



The commission of Kentucky Colonel is the highest title of honor bestowed by the Governor of Kentucky. It is recognition of an individual's noteworthy accomplishments and outstanding service to our community, state and nation.

Dear Colonels,

Amidst a mass of emails about your favorite restaurant's new carry-out program or your bank's drive-through only banking, I thought it important to share two messages with our Kentucky Colonels.

1. How the Honorable Order of the Kentucky Colonels is addressing the Coronavirus situation.

Our foremost priority this year will be addressing those in the greatest need.

If 2020 was a normal year, the Grants Committee and all of the Trustees for the Kentucky Colonels would be reviewing nearly 300 grant applications we received in February. We consider each application based on the impact that nonprofit has in their community, in communities across the Commonwealth. The grants are projected to be distributed in June and the Board expects to achieve that target.

However, we are in changing times and the Board will adapt quickly to the changing circumstances. The typical grant review process is now under review and the Board plans to be vigilant in targeting support to Kentucky nonprofits that are and will be most impacted by need. Those details and process are being worked out over the next several weeks with the Grants Committee and then the entire Board of Trustees.

We want you to know that the Board will be good stewards of the resources you have entrusted with the Honorable Order. We recognize that to have the greatest impact, those resources for 2020 need flow through to those most affected by this crisis. Affected by shortages of food pantry staples, affected by a housing crisis or abuse crisis, and those affected by the loss of stability in their family.

While all Kentucky nonprofits are vital in providing and promoting happy, healthy lives among the Commonwealth's citizens, there are nonprofits that touch and transform basic life needs.

2. Be aware of possible scams.

Sadly, in times of crisis like this, there will be fraudulent appeals circulating. It's always safest to make donations through organizations you know and trust.

As always, we thank you for your continued generosity and we look forward to understanding what life will be like on the other side of this broad-reaching health crisis.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hal N. Sullivan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

General Hal N. Sullivan

Commanding General

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