

# HONORABLE ORDER OF KENTUCKY COLONELS

Congratulations Colonel!

With your official commissioning as a Kentucky Colonel, it is my pleasure to extend to you this personal invitation to now become a member of The Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels.

This members-only organization is reserved exclusively for those titled as Kentucky Colonels.

Each year, with generous gifts from Kentucky Colonels like you, The Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels, a 501 (c) (3) non-profit, reinvests around two million dollars into worthy causes. This is our Good Works Program; and we want you to participate in this vibrant movement!

To activate your membership, please log onto [kycolonels.org/activate](http://kycolonels.org/activate) or you may call 502-266-6114 to speak directly with our friendly staff at HOKC Headquarters.

Please detach the HOKC Museum Plaque below and have it framed alongside your Colonel Certificate. The Plaque explains what it means to be an authentic Kentucky Colonel!

Warmest regards,



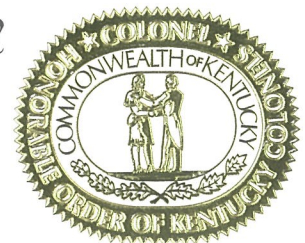
Garry Gupton (1997)  
Executive Director/Senior Ambassador  
The Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels

*Please cut along this perforation so you can display the HOKC Museum Plaque alongside your Kentucky Colonel Certificate*

You now hold the highest civilian honor the Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky can bestow: The Title of Kentucky Colonel!

The Governor along with the Secretary of State authorized this commissioning to recognize your efforts to improve lives, provide hope and fulfill dreams of citizens all over the Commonwealth and across our great nation!

We challenge you to continue in these good works by partnering with service minded Kentucky Colonels around the world. With this dedication to those in need, we welcome you to the Kentucky Colonels and further honor you with Our Great Seal.



The Honorable Order of  
**KENTUCKY COLONELS**



STEVEN L. BESHEAR  
GOVERNOR

The highest honor awarded by the Commonwealth of Kentucky is that of Kentucky Colonel. Our Colonels are Kentucky's ambassadors of good will and fellowship around the world.

It all began when Kentucky's first governor, Issac Shelby, named his son-in-law, Charles S. Todd, the "colonel" of his staff. Shelby later issued commissions to all who enlisted in his regiment in the War of 1812. Subsequent Kentucky governors commissioned colonels to act as their protective guard; the colonels wore uniforms and were present at most official functions.

The official "Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels" was founded in 1932 by then-Governor Ruby Laffoon, and has since been incorporated as a charitable organization. Through the years, Kentucky Colonels have contributed thousands of dollars to worthy causes. Kentucky's governor and lieutenant governor serve as the commander-in-chief and deputy commander-in-chief, respectively. All officers serve without pay or compensation.

Kentucky colonelships are commissioned for an individual's contributions to his or her community, state or nation, and for special achievements. With your commission as a Kentucky Colonel, the Governor recognizes your service and accomplishments on behalf of others. A list of Kentucky Colonels is a "Who's Who" of outstanding men and women around the world. The certificate, signed by the Governor and Secretary of State and bearing the Great Seal of Kentucky, has hung on the walls of such distinguished leaders as President Lyndon B. Johnson and English Prime Minister Winston Churchill. John Glenn, America's first person in space, was commissioned during his historic mission while orbiting Earth.

Other well-known Colonels include: Harland "Colonel" Sanders, Muhammad Ali, Betty White, George Clooney, Ashley Judd, Johnny Depp, Kenny Perry and Elvis Presley.





**STEVEN L. BESHEAR**

GOVERNOR

To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come, Greeting: Know Ye, That

Honorable Frank Wood

*Is Commissioned A*

**KENTUCKY COLONEL**

*I hereby confer this honor with all the rights, privileges and responsibilities thereunto appertaining.*

*In testimony whereof, I have caused these letters to be made patent, and the seal of the Commonwealth to be hereunto affixed. Done at Frankfort, the 9<sup>th</sup> day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand and fourteen and in the 22<sup>nd</sup> year of the Commonwealth.*



*Steven L. Beshear*

By the Governor - Steven L. Beshear

*Alison Lundergan Grimes*

Secretary of State - Alison Lundergan Grimes



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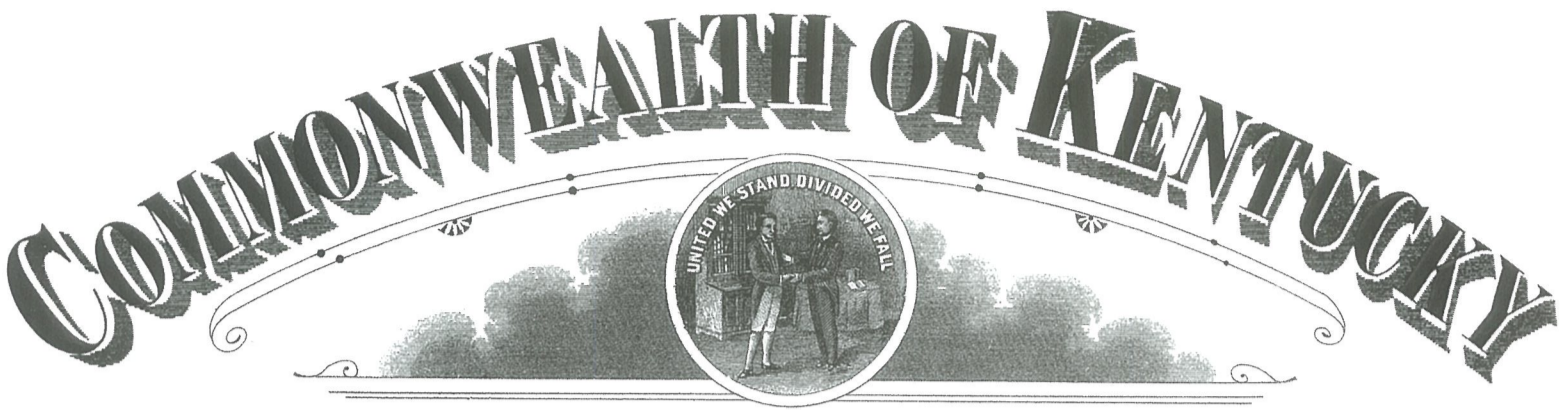
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