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OHIO VETERANS UNITED ENDORSES STEVE STIVERS FOR US CONGRESS

COLUMBUS, OH – July 20, 2010 – Ohio Veterans United today announced the endorsement of Steve Stivers for U. S. Congress 15th 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 the candidates’ backgrounds, experiences, and positions on issues, especially concerning Veteran’s issues, we believe that Steve Stivers shares our core values, including being a staunch and effective supporter of veterans,” says Moe.

“Lt. Col. Stivers has served honorably for more than 25 years as a member of the US Army National Guard,” said Moe. “After joining the Army National Guard he graduated from Officer Candidate School and was promoted and served honorably commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant. In September 2004 after becoming Battalion Commander of the 237th Personnel Service Battalion his command was called to active duty to support Operation Iraqi Freedom. Although he was a sitting Ohio State Senator (2003-2008) at the time his battalion was activated, and under Ohio law, legislators are entitled to a deferment, Lt. Col. Stivers didn't consider asking for a deferment. Instead he served in Kuwait, Iraq, Qatar, and Djibouti and was awarded a Bronze Star Medal for his accomplishments.”

Recently Stivers was selected for the Army War College Distance Learning Course.

Lt. Col. Stivers holds an MBA from Ohio State University and continues to serve in the Ohio Army National Guard; he is currently the Deputy Commander of the 371st Sustainment Brigade in Kettering, Ohio.

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.

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