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### **OHIO VETERANS JOIN TOGETHER TO FIGHT FOR CANDIDATES WHO SUPPORT OUR MILITARY**

**GAHANNA, OH – July 4, 2009 --** A new Ohio veterans' organization has been announced today that is a qualified non-partisan political action committee. "Ohio Veterans United supports a strong military and has a goal of defending traditional American Values," says Steve Guendert, chair of the newly formed organization. "We strongly support the fundamental principal that we are truly one nation under God, indivisible, with life, liberty and justice for all.

"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," continued Guendert. "We support limited government, lower taxes, personal freedom with responsibility, elimination of government waste, responsible spending of taxpayer dollars, free-market enterprise, and the enforcement of Law and Order."

Other officers of Ohio Veterans United are: Tom Moe, chair emeritus; Harry Prestanski, vice chair; Rene deVillers, treasurer; Pete LuPiba, public relations chair; Jim Crane, volunteer membership chair; and Dick Stobbs, candidate endorsement chair. There are Congressional District and County Chairs that will work with volunteers of Ohio Veterans United to support candidates and legislation important to the organization.

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 shall be 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 [www.ohioveteransunited.org](http://www.ohioveteransunited.org) or contact: Steve Guendert, Ohio Veterans United, 214 McKenna Creek Dr, Gahanna, OH 43230 or call 614-397-2322.

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## **Goals of Ohio Veterans United include:**

- **Elect Veterans to public office – regardless of party.**
- **Encourage donations to endorsed candidates through constant and proactive actions that highlight our candidates.**
- **Support our endorsed candidates in the media.**
- **Oppose public officials who have failed our troops, Veterans, and nation on matters regarding National Defense.**
- **Build an organization to fight for Veterans now and in the future.**
- **Be a strong advocate for legislation that fully supports our troops, military families, Gold Star Families and Veterans.**
- **Work to ensure that every military ballot is counted in every election.**
- **Encourage all veterans and their families to register and vote.**
- **Broaden our communications through regional television and printed materials and use new technologies and social media to reach a broader grassroots audience.**



## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT CHAIRS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> CD - Eric Minamyer**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> CD – Bill Rapp**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> CD – Jim Butler**
- 6<sup>th</sup> CD – Dick Stobbs**
- 7<sup>th</sup> CD - Ed Laramie / Ed Mechenbier**
- 8<sup>th</sup> CD – Jim Crane**
- 9<sup>th</sup> CD – Jim Seney**
- 10<sup>th</sup> CD – Mike Dovilla**
- 11<sup>th</sup> CD – Kevin Flynn**
- 12<sup>th</sup> CD – Brian Hoyt**
- 13<sup>th</sup> CD – Norm Beznoska**
- 14<sup>th</sup> CD – Adrian Rule**
- 15<sup>th</sup> CD – Ryan Holdren**
- 16<sup>th</sup> CD – Dan Meeks**
- 17<sup>th</sup> CD – Thomas Ratcliff**
- 18<sup>th</sup> CD – Fred Dailey**

## **COUNTY CHAIRS**

- Champaign – Dan Cecil**
- Delaware – Aimee Anderton**
- Delaware – Roger Steele**
- Franklin – Geoffrey Boyd**
- Cuyahoga – Dianah Kwiatowski**
- Belmont – Floyd Simpson**
- Miami – Larry Lewis**
- Greene – Jay Tieber**
- Montgomery – Dick Hartman**
- Stark – Chris George**
- Summit – Mike Smith**
- Lorain – Josephus Vandengoorbergh / George Smith**
- Allen – Ben Diepenbrock**
- Lucas – Tom Morgan**
- Athens – Richard Mottl**
- Washington – Larry Mincks**
- Butler – Pete Wiggers / Dennis Lee**
- Prebble – Charles Pennington**
- Hamilton – Bob Saul**