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Governor Jan Brewer Announces Director of the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services

PHOENIX – Governor Jan Brewer today named Janson “Ted” Vogt as the new Director of the Arizona Department of Veterans’ Services (AZDVS).

“Ted’s military background and management experience make him uniquely-qualified for this position,” said Governor Brewer. “As a veteran in his own right, Ted is a passionate advocate for our nation’s military men, women and families. He understands their needs, but he also recognizes their value to our state and our communities. I’m confident Ted will be a tremendous asset to the Department and a strong voice for Arizona veterans.”

Mr. Vogt is a veteran of the United States Air Force, where he worked as an intelligence officer and commanded a 26-person unit responsible for providing counter-terrorism and threat information. While with the Air Force, Mr. Vogt served in Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom, and throughout the greater Middle East as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom. His duties within the Air Force included: Intelligence Briefer for the Secretary and Chief of Staff for the Air Force (The Pentagon – 2006); Acting Flight Commander, 35th Operations Support Squadron (Misawa Air Base, Japan – 2004-’06); Horned Owl Liaison Officer, Combined Air Operations Center (Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar – 2004-’05); and Intel Battle Captain, Combined Joint Task Force-180 (Bagram, Afghanistan – 2002-’03).

On a civilian basis, Mr. Vogt has been an Associate Attorney at the Law Offices of Gerald K. Smith and John C. Smith, PLLC, since 2010. Earlier, he was an advertising account executive with Leo Burnett Company, Inc., in Chicago, Illinois (1998-’99); an executive assistant for former Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld (1997; 1999-2000), and served as a mergers and acquisitions analyst for Broadview Associates, L.P., in Fort Lee, New Jersey (1995-’96).

Mr. Vogt has extensive public policy and legislative experience as an elected member of the Arizona House of Representatives (2010-’13). As a legislator, he was a strong supporter of veterans’ issues, and sponsored legislation that granted automatic in-state tuition at Arizona’s public universities and community colleges to honorably-discharged veterans.

Mr. Vogt earned a law degree from the University of Arizona’s James E. Rogers College of Law (2010). He graduated from Yale University with a bachelor’s in History (1995).

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