

Biography:

Cole T. Lyle is the Director of the Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation (VA&R) Division in the Washington, D.C. office of The American Legion.

In this role, Cole leads a team of 40+ personnel and millions of veterans and volunteers to affect positive change in Health Policy, Claims and Benefits, Memorial Affairs, Service Officer Accreditation, and a multitude of other portfolio items. Cole has been a veteran advocate for over a decade with experience on Capitol Hill, the Department of Veterans Affairs, the non-profit sector, and as a grassroots advocate.

Most recently, Cole served as the Director for Government Relations and Executive Director of Mission Roll Call, managing a \$3M+ budget to advocate for veterans on Capitol Hill. Prior to that, Cole also founded Kaya's K9s, served as a Special Assistant at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, worked as a Military Legislative Assistant in the U.S. Senate, and was a policy analyst for the VA&R division at The American Legion.

Cole has appeared on FOX News, CNN, NPR, Washington Post, and authored a regular column discussing veteran policy at the Dallas Morning News.

A U.S. Marine Corps and Afghanistan veteran, Cole earned a master's degree from the U.S. Army War College, a Certificate in Non-Profit Management from Harvard Business School, and a bachelor's degree from Texas A&M University.