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KASICH NAMES COL. CHIP TANSILL TO LEAD DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS SERVICES

COLUMBUS – Today Gov. John R. Kasich announced Col. Chip Tansill (U.S. Army, retired) will lead the Ohio Department of Veteran Services beginning today. Tansill served as executive director of the Franklin County Veterans Services Commission and replaces Col. Tim Gorrell, who recently stepped down as director.

“We are grateful to our veterans for their service and the more we work to improve opportunities for them, the stronger our state becomes,” said Kasich. “I’m grateful to Col. Tansill for taking on this important new challenge and value Col. Gorrell’s service and passionate advocacy for those who have served our country. We look forward to continued work with Col. Gorrell to serve our state.”

Tansill began his military career in 1982 when he joined the United States Army Reserve. Tansill was deployed to the Persian Gulf in 1990. In 2011, he was named chief of staff for the Ohio National Guard. His awards and decorations include Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal with five oak leaf clusters, and the Army Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters. Tansill retired from military service earlier this year.

Tansill received a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice from Fairmont State College. He holds master’s degrees from Trident University and the U.S. Army War College.

The Ohio Department of Veterans Services works to actively identify, connect with, and advocate for veterans and their families. Ohio law gives the department the responsibility to partner with county veteran service commissions and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, in order to “serve those who have served.”

