



CSM Michael Grinston  
170<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Combat Team  
Brigade Command Sergeant Major

Command Sergeant Major Michael Grinston joined the Army on 19 October 1987 as a Firing Battery Cannon Crewmember. He has been assigned to 1-84 FA at Fort Lewis, Washington, 2-320th FA at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, two tours at Ledward Barracks in Schweinfurt, Germany with 5-41 FA and 1-7th FA, 1-39th FA at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, E/1-22 FA Fort Sill, Oklahoma, D/319th FA, 1-508 IN and 2-503 IN at Caserma Ederle in Vicenza, Italy, 2-15 FAR Fort Drum NY, and the Joint Multi-National Readiness Center in Hohenfels, Germany.

CSM Grinston has been deployed to Desert Shield, Desert Storm, KFOR 4A (Kosovo), Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) II, and OIF 06-08.

CSM Grinston has held the positions of cannon crewmember, gunner, section chief, gunnery sergeant, chief of firing battery, Drill Sergeant, Senior Drill Sergeant, First Sergeant, and Battalion Command Sergeant Major.

CSM Grinston's awards and decorations include: 2 Bronze Stars for Valor, 1 Bronze Star, 4 Meritorious Service Medals, 6 Army Commendation Medals, 12 Army Achievement Medals, the Ranger tab, Master Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, Drill Sergeant Badge, and the Combat Action Badge.

CSM Grinston has attended the following schools: Ranger School, Airborne School, Air Assault School, Drill Sergeant School, Rappel Master School, Jumpmaster School, Equal Opportunity Course, and all the required NCOES schools. In addition, he has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Management from the University of Maryland.

CSM Grinston is married and has two children.