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OHIO VETERANS UNITED ENDORSES DICK STOBBS FOR US REPRESENTATIVE 6TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

COLUMBUS, OH – Mar. 10, 2010 – Ohio Veterans United today announced the endorsement of Richard “Dick” Stobbs for U. S. Representative, 6th District of Ohio. The announcement was made by Col. Thomas Moe, honorary chair and founding member of Ohio Veterans United.

Stobbs is a U.S. Army Vietnam veteran serving with the 11th Armored Cavalry (Blackhorse) Regiment. He served on the First Squadron Commander’s staff as an administrative clerk and machine gunner, also on the Regimental Commander’s staff as a combat correspondent. He received an honorable discharge and several awards and decorations, including: The National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Army Commendation Medal for Achievement, the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star.

Stobbs is a member of Martins Ferry American Legion Post 38, and a life member of the AMVETS Youngstown Post 44, Bellaire Disabled Veterans Post 117, Colerain VFW Post 8848, MOPH Chapter 625, The Blackhorse Association and the 11th Armored Cavalry Veterans of Vietnam and Cambodia. A member of Ohio Veterans United, Stobbs is 1st Vice Chair and also serves as Chair of the Endorsement Committee and 6th Congressional District Chair. He has served as chairman of the Gold Star Family Committee and through GFC’s lobbying efforts helped pass SB25 in Ohio, giving license plates to family members of Fallen Warriors

From Belmont County, Stobbs has over 30 years of public service, including sheriff of Belmont County from 1981 through 1985. He also has 11 years in federal service, including three years as a criminal justice specialist with the U.S. Department of Justice. He is a Life Member of the NRA and has received their “A” Rating

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He has been active in numerous civic organizations over the years including 4-H Junior Leaders, Jaycees, Rotary and Lansing Sportsmen's Club. He has served as Co-treasurer of the Law Enforcement Training Fund for the U. S. Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio and is currently active with the Belmont County Farm Bureau. Stobbs earned an Associate's in law enforcement from Jefferson Community College along with a Bachelor's of Business Administration from Ohio University and a Master's of Science Administration from Central Michigan University.

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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