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## **OHIO VETERANS UNITED ENDORSES WES RETHERFORD FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE**

**CINCINNATI – January 20, 2012** – Ohio Veterans United today announced the endorsement of Wes Retherford in the race for state representative in the Ohio 51<sup>st</sup> District. The announcement was made by Harry Prestanski, executive director and founding member of Ohio Veterans United. “Following a thorough review of the candidate’s background, experience, and positions on issues, we believe that Retherford shares our core values, including being staunch and effective supporters of our military and our Veterans,” says Prestanski.

Retherford graduated from Talawanda High School, Oxford, Ohio in 2002. After High School, he volunteered to serve in the United States Marine Corps. He was stationed at Fort Bliss providing support for USMC Joint Task Force where he served until receiving a medical discharge from injuries received during a training accident. "I come from a family that is rich with veterans and places services to country higher than just about anything," says Retherford.

“As a proud veteran of the Marines, I have always had a great concern for the men and women of our Armed Services, both past and present. One of my key issues has always been the veteran community. I am deeply appreciative of the trust that Ohio Veteran's United has placed in my candidacy and in me, and am honored to receive their endorsement. If the people of my district honor me with their vote in November, then the OVU and veteran's all across Ohio will not have a better friend and ally in Columbus than me. Thank You."

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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“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 Prestanski. “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.”

For more information go to [www.ohioveteransunited.org](http://www.ohioveteransunited.org) or contact: Ohio Veterans United, 6896 Windwood Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45241 or call 513-207-5101.

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