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OHIO VETERANS UNITED ENDORSES JACK SMITH FOR US CONGRESS

TOLEDO, OH – April 6, 2010 – Ohio Veterans United today announced the endorsement of Jack Smith for U. S. Congress 9th Congressional District of Ohio. The announcement was made by Col. Thomas Moe, honorary chair and founding member of Ohio Veterans United.

“Following a thorough review of candidates’ backgrounds, experiences, and positions on issues, especially concerning Veteran’s issues, we believe that Jack Smith shares our core values, including being a staunch and effective supporter of Veterans,” says Moe.

Jack Smith, from Holland, OH is a 22 year military veteran. He graduated from Waite High School in Toledo in 1966 and in May 1966 enlisted in the US Marine Corps. In February 1968 Corporal Smith deployed with the 27th Marine Regiment to the Republic of South Vietnam. Corporal Smith had a MOS 2533 as a Radio Operator with the 2nd Battalion and was involved in combat operations in the Da Nang, Hoi An, and An Hoa area. He was discharged in August 1970 from active duty.

In 1979, following the US Embassy takeover in Iran, S/Sgt Smith reenlisted in the US Marine Corps Reserve. In October 1982 he was promoted to Chief Warrant Officer 1. In December 1990 CWO2 Smith was recalled to active duty with the 24th Marine Regiment for Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm. His awards for combat service are the Combat Action Ribbon, two Presidential Unit Citations, the Joint Meritorious Unit Citation, two Naval Unit Citations, 2 Meritorious Unit Citations, and multiple campaign service medals. In June 1997, Chief Warrant Officer 4 retired from the US Marine Corps Reserves.

In March 1973 Jack Smith was selected as a candidate for the Toledo Police Academy. Smith proudly served the citizens of Toledo for 33 ½ years, rising to the rank of Chief of Police in 2006. Chief Smith was awarded the Medal of Valor, the Meritorious Service Medal, the

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Professional Service Medal. Additionally, Chief Smith is a two time recipient of the Lucas County Safety Council Heroism Award. Chief Smith is a member of the American Legion, the VFW, and the Toledo Police Retirees Association.

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 the Hanoi Hilton, where Col. Moe got to know U.S. Senator John McCain. In 2008, Col. Moe campaigned for Sen. McCain during his run for U.S. President

“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, executive director and founding member 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.

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