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In 2006, Lorry Fenner retired from the Air Force after 26 years as an intelligence officer and space operations officer. She also served in academic positions and held a variety of command and staff jobs worldwide. She served on Major Command staffs, the Air Staff, the Joint Staff (J-5, Strategy Division), and the Secretary of Defense's staff. During her career, Colonel Fenner also served on the staffs of the Scowcroft Commission (NSPD-5, Comprehensive Review of Intelligence, 2001) and the 9-11 Commission (2003-2004) and as a Fellow at the Supreme Court of the United States where she won the Tom C. Clark Award (2002-2003). Twice she taught history at the U.S. Air Force Academy, where she served as the Director of Cadet Development, the Director of World History and Area Studies, and the Director of Military History. She also taught at the National War College in strategic studies, space and information operations, and South Eastern Europe/The Balkans.

After retirement, Dr. Fenner served as a Professional Staff Member for the House Armed Services Committee as the staff lead for the Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee. She continued her federal service as the Director of the Conflict Records Research Center at the National Defense University making the captured records of Saddam Hussein and al Qaeda available to researchers. Later, Dr. Fenner served as a Multi-Disciplinary Systems Engineer with the Federally Funded Research and Development Center, MITRE. In her capacity as an Intelligence Strategic Advisor for the National Security Analysis Group she provided support to the Office of the Secretary of Defense's Senior Cyber Advisor, the FBI's Cyber Policy unit, a Joint Chiefs of Staff Operations Special Program, the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense Intelligence Strategy, Policy, and Resources Division, the Deputy Director of Intelligence for Warfighter Support, and the DDI for Technical Collection and Special Programs (SIGINT and Cyber). During that time, she also served as an unpaid Visiting Senior Research Fellow with the Institute for National Strategic Studies at NDU.

Along with military and civilian awards, Lorry Fenner earned a Ph.D. in History from the University of Michigan, an M.S. in National Security Strategy from the National War College, an M.A. in Central European History from the UM, and a B.A. in Secondary Education from Arizona State University. Her publications include those on Women in the Military with Georgetown University Press and *Gender Issues*. Her dissertation was "Ideology and Amnesia: The Public Debate on Women in the American Military, 1940-1973."