



The Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels, Missouri Chapter  
Meeting Minutes  
March 7, 2026  
Boonville, Missouri

*Prior to the meeting, Vice Commander Diane Halsy passed around a request for a donation from the God's Green Acre Association (GGAA) of Hillsboro, Missouri, a non-profit founded in 1962. "GGAA provides a safe and affirming environment for girls aged 12-18 to develop confidence, responsibility and leadership skills by caring for and riding horses." Details can be found at <https://www.ggaa.org/>.*

Attendees: Col. Howard Medler, Col. David Byland, Col. Roy Brown, Colly Brown, Col. Lee Mueller, Col. Walter Busch (Webmaster), Col. Diane Halsey (Vice Commander), Col. Sumner Hunnewell (Secretary), Col. Jim Sanders, Diane Callier, Col. Tom Krahenbuhl (Commander), and Col. Shannon Krahenbuhl.

The meeting was called to order at 12:03 p.m. by Commander Col. Krahenbuhl at the Isle of Capri, Brew Brothers Room, in Boonville, Missouri. We had a quorum.

Col. Hunnewell had a roll call of officers. Col. DJ Talbot (Treasurer) was not present.

Introductions of guests and colonels were made.

Col. Hunnewell presented meeting minutes from May 4, 2024, and March 1, 2025. **A motion was made to accept the minutes. Motion passed.**

Col. Talbot's treasurer's report was read. During the Oct.-Dec. 2025 time period our starting balance was \$4149.96. We deposited \$540 and our only expense (\$112.23) was funeral flowers to honor Col. Talbot's son who died unexpectedly. The EOY balance was \$4577.73. During the Jan.-Feb. 2026 time period, we deposited \$25 and our only expense was \$240 for website fees. The remaining balance was \$4362.73. **A motion was made to accept the reports. Motion passed.**

Col. Krahenbuhl said that we would have much to discuss at today's meeting.

Webmaster Col. Busch requested to give a report. Our web hosting service, Weebly, no longer offers free websites, so we have pay. \$240 was expended for two years' worth of service. He urges colonels to send short write-ups and photos whenever two or more colonels are working on a service project. Our website URL is now [Mo-KyColonels.org](http://Mo-KyColonels.org), Col. Busch said that he paid for some of the website update.

Col. Krahenbuhl then talked about the following.

- We didn't make as much on this year's fundraiser, but we will still award \$1000. The name of the organization was pulled out of a hat and the winner was the Cedar Creek Therapeutic Riding Center (near Columbia, Mo.). Details at <https://www.cedarcreek.missouri.org/>.
- We are to perform two service projects a year. Col. Hunnewell said that we will be again be helping clean up Concordia Cemetery in St. Louis on March 12 and March 14 from 9:00 a.m. to noon (lunch and drinks provided). We discussed purchasing wreaths from Wreaths Across America, an event that happens every December across military cemeteries. **A motion was made to purchase two dozen wreaths for \$408. Motion passed.**
- We discussed a future bourbon raffle. Col. Busch suggested that instead of bourbon that we provide gift cards for liquor store chains (for example, Total Wine). He also suggested that we spend some money on at least one hard-to-find / expensive bottle of bourbon to be put into the mix. We decided that we will again have a bourbon raffle. Tickets will be printed and distributed. Drawing will be this fall. Colonels are urged to donate a bottle (or two!) for the raffle.
- We discussed a membership drive, and Colonels were reminded to nominate worthy people to be a Kentucky Colonel. National will distribute notices for us to all colonels living in Missouri, but will not release contact information. As a state chapter, we are doing very well and other state chapters are requesting advice from us about how they can be as successful.
- We discussed the bylaws and terms of service. **A motion was made to amend the bylaws to make officer terms of service from one-year to three-year. Motion passed.**
- **A motion was made to elect the current officers for another term. Motion passed.**
- We discussed a Derby Day party. It was decided that it is too close to Derby Day to plan something well. It was suggested that we look to an annual spring meeting and Derby Day party for May 1, 2027. Col. Busch suggested that we have it at a state park that has proper facilities.

All business being completed, the meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Signed: Sumner G. Hunnewell, Secretary

NOTE: From the September 17, 2022, minutes: "Yearly memberships were set at \$25. Of this \$10 will be sent to the HOKC. Life memberships were set at \$325. Of this \$200 will be sent to the HOKC. The chapter will retain some monies for their own charitable interests within Missouri."