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OHIO VETERANS UNITED ENDORSES RANDY MORRIS FOR MAYOR OF ATHENS

CINCINNATI – August 4, 2011 – Ohio Veterans United today announced the endorsement of Randy Morris for mayor of Athens, Ohio. The announcement was made by Harry Prestanski, executive director and founding member of Ohio Veterans United. “Following a thorough review of the candidates’ backgrounds, experiences, and positions on issues, we believe that Randy Morris shares our core values, including being a staunch and effective supporter of veterans,” says Prestanski. “He has shown a dedication to service and commitment to state and community.”

Colonel Morris retired in October 2005 as professor of aerospace studies and commander, Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps Detachment 085, University of California, Berkeley. From August 1994 to June 1997, Morris was professor of aerospace studies and commander, AFROTC Detachment 650, Ohio University, Athens. A distinguished graduate of AFROTC he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in June 1975, and is a command pilot with over 4,100 hours in the C-5 and T-38. His awards and citations include: Legion of Merit; Defense Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster; Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters; Air Force Commendation Medal; Joint Service Commendation Medal; Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal; Southwest Asia Service Medal and the Kuwait Liberation Medal.

The colonel earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in physics in 1975 from Capital University, Bexley, Ohio and a Master of Arts degree in management and supervision in 1985 from Central Michigan University, Point Pleasant, Mich. Currently Morris is Director of Member Services of the National Business Incubation Association. He is a member of the Air Force Association, AmVets, American Legion Post 21 (Athens) and is former president of the Athens Civitan Club. He is also chair of the Athens City Commission on Disabilities.

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“Veterans such as Randy Morris have a tremendous amount to offer in terms of virtuous leadership, integrity, professionalism, and service,” said Prestanski. “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. 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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