



Herman A. Cole Board Member

Herman Cole, born in Charleston, South Carolina, is a distinguished graduate of Tuskegee University, holding both a Bachelor of Arts and a Master of Architecture.

As a highly decorated Vietnam Veteran, Colonel Cole served 26 years in the United States Air Force (USAF), retiring in 1994 at the rank of Full Colonel. His extensive military career included assignments around the globe, from Vietnam to England, Japan to Saudi Arabia, as well as various locations across the United States. His roles ranged from Combat Engineer/Convoy Commander in Vietnam to overseeing \$3 billion in construction projects in Saudi Arabia. His commendable service earned him numerous military decorations, including the Legion of Merit, six Meritorious Service Medals, a Commendation Medal, and the Vietnam Service Medal. He is also an alumnus of the Squadron Officers School, Air Command and Staff College, and Air War College.

Upon retiring from the military, Herman transitioned to academia and industry, becoming Vice President of Engineering and Facilities and a Visiting Professor of Engineering at the University of Dayton.

Herman is also a dedicated public servant and community leader. His contributions include:

- Serving on the Titusville City Council since November 2022.
- Being a past President and long-time member of the Titusville Rotary. In 2017, recognizing the need for an evening Rotary club, he established the North Brevard Rotary Club.
- Leading as Chairman of the Board of Directors of Parrish Medical Center for eight years and holding various leadership positions over 24 years.
- Serving on the Jess Parrish Medical Foundation Board of Directors.
- Holding positions as Chairman, Vice-Chair, and member of the Titusville YMCA Board of Directors.

- Founding and presiding over the "Humanity Task Force for Social Change."
- Serving as past President and member of the Host of Brevard.
- Contributing as a past member of the Titusville Planning and Zoning Board.

Herman's notable recognitions include:

- Space Coast Medicine and Active Living Humanitarian of the Year (2013).
- Ambassador Award by the Doctor's Goodwill Foundation (2015).
- Induction as a Charter Member of the Tuskegee University Military Hall of Fame (2016).
- Induction into the Space Coast Public Hall of Fame (2018).

Herman and his wife, Joyce, also a Tuskegee graduate, have been married for 57 years. They have two sons: Alex, a retired USAF Lt. Col. and current United Airlines Captain, and Chris, an independent insurance agency owner/agent. They are also proud grandparents to seven grandchildren.