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## **OHIO VETERANS UNITED ENDORSES RICHARD L. LOHNES FOR CLARK COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**CINCINNATI – Oct. 1, 2010** – Ohio Veterans United today announced the endorsement of Richard L. Lohnes for Clark County Commissioner. 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, we believe that Richard L. Lohnes shares our core values, including being a staunch and effective supporter of veterans,” says Moe. “Veterans such as Rick Lohnes have a tremendous amount to offer in terms of virtuous leadership, integrity, professionalism, and service. Ohio Veterans United firmly stands behind your candidacy.”

Col. Rick Lohnes served honorably for 34 years as a member of the US Air Force and Ohio Air National Guard including 10 years with the 178th Fighter Wing from line pilot to wing commander where he managed over 1,200 personnel and a \$94 Million budget with no deficits. Col. Lohnes flew combat missions over Iraq in 1996 and 1997 and has over 5,000 hours in the F-100, A-10 and F-16. His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Air Force Meritorious Service medal, Air Medal, Air Commendation Medal, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal and the Ohio Faithful Service Ribbon with three Oak Leaf Clusters.

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 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

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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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