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Ohio Department of Public Safety to Host Military Service Ceremony

WHO: Justice Evelyn Lundberg Stratton, Supreme Court of Ohio
Thomas P. Charles, Director, Ohio Department of Public Safety
Karhlton Moore, Executive Director, Office of Criminal Justice Services
Duke Hobson, Chairman, ODPS Military Committee
Dennis Tomcik, U.S. Army, ret., Ohio Emergency Management Agency
Various representatives from state agencies and military personnel

WHEN: Wednesday, November 9, 2011 at **10:00 a.m.**

WHERE: The Ohio Department of Transportation
1980 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio
Auditorium (Lower Level)

WHY: In honor of Veterans Day, the Ohio Department of Public Safety (ODPS) will present one of its employees with the 2011 Military Service Award. Dennis Tomcik is a highly-decorated Vietnam War Veteran and responsible for establishing the ODPS Military Committee that won a national award for its efforts.

During the ceremony, an 11-minute trailer of a forthcoming documentary, "Operation Resurrection," produced by Dr. Chrisanne Gordon (of central Ohio) and Ray "Boom Boom" Mancini of Youngstown, will be shown. The film explains the plight of veterans returning from war, and the impact of PTSD and traumatic brain injuries. The film features veterans who benefitted from veterans courts. Dr. Gordon, a longtime local physician, volunteered with the Columbus VA hospital in 2008 after a friend's nephew was killed in the Middle East. She was deeply moved and has become increasingly involved in advocating for veterans.

Justice Stratton and Executive Director Moore will present grant funding to two veterans courts - one in Mansfield and one in Youngstown - to support their efforts and encourage other courts to consider establishing veterans' courts.

To view the movie trailer, log onto:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tsoncnu-E8>