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**Memorial Day**

**Wreath-laying Ceremony**

Boone County Courthouse, Columbia, Missouri

9:00 a.m., Monday, May 30, 2022

**Master of Ceremonies . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . COL Jim Meyer USA (Ret.)**

**National Anthem . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . The Columbia Community Band**

**Invocation. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . ………** **Col Robert Ritter USAF (Ret.)**

**Introduction of Guest Speaker. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .COL Meyer**

**Memorial Day Message.. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . ………..… .…… . Jeff Hoelscher USN**

**Laying of Memorial Wreath… .MAJ Barbara Churchill USA (Ret.) Mid-Missouri Chapter MOAA President**

**Ode and Benediction . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Col Ritter**

**“Amazing Grace”. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .. Gail Fitzgerald, Boone County Fire District Pipes & Drums**

**Military Firearms Salute . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . American Legion Post 202 Honor Guard**

**Taps . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Gordon Fetterly, The Columbia Community Band**

**Military Medley . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . The Columbia Community Band**

**Ode:** *In Flanders Fields*By John McCrae

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow*

*Between the crosses, row on row,*

*That mark our place; and in the sky*

*The larks, still bravely singing, fly.*

*Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the dead. Short days ago*

*We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow*

*Loved, and were loved, and now we lie*

*In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:*

*To you from failing hands we throw*

*The torch; be yours to hold it high.*

*If ye break faith with us who die*

*We shall not sleep, though poppies grow*

*In Flanders fields.*