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**Governor-elect Kasich Appoints Colonel Tom Moe Director  
of the Ohio Department of Veterans Services**

NEWARK – Today Governor-elect John Kasich appointed Colonel Tom Moe (USAF retired) Director of the Ohio Department of Veterans Services.

An Air Force ROTC graduate from Capital University in 1965, Col. Moe was assigned combat duty in Danang, Vietnam in 1967. After 85 combat missions including 60 over North Vietnam, in 1968, Col. Moe's F-4 Phantom was forced down behind enemy lines. He was ultimately captured and held as a prisoner of war for five years until his release in 1973. In 1996, Col. Moe detailed his time as a POW for *Notre Dame Magazine* which can be read here: <http://magazine.nd.edu/news/13873-pure-torture/>.

After 30 years of military service that resulted in 24 awards and decorations, Col. Moe retired from the Air Force in 1995, and he has since remained immersed in veterans' issues and organizations. He recently served as director of the Fairfield County Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security and was inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame by Governor Ted Strickland in 2009.

Kasich announced the appointment at a press conference in Col. Moe's hometown of Lancaster in Fairfield County. Colonel Moe is the sixth agency director appointed by Kasich since being elected governor on November 2.

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