



Ricky Ward - 2017

RICKY SCOTT WARD

Ricky was born on September 15, 1985 in Charlotte, N.C. At the age of 9 he and his family moved to Surfside Beach, S.C. Ricky was introduced to the shag at the age of 13, by his mom Anne Ward. Ricky won countless Junior I and Junior II contests including the Grand National Championships in 2004. He also danced on the National Shag Dance Championship dance team as a Junior in 2004 and 2005 and eventually won the National Shag Dance Championship in 2008 in the Non Professional Division. Ricky would go on to serve in the United States Navy for four years on active duty. During his time in the Navy Ricky was promoted from E-1 to E-4 in 9 months and would earn the Navy Achievement Medal for his outstanding leadership skills. He now lives in Roanoke, Va. with his family and works as a Correctional Officer at a Regional Jail. Ricky continues to share his love of the dance through teaching and building the shag community in his home town.