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OHIO VETERANS UNITED SUPPORTS THE APPOINTMENT OF GULF WAR VET AS THE NEW FRANKLIN COUNTY AUDITOR

GAHANNA, OH – Ohio Veterans United supports the appointment of Gulf War veteran. Clarence Mingo, 37 who was named the new Franklin County auditor. Mingo replaces auditor Joseph Testa, who retired July 31. The county Republicans got to name his successor because Testa is a Republican. He was selected by unanimous vote for the appointment. A letter of recommendation for Mingo from Ohio Veterans United (OVU) was sent to the Franklin County Republican Central Committee prior to the vote.

In part the letter read:

“I wish to recommend, on behalf of **Ohio Veterans United**, Clarence Mingo II for the Position of Franklin County Auditor. Clarence, in addition to his impressive civilian credentials, served with honor and distinction with the United States Army in a combat theater during Desert Storm. He is the embodiment of the motto: duty, honor, county...I am privileged and enthusiastic to have this opportunity to recommend a truly great American and fellow veteran to this important office. I urge you, with complete confidence, to appoint Clarence Mingo II as your Franklin County Auditor.”

The letter was signed on behalf of Ohio Veterans United by Colonel Tom Moe, USAF (Ret.), and honorary chair of OVU. Colonel Moe is a Vietnam War veteran who spent more than five years in a Hanoi prison cell next to then-Navy Lt. Commander McCain and now U.S. Sen. John McCain of Arizona. Moe was Chair of Ohio Veterans for McCain.

“Ohio Veterans United is very proud of our fellow Veteran, Clarence Mingo on his appointment as Franklin County Auditor,” said Steve Guendert, chair of Ohio Veterans United. “We are very appreciative that the Franklin County GOP has continued to uphold the recent tradition of having a Veteran as Franklin County Auditor. Veterans such as Clarence have a tremendous amount to offer Ohioans in terms of virtuous leadership, integrity, professionalism, and service to our fellow Ohioans in the spirit of ‘We the People’.”

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Mingo served in the US Army in Iraq and Kuwait in 1991. He the father of two daughters, and becomes the first black person to hold the Franklin County auditor's office.

“Our mission is to educate citizens on the need to maintain a strong military and to help elect qualified veterans and like-minded non-veterans to office,” continued Guendert. “We support limited government, lower taxes, personal freedom with responsibility, elimination of government waste, responsible spending of taxpayer dollars, free-market enterprise, and the enforcement of Law and Order.”

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