

Lieutenant Colonel Marie Grimmer, a native of the Chicago suburbs, was commissioned in the Signal Corps in April 1988. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Aeronautical Science (Flight) and a commercial pilot's license with multi-engine and instrument ratings from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, Florida. Lieutenant Colonel Grimmer also holds Master of Science degrees in Space Systems Operations from the Naval Postgraduate School and in Aeronautical Science from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. She is a graduate of the Signal Officer Basic Course, Signal Officer Advanced Course, and the Army Command and General Staff College.

Lieutenant Colonel Grimmer began her career as a Signal Officer in Germany from 1989-1992 where she held a number of assignments that included Platoon Leader, Mainz Military Community Director of Information Management, Commander, HHC, 102d Signal Battalion, and Commander, 36th Data Processing Unit. After Germany, Lieutenant Colonel Grimmer was assigned as Commander, Defense Satellite Communications Systems Operations Center, Camp Roberts, California from 1993-1995. She attended the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California from 1995-1997 with a follow-on utilization tour as a Space Operations Officer in the Force Development and Integration Center, US Army Space and Missile Defense Command, Arlington, Virginia.

Lieutenant Colonel Grimmer completed Command and General Staff College in 2000 and was assigned as the S3 and XO of the 1st Satellite Control Battalion, Colorado Springs, Colorado. In 2002 she became the Garrison Commander, Fort Greely, Alaska and re-opened the post in support of National Missile Defense. Lieutenant Colonel Grimmer served as a staff officer on the Department of the Army Staff, CIO/G-6 prior to assuming battalion command in July 2007. She is currently the Commander, 302d Signal Battalion, Fort Detrick, Maryland.