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Becky Bowman Earns NAR's Military Relocation Professional Certification Military Personnel and Veterans Benefit from REALTOR® Expertise in Military Benefits, the Relocation Process, and Support

Birmingham, AL, December 2015 —Becky Bowman with RealtySouth has earned the nationally recognized Military Relocation Professional (MRP) Certification. The National Association of REALTORS[®] confers the MRP certification to REALTORS[®] who want to help military personnel and veterans find housing solutions that best meet their needs and allow them to take full advantage of their military benefits.

When military staff and their families relocate, the services of a real estate professional who understands their needs and timetables can make the transfer easier, faster and less stressful. REALTORS[®] who earn this certification know to work with active duty military buyers and sellers, as well as veterans.

"Homeownership is an important part of the fabric of America, and having a stable home environment is vital when men and women of the military are called away to serve their country. Working with a REALTOR[®] who understands specific needs and timetables related to military service will help make their transfers easier, faster and less stressful," said NAR President <u>Gary Thomas</u>, broker-owner of Evergreen Realty, in Villa Park, Calif. "The Military Relocation Professional certification will help REALTORS[®] hone their knowledge and skills for working with veterans and active duty military buyers and sellers to ensure that homeownership remains affordable and accessible to them."

The certification provides NAR's members with resources to accommodate current and former military service members at any stage of their military career, and is an approved elective for NAR's Accredited Buyers Representative (ABR[®]) designation. To earn the MRP certification, REALTORS[®] are required to be in good standing with NAR; complete a one-day MRP certification core course; complete a pre-class readings to learn military background information and better understand important acronyms and military culture; and complete two webinars. For more information about the MRP certification, visit <u>http://www.militaryrelocationpro.org</u>

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