

Lynda M. Granfield

Colonel (Retired) Lynda M. Granfield was born in Lincoln, Nebraska, where she received her commission as a second lieutenant in May 1986. She earned her bachelor of science in criminal justice from the University of Nebraska. She spent nearly eight years in the Army Reserves before deploying to Desert Shield/Storm in 1991. She holds a master of science in international relations from Troy State University. Granfield retired in August 2016, after spending a total of 26.5 years on active duty.

Her previous assessments include deputy chief of staff, G-9, at I Corps at Joint Base Lewis McCord; chief of staff/military assistant, OSD-Policy for the director of task force business and stability operations, Kabul, Afghanistan; senior military advisor for Lieutenant General Scaparrotti at the Afghanistan's Independent Directorate of Local Governance, Kabul Afghanistan; civil affairs military liaison officer to the Humanitarian Information Unit, Bureau of Intelligence and Research, U.S. Department of State; commander, provincial reconstruction team, Jalalabad, Nangarhar Province, Afghanistan; director of civil-military operations, G-9, for the Southern European Task Force in Vicenza, Italy; assistant S-5 ARCENT-Kuwait; headquarters company commander, 3rd Battalion, 1st Special Warfare Group; tactical civil affairs team leader, Delta Company, 96th Civil Affairs Battalion; civil affairs planner, deputy chief of staff for operations at the United States Special Operations Command at Fort Bragg. From July 2009 through August 2010, Granfield was chosen to serve as the Senior Army Fellow at the George C. Marshall Center in Garmisch, Germany.

Granfield's awards include the Legion of Merit; Bronze Star with two oak leaf clusters; Defense Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster; Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf clusters; Joint Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster; Army Commendation Medal with silver oak leaf cluster; and Army Parachutist Badge.

In her personal life, Granfield enjoys spending time with her husband Chris, who also retired from the U.S. Army, their Border Collie Lulu and two Siamese Cats, Hadley and Richardson. They live in St. Petersburg, Florida, where they completely restored their Spanish Mediterranean home over the last four years.