

ELECTION OFFICIAL NEWS

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USPS, DOD providing Special Handling for Military Ballots

The Department of Defense and United States Postal Service collaboration to provide expedited service for overseas military absentee ballots began September 1 and runs through November 25, 2008. This ensures that all postal personnel quickly and expeditiously process and transport outbound and returning ballots with APO and FPO addresses.

The pick-up and delivery of absentee ballots to overseas military personnel is also being expedited by the United States Postal Service through November 3, 2008. To further accelerate the process, you are encouraged to separate APO and FPO destined ballots by their respective International Service Center military gateways:

- ◇ AE 090-099 (New York)
- ◇ AA 340 (Miami)
- ◇ AP 962-966 (San Francisco)

Absentee balloting materials will be specifically identified in the postal network with special absentee ballot trays, tape and tags.

Additionally, from October 29 through November 4, ballots entered into the military postal system will be sent via Express Mail

Service to the local election office. This will save valuable transit time which is especially beneficial in the week leading up to election day.

For more details on APO/FPO Special Procedures for the voting season and for facing slips to identify your separated bundles of ballots, please visit the USPS website: www.usps.com/electionmail/absentee.htm or contact your local post office.

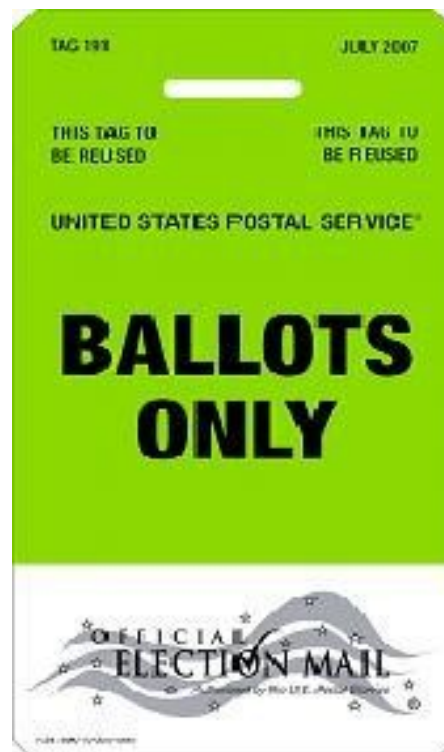
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To find out more on mailing out election materials to military and overseas citizens:

Go to fvap.gov!



Reminder: Updating Military Addresses

Still getting ballots or other voting materials back as undeliverable? Need updated addresses for military voters in your jurisdiction? Please remember that the FVAP can look up active duty military members' addresses for you as long as we are provided enough information (see below). Remember, we can *only* provide available and releasable information. We do not have access to information on addresses for overseas citizens and voters who are dependents of military personnel.

If you would like to send a request for assistance in finding updated military addresses, please fax your request to (703) 696-1352 or email us at vote@fvap.ncr.gov.

Be sure to do the following when submitting your request:

- ◆ Remember to prominently display your name, your county or municipality, and your return fax number on your request.
- ◆ Request information only for active duty military voters; we cannot provide information on dependents of military voters or voters who are not members of the military.
- ◆ Include the following information for all citizens for whom you need updated information:
 - ◇ The citizen's full name
 - ◇ The citizen's Date of Birth OR full Social Security Number (SSN).

Please Note: We cannot search the database using only the last four digits of the SSN.

- ◆ To ensure timely processing and responses, send your requests *only* to the fax number or email address listed above. We are not able to accept these requests through the Electronic Transmission Service (ETS).

Following these simple guidelines will allow for a streamlined process in which we can quickly provide you with updated address for these military voters.

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