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### **VIRGINIA RECOGNIZED BY NATIONAL MILITARY VOTER PROTECTION PROJECT AS ALL-STAR STATE**

*Virginia recognized for extraordinary efforts to protect the voting rights of service members and their families*

Virginia was recognized as an All-Star state today by the [Military Voter Protection \(MVP\) Project](#) for taking significant efforts to promote and protect the voting rights of America's military service members and their families.

"These states are led by a tremendous group of state and local election officials who have made military voters a priority in elections," said Eric Eversole, founder and executive director of the Military Voter Protection Project.

In analyzing these states, the MVP Project looked at a number of factors, including:

- The state's efforts to work with and reach out to local military installations and National Guard units on a proactive basis to provide on-base voter assistance;
- Its use of electronic and web-based services to send election materials;
- Its willingness to create specialized communications to military voters either through public service announcements or web-based announcements;
- The state's legislative efforts to eliminate barriers to military voter participation; and
- Its track record of making sure that absentee military ballots are sent out no later than 45-days before the election and, when they are not, a high degree of accountability to resolve any violations.

Virginia was recognized as an All-Star state by the Military Voter Protection Project, in addition to: Alaska, Colorado, Florida, Indiana, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nevada, North Carolina, Ohio, Texas, Utah, Washington and West Virginia.

For more information about the Military Voter Protection Project's Heroes Vote Initiative or to view details about the MVP Project All-Star states, please visit <http://www.herosvote.org/>.

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