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OHIO VETERANS UNITED ENDORSES J.D. WILLIAMS FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE

YOUNGSTOWN, OH – Feb. 13, 2010 – Ohio Veterans United today announced the endorsement of J.D. Williams for State Representative 65th District. The announcement was made by Col. Thomas Moe, honorary chair and founding member of Ohio Veterans United.

Lt. Colonel Williams is a 29-year Air Force veteran and is a command pilot with over 4,500 hours in the C-130, T- 41 and T-37. He has served as the assistant to the wing commander and as squadron commander of the 757th Airlift Squadron at the Air Reserve Base, located at the Youngstown-Warren Regional Airport in Vienna Township.

His awards and citations include: Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Aerial Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with two oak leaf clusters, Combat Readiness Medal with nine oak leaf clusters, Air Force Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, National Defense Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Southwest Asia Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Humanitarian Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border and three oak leaf clusters, Air Force Longevity Service Ribbon with five oak leaf clusters, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with 2 “M” devices and two oak leaf clusters, NATO Medal, and the Kuwait Liberation Medal.

He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration in 1985 from The Ohio State University. Currently Williams is a commercial pilot flying United Airlines. He is a member of the Reserve Officers Association, the Airlift/Tankers Association and a life member of AmVets Post 44.

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Making the announcement was Col. Moe, a retired United States Air Force pilot who fought in Vietnam and spent five years in captivity as a POW. Some of that time was spent at with John McCain.

“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,” says Harry Prestanski, vice chair of Ohio Veterans United. “We are strong advocates of legislation that fully supports our troops, military families and Veterans and we work to ensure that every military absentee ballot is counted in every election.”

Ohio Veterans United is a voluntary unincorporated, non-profit organization, which is registered as a Political Action Committee with the state of Ohio Election Law Enforcement Commission. It is operated as a federal non-connected, multi-candidate political committee, as defined by the publication "Campaign Guide for Non-connected Committees" of the Federal Election Commission.

For more information go to www.ohioveteransunited.org or contact: Ohio Veterans United, 6896 Windwood Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45241 or call 513-207-5101.

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