



LTC Jerel Grimes
Commander
928th Contracting Battalion



Lieutenant Colonel Jerel R. Grimes enlisted in the Army in 1990 in his home town of Watervliet, N.Y. He served as a Military Policeman with the 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, HI. Lieutenant Colonel Grimes received a green to gold active duty ROTC scholarship to the University of Arizona in 1994. He was commissioned as a Field Artillery officer upon graduation in 1997 with a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology. He earned a Master's Degree in Business Administration from City University of Seattle in 2009. Lieutenant Colonel Grimes' most recent assignment was as the Associate Director at the Mission and Installation Contracting Command (MICC) - Carlisle Barracks, PA.

Lieutenant Colonel Grimes served as a target acquisition detachment commander, battery commander, and observer/controller trainer in Field Artillery units at Fort Bragg, NC, Camp Stanley Korea and Camp Shelby, MS. In 2007, he was assessed into the Army Acquisition Corps. His previous acquisition assignments include: Contracts Director, DCMA-Middle East, Kuwait City; Team Leader 625th Contingency Contracting Team, Redstone Arsenal, AL; Deputy Chief, Kabul Regional Contracting Center, Camp Eggers, Afghanistan; Contingency Contracting Officer, Herat Regional Contracting Center, Camp Stone, Afghanistan; Contingency Contracting Officer, 604th Senior Contingency Contracting Team, Fort Campbell, KY; Contingency Contracting Officer, Army Contracting Agency – Qatar.

Lieutenant Colonel Grimes is a certified member of the Army Acquisition Corps with a Level III certification in Contracting. He also completed the Certified Professional Contract Manager (CPCM) certification through the National Contract Management Association (NCMA).

Lieutenant Colonel Grimes' military awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters and the Army Achievement Medal with six Oak Leaf Clusters. Lieutenant Colonel Grimes is Airborne and Air Assault qualified.