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### **Statement of ODVS Director Tom Moe on Loss of Ohio National Guard Soldiers**

We've been saddened to learn this week of the loss in action of three Ohio National Guard members, including Ohio Department of Veterans Services Chief Legal Counsel Sgt. First Class Shawn Hannon. My deepest personal sympathies, and those of everyone in our department, go out to their families. We join all of Ohio in mourning the loss of these brave soldiers who chose to serve our country, no matter what the risks. We feel the loss of our friend, Shawn Hannon. He was a gifted attorney who was an unfailing advocate for better treatment of veterans in our court system. He was also a great man who served his country proudly, and even refused a promotion to stay with his unit. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Jamie, and his infant son, Evan. Our hearts go out to all of the families who are suffering this terrible loss.

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