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OHIO VETERANS UNITED ENDORSES JOSH MANDEL FOR TREASURER

COLUMBUS, OH – July 26, 2010 – Ohio Veterans United today announced the endorsement of Josh Mandel for Treasurer of the State of Ohio. The announcement was made by Col. Thomas Moe, honorary chair and founding member of Ohio Veterans United. “Following a thorough review of the candidates’ backgrounds, experiences, and positions on issues, especially concerning Veteran’s issues, we believe that Josh Mandel shares our core values, including being a staunch and effective supporter of veterans,” says Moe.

“Josh, you have served honorably for eight years as a member of the United States Marine Corps Reserves,” said Moe. “Shortly after graduating from The Ohio State University, you shipped off to Parris Island where you graduated first in your class from Marine Corps Boot Camp, then went on to graduate first in your class from Marine Corps Intelligence School. You enlisted as a Marine Reservist and served in the Reserves while earning your law degree at Case Western Reserve Law School. You were first called to serve in Iraq as an Intelligence Specialist in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves in 2004. In 2007, you answered the call to serve another tour in Iraq. During both Iraq tours, you operated throughout the Al Anbar Province and were awarded the Navy & Marine Corps Achievement Medal for superior performance of duties.”

Mandel currently serves as State Representative 17th Ohio House District. He is a member of the VFW and active with Operation Homefront, a non-profit organization dedicated towards serving the needs of veterans and their families.

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.

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“Our mission is to educate citizens on the need to maintain a strong national defense 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 supports limited government, lower taxes, personal freedom with responsibility, elimination of government waste, and the responsible spending of taxpayer dollars.”

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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