

Command Sergeant Major Michael A. Grinston



Command Sergeant Major Michael A. Grinston is a native of Jasper, Alabama. He enlisted in the Army in October of 1987, and attended Basic Training and Advanced Individual Training as an Artilleryman at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Throughout his career, CSM Grinston has served at every leadership level from Cannon Crewmember to the FORSCOM Command Sergeant Major.

CSM Grinston's deployments include Operations Desert Storm and Desert Shield, Iraqi Freedom, New Dawn, Inherent Resolve, Enduring Freedom, and Kosovo. CSM Grinston served as the 1st Infantry Division Command Sergeant Major, the 1st Corps Command Sergeant Major and as the command sergeant major for U.S. Army Forces Command.

CSM Grinston's military education includes all levels of the Noncommissioned Officer Education System. He is a graduate of Ranger School, Airborne School, Drill Sergeant School, Air Assault School, How the Army Runs Course, the Equal Opportunity Leaders Course and the Keystone Course. CSM Grinston holds a Bachelors of Arts in Business Administration from the University of Maryland University College.

His awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (2nd award), Bronze Star Medal with Valor (2nd award), the Bronze Star medal (3rd award). He has earned the Ranger tab, Master Parachutist badge, Air Assault badge, Drill Sergeant Identification badge, and the Combat Action Badge.

CSM Grinston, and his wife, Alexandra, have two daughters.