



# BIOGRAPHY



## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### COLONEL ROBERT E. GRIMMETT III

Colonel Grimmatt is the Commander of the 87th Mission Support Group, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey. He leads a team of more than two thousand personnel and is responsible for the security forces, force support, communications, contracting, and logistics readiness squadrons supporting 48,000 personnel across DoD's sole tri-service joint base. In addition, he serves as a primary liaison between Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst and the local community including local schools, civic leaders, and countless special events.



Colonel Grimmatt enlisted in the Air Force as an Aerospace Control and Warning Systems Operator in 1986. He was a Distinguished Graduate of the Officer's Training School and commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in 2002. He has served as an Airfield Operations Officer in a variety of positions at unit, Major Command staff, and Air staff level. He has served as the Commander, 53d Air Traffic Control Squadron, Robins Air Force Base, Georgia, the Deputy Commander, 375th Mission Support Group, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois, and most recently the Chief, Crisis Actions Center, United States Africa Command, Kelley Barracks, Stuttgart, Germany.

Colonel Grimmatt is married to the former Donna Hill from Colorado Springs, Colorado for 35 years. They have two children, Robert IV (age 32) and Kayla (age 30).

#### EDUCATION

- 1992 Associates of Science Degree, Airway Science, Community College of the Air Force
- 2001 Bachelor of Science Degree, Professional Aeronautics, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Las Vegas, NV (Magna Cum Laude)
- 2002 Air and Space Basic Course, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2008 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL (Distinguished Graduate)
- 2011 Masters of Aeronautical Science Degree, Aviation Aerospace Management, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Honolulu, HI (with Distinction)
- 2012 Air Command and Staff College (correspondence)
- 2015 College of Naval Command and Staff, NAS Newport, RI (residence)
- 2015 Masters of Arts Degree, National Security and Strategic Studies, Naval War College, Newport, RI
- 2020 Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy (residence)
- 2020 Masters of Science Degree, National Resource Strategy, Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy, National Defense University, Fort McNair, Washington D.C. (Distinguished Graduate)

#### ASSIGNMENTS

1. September 1986 to November 1986, Basic Recruit, 3702d Basic Military Training Squadron, Lackland AFB, TX
2. November 1986 to January 1987, Aerospace Control and Warning Systems Apprentice, 3414th Student Training Squadron, Keesler AFB, MS
3. January 1987 to February 1993, Red Forces Systems Operator, Range Safety Systems Operator, Operations Training NCO, Operations Standardization/Evaluation Examiner, 554th Range Group, Nellis AFB, NV
4. February 1993 to February 1996, Surveillance Operator, Identification Technician, Weapons Direct Technician, Enlisted Weapons Director, 722d Support Squadron, Canadian NORAD Region, Canadian Forces Base, North Bay Ontario, Canada

5. February 1996 to February 2000, Instructor Enlisted Weapons Director, Instructor Air Surveillance Technician, Flight NCOIC, Superintendent, Operations Training, 606th Air Control Squadron, Spangdahlem AB, Germany
6. February 2000 to July 2002, Instructor/Evaluator Weapons Director, Superintendent, USAF Aggressor Academics, 414th Combat Training Squadron, Nellis AFB, NV
7. July 2002 to September 2002, Officer Trainee, Officer Training School, Maxwell AFB, AL
8. September 2002 to December 2003, Airfield Operations Training Program Student, 347th Operations Support Squadron, Moody AFB, GA
9. January 2004 to July 2007, Airfield Operations Flight System Officer, Airfield Operations Flight Commander, 3d Operations Support Squadron, Elmendorf AFB, AK
10. July 2007 to August 2008, Airfield Ops Flight Commander, 15th Operations Support Squadron, Hickam AFB, HI
11. August 2008 to February 2009, Director, Commander's Action Group, 15th Airlift Wing, Hickam AFB, HI
12. February 2009 to February 2010, Afghan National Army Air Corps Operations Support Squadron Commander's Advisor, 438<sup>th</sup> Air Expeditionary Advisory Group, Kabul International Airport, Afghanistan
13. February 2010 to July 2010, Director, Commander's Action Group, 15th Wing, Hickam AFB, HI
14. July 2010 to July 2011, Chief, Airfield Operations and Procedures, Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, HI
15. August 2011 to January 2013, Executive Officer, Directorate of Bases, Ranges and Airspace, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Plans, and Requirements, the Pentagon, Washington, DC
16. January 2013 to July 2014, Director of Operations, 89th Operations Support Squadron, Joint Base Andrews, MD
17. July 2014 to June 2015, Student, College of Naval Command and Staff, Naval War College, Newport, RI
18. June 2015 to June 2017, Commander, 53d Air Traffic Control Squadron, Robins AFB, GA
19. June 2017 to July 2018, Executive Officer, 18th Air Force, Scott AFB, IL
20. July 2018 to July 2019, Deputy Commander, 375th Mission Support Group, Scott AFB, IL
21. July 2019 to June 2020, Student, Eisenhower School of National Security and Resource Strategy, National Defense University, Fort McNair, Washington D.C.
22. July 2020 to June 2021, Chief, East Current Operations Branch, United States Africa Command, Kelley Barracks, Stuttgart, Germany.
23. June 2021 to June 2022, Chief, Crisis Actions Center, United States Africa Command, Kelley Barracks, Stuttgart, Germany.
24. June 2022 to Present, Commander, 87th Mission Support Group, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, NJ

#### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Defense Superior Service Medal  
 Meritorious Service Medal with seven oak leaf clusters  
 Joint Service Commendation Medal  
 Air Force Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters  
 Air Force Achievement Medal with three oak leaf clusters  
 Joint Meritorious Unit Award  
 Meritorious Unit Award with two oak leaf clusters  
 Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with nine oak leaf clusters  
 Combat Readiness Medal  
 National Defense Service Medal with one service star  
 Kosovo Campaign Medal with one service star  
 Afghanistan Campaign Medal with three service stars  
 Iraq Campaign Medal with two service stars  
 Global War on Terrorism Service Medal  
 NATO medal with two service stars (Bosnia, Kosovo, Afghanistan)

#### **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant September 27, 2002  
 First Lieutenant September 27, 2004  
 Captain September 27, 2006  
 Major: October 1, 2012  
 Lieutenant Colonel: January 1, 2016  
 Colonel: May 1, 2021

(Current as of June 2023)

