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## **Army Veteran Yinka Faleti Files Candidacy for Secretary of State**

(Jefferson City)...On February 25th, Yinka Faleti filed his candidacy for Missouri Secretary of State as a Democrat. Yinka served in the United States Army, deploying to Kuwait after September 11 in response to the attack on our country. He served on active duty for over six years before transitioning to civilian life and studying at Washington University in St. Louis School of Law.

“I have always been moved to serve. From the military to my time at United Way of Greater St. Louis to my candidacy for Missouri Secretary of State, I have consistently looked for the next opportunity to give back to the country that has given me so much,” said Faleti. “I would be honored to serve the people of Missouri to ensure that their voices are heard and the democracy my fellow soldiers and I fought so hard for is preserved and strengthened.”

Faleti immigrated to the U.S. in 1983 at the age of seven, becoming a United States citizen as a youth. After graduating from the Texas Academy of Math and Science, he earned an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point, graduating in 1998. He then served over six years in the active duty U.S. Army. He transitioned from the Army to attend law school at Washington University in St. Louis. After graduating from law school in 2007, he worked at Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner as a litigation attorney in their St. Louis office. He subsequently sought a return to public service as a state prosecutor, helping victims of crime. In 2013, he joined United Way of Greater St. Louis, where he led the fundraising and volunteer engagement division to raise \$300 million to help the people of the region. Subsequently, he led as Executive Director of the nonprofit, Forward Through Ferguson, where he worked until launching his campaign.

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*Yinka Faleti is a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, a U.S. Army veteran, and the Democratic Nominee for Missouri Secretary of State. Learn more at [www.yinkafaleti.com](http://www.yinkafaleti.com).*