

THE STATE CHAMBER

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Lieutenant Colonel Dan Rooney

Lieutenant Colonel Dan Rooney is a force for good. A decorated F-16 Fighter Pilot, he is best known for founding the Folds of Honor, a leading non-profit organization that provides educational scholarships for children and spouses of fallen or disabled military service members and first responders. Since its inception in 2007, the foundation has provided nearly 44,000 lifechanging scholarships totaling approximately \$200 million.

Rooney's life calling of "inspiring people to help people" is made obvious by his variety of roles. A USA Today bestselling author whose titles include "A Patriot's Calling" and "Fly Into the Wind", he's a highly sought-after motivational speaker that has addressed over 1,000 corporations and groups across America. As a Class A Member of the PGA, he founded two nationally ranked golf clubs, The Patriot Golf Club in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and American Dunes Golf Club in Grand Haven, Michigan in collaboration with Jack Nicklaus. He is a frequent guest of national media including podcasts, radio, and network television such as Fox News. Rooney has been recognized as one of People Magazine's "Heroes of the Year", Money Magazine's "Hero of the Year", and ABC World News Tonight's "Persons of the Year".

Lt Col Rooney has continued his military service after 3 combat tours to Iraq where he flew the F-16 Viper. He is currently stationed at Headquarters Air Force Recruiting Service Detachment 1, at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, TX where he has been given the unique position to act as a US Air Force ambassador with the task of inspiring the next generation of service members to give the same devotion to the country he has so proudly demonstrated throughout his career.

Rooney is a two-time recipient of the Top Gun award and has received the Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Medal, Anti-terrorism Medal, Combat Readiness Medal, and Air Expeditionary Medal. For his service and patriotism, he was presented the White House's "Presidential Volunteer Service Award" by President George W. Bush, as well as the Air National Guard's "Distinguished Service Medal", the "Directors Service Award", and the Ellis Island "Medal of Honor".

Lt Col Rooney lives in Owasso, Oklahoma where his most important role lies, with his wife and five daughters.