



Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center

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COL Grimes has served as DVBIC's National Director since July 1, 2010. Previously, she had been the DVBIC Site Director at Wilford Hall Medical Center (WHMC) and Brooke Army Medical Center (BAMC), which are now combined as the San Antonio Military Medical Center (SAMMC).

As national director, COL Grimes oversees all aspects of the organization's mission: to serve active duty military and veterans with traumatic brain injury (TBI) through state-of-the-art medical care and care coordination, and innovative clinical research and educational programs.

With board certification in Vascular Neurology, Neurology and Psychiatry, COL Grimes leads DVBIC with integrated multidisciplinary approaches to care. While deployed in Afghanistan from March to September 2011, she served as Theater Neurology Consultant. In this capacity, COL Grimes oversaw standardization of care at 11 concussion care centers. Performing site visits allowed her to ensure that staff had appropriate training, education and resources. She reviewed cases, shared best practices, and work with theater providers to identify and close gaps in patient care.

In 2004 COL Grimes served a nine-month tour of duty as a member of 359th Neurosurgical Team in Baghdad, Iraq, during the period that included both major battles in Fallujah. She saw the highest number of neurotrauma cases and quickly became "one of the busiest members of the medical team," according to COL Rocco Armonda, Director of Cerebrovascular Surgery & Interventional Neuroradiology, National Capital Neurosurgery Consortium, Director Division of Neurosurgery, Department of Surgery at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS) in Bethesda, Md.

COL Grimes has held multiple appointments and academic posts including neurology consultant for the Army Office of The Surgeon General (OTSG) and the Great Plains Regional Medical Command, and assistant professor of Neurology at USUHS and at the University of Texas Health Sciences-San Antonio, Texas.

COL Grimes received her MD with honors from USUHS in 1990 and was commissioned as an Army Captain. Following two years as a general medical officer in Vilseck, Germany, COL Grimes continued her training at National Naval Medical Center and at Walter Reed Army Medical Center where she completed residencies in both psychiatry and neurology.

COL Grimes is the fourth National Director of DVBIC, which is celebrating 20 years of service in 2012. A Department of Defense-funded collaboration with the Department of Veterans Affairs, DVBIC supports 17 care and treatment sites nationwide; conducts clinical research; educates service members, medical personnel and caregivers; and consolidates and reports all DoD TBI-related incidence and prevalence data.