



Presentation of Awards

2018 Distinguished Alumnus Award

CAPT Mikal Phillips, USN, UNC NROTC Class of 1997



- Qualified Surface Warfare Officer
- Division Officer on USS Cole (DDG 67) during the terrorist attack against the ship in Yemen in 2000
- Following the attack, organized rescue and damage control teams and led them to areas needing assistance
- Swift decision making in on-going rescue efforts saved lives
- Led damage control team into a flooding engine room to stop the flooding and dewater
- Commanding Officer USS Mason (DDG 87) 2014-2015
- Stockdale Award nominee and finalist
- Current Joint Service J7 Desk Officer
- **Just yesterday selected for Surface Major Command Afloat!**