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Association Elected to Lead New Alliance on Military and Overseas Voting Rights

SPRINGFIELD, VIRGINIA (2/5/09) – Rick Jones, Legislative Director of the National Association for Uniformed Services® (NAUS), was elected co-Chairman of the newly formed Alliance for Military and Overseas Voting Rights. The Alliance, composed of several military and veterans organizations like NAUS, formed to ensure that our military men and women, most of whom are stationed outside their home States including hundreds of thousands deployed overseas, are afforded their right to vote, and to ensure their votes are counted.

“Complaints and problems surrounding the absentee votes of our servicemembers during the 2008 elections raised new concerns about the rights of America’s Warriors to exercise the freedoms they are pledged to protect,” said Jones. “Military voters must have the information, time and assistance necessary to complete and return absentee ballots – and they must be counted,” he added.

Among Alliance goals is State adoption of standardized procedures for registering military and overseas voters and for counting their cast ballots. The Alliance is also asking Congress and the States to expand programs to find secure and convenient technological solutions that will aid military and overseas absentee voters. In addition, the Alliance is seeking congressional hearings concerning reform of the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act. The Pew Research Center, an Alliance member, will be analyzing the State and Federal legislative environments for such reform this spring.

For more information about the Alliance for Military and Overseas Voting Rights, please contact NAUS Legislative Director Rick Jones at rjones@naus.org or 703-750-1342.

NAUS is a nonprofit, non-partisan association dedicated to protecting the interests of - and benefits earned by - members of the uniformed services for themselves, their families and survivors. NAUS provides administrative support to the Society of Military Widows. For more information please contact Steve Hein, Director of Marketing, at 703-750-1342, x1009, or at shein@naus.org, or visit the Association’s web site at www.naus.org.

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