; Fort Bragg, North Carolina; West Point, New York; and Monterey, California.

His staff and joint assignments include chief of staff, U.S. Forces Japan; director, Joint Operations Center, NATO's Allied Joint Forces Command Brunssum, the Netherlands; director of operations, NATO Training Mission Afghanistan/Combined Security Transition Command, Afghanistan; director, Strategic Planning and Transformation, USMEPCOM; and advisor, National Military Academy of Afghanistan. Additionally, he twice served as an assistant professor at the U.S. Military Academy. He has served combat tours in support of Operations Desert Shield/Desert Storm, Restore Hope, and Enduring Freedom (twice).

He left active Army service in June 2019 and entered the federal civil service in December of that year. His most recent assignment was as executive director of the Naval Service Training Command, Naval Station Great Lakes.

His awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, and various unit and service awards. He is a graduate of the Quartermaster Officer Basic and Advanced courses and the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College.