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OHIO VETERANS UNITED ENDORSES ROB PORTMAN FOR US SENATE

COLUMBUS, OH – March 22, 2010 – Ohio Veterans United today announced the endorsement of Rob Portman for U. S. Senate. 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 Rob Portman shares our core values, including being a staunch and effective supporter of Veterans,” says Moe.

“During his 12-years in Congress, Rob Portman showed strong support for our military and was a strong advocate for Defense Authorization spending and subsequent Defense Appropriations bills,” continued Moe. “He understands the sacrifice American servicemen and women make for their country and their families and provided an increase in basic military and civilian pay while serving as Director of Management and Budget. And as a member of Congress and Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), he worked hard to increase and protect funding for Veteran’s Benefits. From cost of living increases, to education benefits, or job training and housing assistance, Rob Portman has worked tirelessly for the men and women that wear our Nation’s uniform.”

While the Director of OMB, Portman expanded the Department of Veterans’ Affairs ability to provide mental health care and prosthetics to Veterans returning from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and also his efforts at OMB reduced the backlog of Veterans waiting for a disability determination and subsequent disability compensation payments.

Portman also supported Wright Patterson throughout his Congressional career working hard throughout his time in Congress and the Cabinet to defend Wright Patterson Air Force Base from BRAC closures, ensuring that Ohio remains the home to the Air Force Research

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Laboratory and a \$2.2 billion budget for basic research, as well as the largest concentration of PhDs in the entire country. Wright Patterson is now also home to the Aeronautical Systems Center, the National Air and Space Intelligence Center, and serves as the National Headquarters for the Air Force Material Command.

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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