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**ALLIANCE FOR MILITARY AND OVERSEAS VOTING RIGHTS (AMOVR)  
CIRCULATES SURVEY ON MILITARY AND ABSENTEE VOTER EXPERIENCES**

The Alliance for Military and Overseas Voting Rights (AMOVR) released two surveys today to gather responses from US military members and their families and overseas civilians on their experiences with the absentee voting process. The surveys were developed by an Alliance committee that focuses on military families, with the assistance of the Pew Center on the States. The military family and overseas civilian surveys are located online at [http://tiny.cc/AMOVR\\_Military](http://tiny.cc/AMOVR_Military) and [http://tiny.cc/AMOVR\\_Overseas](http://tiny.cc/AMOVR_Overseas), respectively. Links to the surveys will also be available online at <http://www.amovr.org> once the site is completed.

AMOVR is a coalition of over 30 military associations, non-profit organizations, elected officials and advocacy groups dedicated to ensuring that Americans abroad have an equal right and opportunity to vote. From its founding, the Alliance has worked to advance the following principles:

- Military and overseas voters must be provided adequate time to receive, complete, and return their absentee ballots;
- States should adopt standardized procedures for registering Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) voters, delivering blank ballots to them and receiving the cast ballots from them;
- Congress and the states should expand and accelerate research and pilot projects to find technological solutions that provide a secure, efficient and convenient means for military and overseas voters to cast their ballots; and
- The election system should serve both military and overseas civilians.

The data gathered from this survey will assist AMOVR in its efforts to assist military and overseas families in the voting process; the goal is to standardize periods in which to request, receive, complete and return absentee ballots; methods to register overseas voters; and the use of technology in ballot casting.

Various problems with the existing military and absentee voting process have been discussed and debated for years with few revisions in the system that still relies on outmoded technology to request and deliver absentee ballots. AMOVR supports efforts to reform this system for Americans civilians and members of the military alike and advocates changing inconsistent state and federal laws to facilitate improvements.

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AMOVR supports the Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment (MOVE) Act that has been incorporated into the National Defense Authorization Act as an amendment; the Alliance is taking steps within the government channels to encourage state and federal representatives to pass this legislation.

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