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DAYTON ‐ Ohio Treasurer Josh Mandel's office sponsored the Veterans Smart Money Choices financial literacy workshop on Friday at Wright State University in Dayton as part of a statewide initiative to provide financial resources to Ohio's veterans, service members and their families. This free financial literacy workshop was offered in partnership with Wright State University and their Veteran and Military Center and is part of Treasurer Mandel's effort to help improve awareness of programs and resources available to veterans and their families.

"As an Iraq War veteran, I know that a strong support system can have a positive impact when veterans return home," said Treasurer Mandel. "Unfortunately, many service men and women are unaware of the programs and resources available to them to help ease their transition into civilian life. I want to make sure that our nation's veterans are provided with knowledge and access to resources that will help empower them to continue serving our country in their communities across Ohio."

"Financial literacy is an issue for all students in college," said Seth Gordon, Director of the Veteran and Military Center at Wright State University. "For veterans it can be more complicated because it's about a change in lifestyle ‐ from being a full-time employee to a full-time student. Ohio Treasurer Josh Mandel's office is on the forefront of creating a solution. They are a natural partner in this proactive endeavor and we are fortunate to be working with them."

The Veterans Smart Money Choices Workshop is a free financial planning seminar for all of Ohio's veterans, service members and their families. Key topics in the series include local benefits and financial assistance, budgeting, credit and debt management, investments, and identity theft and fraud prevention. Additional topics covered include homeownership, retirement and estate planning, and Social Security.

The event also included presentations and attendance from the U.S. Social Security Administration, Ohio Attorney General's office, Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, the Dayton VA Medical Center, the Small Business Administration, the Small Business Development Center, Ohio Mental Health and Addiction, and Ohio Tuition Trust Authority.

For more information on financial literacy resources offered by the Ohio Treasurer's office, please call 1-800-228-1102 or visit www.ohiotreasurer.gov.

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