

# Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution

## Proudly Honors

### Patriot of the Month

January 2023

## Stan G. Cole

### United States Air Force

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Stan G. Cole was inspired to join the Air Force following his father's career with the Kansas City Police Department and his grandfather's service in the Army Air Corps during WWII. Cole applied to each of the military service academies during his senior year of high school. The US Air Force Academy offered him an appointment to the USAFA Class of 1992, and Cole continued to serve in the Air Force until his retirement at the rank of Colonel in 2014.



In 1993 Cole completed Intelligence Officer Training and was assigned to Vogelweh Cantonment, Germany as an Intelligence Officer. He graduated from the National War College and the United States Air Force Weapons School. During his Human Intelligence Tour, Cole served in various operational intelligence assignments including tours at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, North Carolina; Royal AFB Lakenheath, United Kingdom; Nellis AFB, Nevada; Lackland AFB, Texas; Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio; Air Staff and Joint Staff at the Pentagon; and served tours as both Squadron and Group Commander. Cole has supported deployed contingency operations as an intelligence officer during SOUTHERN WATCH, ALLIED FORCE, NOBLE EAGLE, and IRAQI FREEDOM. This service and dedication earned Cole the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Air Force Meritorious Service Medal (three oak leaf clusters), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal (two oak leaf clusters), Joint Service Achievement Medal, and Air Force Achievement Medal.

One of Cole's proudest achievements is being named the 2017 National Outstanding Air Force Junior ROTC Instructor of the Year! Cole's best piece of advice to students is, "It's never too early to start planning your future - don't waste the opportunities you are given and give 100% in everything you do!" When Cole is not with his students, he can be found at his local small business Roosters Men's Grooming Center in Parkville, Missouri and serving as Vice President of Summit Theatre Group in Lee's Summit, Missouri. Summit Theater Group is non-profit community theatre providing Lee's Summit and surrounding areas with enjoyable live theatre opportunities and experiences through community involvement and student education. In November 2022, Cole's JROTC students traveled to Molena, Georgia for Raider Nationals and were awarded the Air Force Raider National Championship. Raider competitions are athletic competitions held at JROTC programs around the world. Competitions take place outdoors and usually consist of events such as a 5k run, obstacle courses, cross country rescue/first aid, and some type of rope bridge construction and/or crossing.

The Blue Springs DAR chapter is honored to nominate Colonel Stan G. Cole as our January 2023 Patriot of the Month.