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Cole T. Lyle currently serves as Director of the Legislative Division in the American Legion, as the lead advocate and lobbyist representing 1.5 million members. Cole's team coordinates all advocacy efforts before Congress with emphasis on Leadership, the White House, and federal agencies. Previously, Cole led the Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Division, providing subject matter expertise and recommendations for the White House, VA, and Congress on Health Policy, Claims and Benefits, Memorial Affairs, and Service Officer Accreditation. In 2025, the VA&R Division submitted 18 testimonies to Congress, reviewed 250+ pieces of legislation, and led service officer training and accreditation for over 3,000 volunteer service officer which led to \$29.5B in total disability compensation awarded to veterans.

Prior to his work in veteran advocacy, Cole served as a Special Assistant at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, where he served as a liaison for VA to Congress, gathering information and identifying issues that would affect the agency in its mission to provide healthcare and benefits to veterans.

Before VA, Cole worked as a Military Legislative Assistant in the U.S. Senate, handling billions of dollars in defense and VA appropriations requests and providing oversight of military training, operations, budgets, and acquisitions.

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.