

Knob Noster Public Schools Selects Mark Talley as New AFJROTC Senior Aerospace Science Instructor



Knob Noster Public Schools has selected retired Air Force Colonel Mark Talley to serve as Knob Noster High School AFJROTC Senior Aerospace Science Instructor for the 2017-2018 school year.

Talley graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration & Computer Science from Texas A&M University-Commerce, a Master's Degree in Logistics Management from Air Force Institute of Technology, and a Master's Degree in National Security & Strategic Studies from Naval War College. Talley has served in the United States Air Force the last 30 years, including time of service at the Pentagon.

Colonel Talley brings a high level of positive energy and a lifelong desire to mentor and build tomorrow's leaders as demonstrated through his work with Air Force Officer/Enlisted/Civilian Development programs, leading Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and youth church and sports programs. He recognizes his successes throughout his life are due to the dedicated and tireless mentoring of those he has had the privilege to learn under and with, and is driven to "pay this forward" through teaching and mentoring in the AFJROTC program by building better citizens and future leaders.

When asked about the opportunity to serve as the AFJROTC Senior Instructor, Talley stated, "After completing a 30 year active duty career with the Air Force, I am excited about continuing to serve, as a Senior Aerospace Science Instructor with the Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFJROTC) unit from Knob Noster High School. I am committed to the opportunity to instruct, mentor and coach the students of KNHS to serve their nation and community by helping develop them into citizens of character." He added, "After retiring from the Air Force, my wife, Beth and I hopped in our RV with our two dogs and have enjoyed traveling full time around the United States. We have been blessed to have spent extra time with our family by just moving our home to where the "action is" including graduations, weddings, and milestone birthdays. We are excited about moving from Texas to Missouri and becoming part of the communities of Knob Noster and surrounding areas. Our two adult children, Stuart, his wife Isabel, and Katherine are looking forward to visiting the new community we call home."