

2010 Results and 2012 Preparedness

**Joint Election Officials Liaison Committee
January 6, 2012**

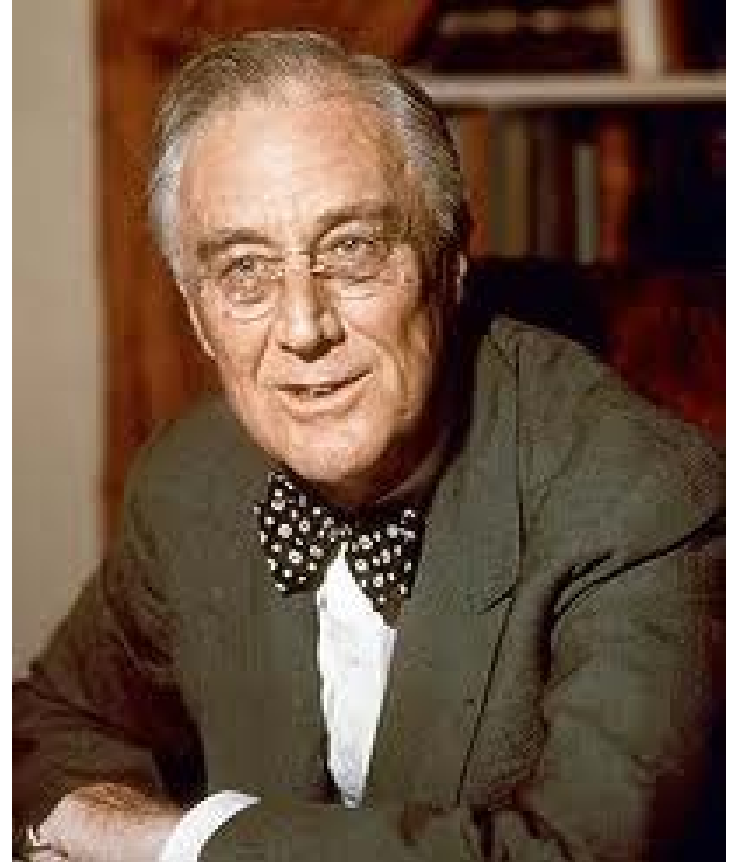
Today's Discussion

- **What FVAP is asking:**
 - **Uniformity across States**
 - **Multiple electronic ballot delivery modes (“push” & “pull”)**
 - **Data collection**
- **What FVAP will do:**
 - **Provide legislative assistance**
 - **Provide funding through competitive grants**
 - **Work with NASED and Election Center to reduce data collection burden**
 - **Provide tailored EO training on UOCAVA**
- **Stump the Chump**

Familiar Problem: Complexity

“It has been clear for some time that practical difficulties and the element of time make it **virtually impossible** for soldiers and sailors and marines **spread all over the world to comply with the different voting laws of 48 States** and that, **unless something is done** about it, **they will be denied the right to vote.**”

– Franklin D. Roosevelt, 1944



New State Laws Benefit Voters...

- **In 2011 alone:**
 - 42 new State laws on UOCAVA voting in 31 States.
 - In total, more than 70 new State laws for UOCAVA voters since MOVE.
- **Benefit to Voters...**
 - 33 States codified the 45-day prior requirement.
 - 36 States accept the FWAB in State/local elections.
 - All but 2 States (and 3 territories) email blank ballots.
 - Only 4 States require a witness.
 - 7 States have enacted UMOVA.

...But Do Not Simplify the Process

- **Texas**: A local election, without federal offices, run by cities and school boards, occurs in between a primary/run-off election run by county officials.
- **Wisconsin**: FPCA/FWAB for overseas versus military voters, depending on the date received by LEO.
- **New York**:
 - 1, 2, 3, ... Primary Elections?
 - State primary ballots sent out 32 days prior
 - State offices won't be on UOCAVA general election ballot

FVAP State Legislative Initiatives

- **State Laws significant factor in UOCAVA voting failure**
 - The greatest area of voting failure for UOCAVA voters is where current State absentee balloting rules and laws don't support their franchise adequately.
 - **Timeliness**
 - **Uniformity**
 - **Ease**
 - Changing those laws is the quickest and most significant way to improve *UOCAVA* voter success.

- **FVAP advises each and every State directly each year as to the necessary changes in their State laws through our “Legislative Initiatives” letter**

Uniformity is the Answer

Uniform Military and Overseas Voter Act

- Extends Protections to State/local elections.
- Extends Protections to all National Guard members and citizens born and living overseas.
- Standardizes Treatment of FPCA and FWAB.
- Eases the burden on military/overseas voters, increasing voter success.



Uniform Law Commission

The National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws

“Push” and “Pull” Systems

- “Push:” Email of a PDF blank ballot
- “Pull:” A web-based tool to download a blank ballot

Virginia

Commonwealth of Virginia UOCAVA Overseas Voting

This site will take you through the following steps:

1. Verify your identity
2. Review ballot choices
3. Download and verify ballot form
4. Printing ballot and finish

Help Resources:
[FVAP online 24x7 chat support](#)
[FVAP Help Site and Toll-Free #s](#)
[Virginia Overseas Voting web site](#)

For technical issues with site availability only - (866) 257-2150

[SBE Home Page](#) [Additional Election Links](#)

Current Data: A Complex Picture

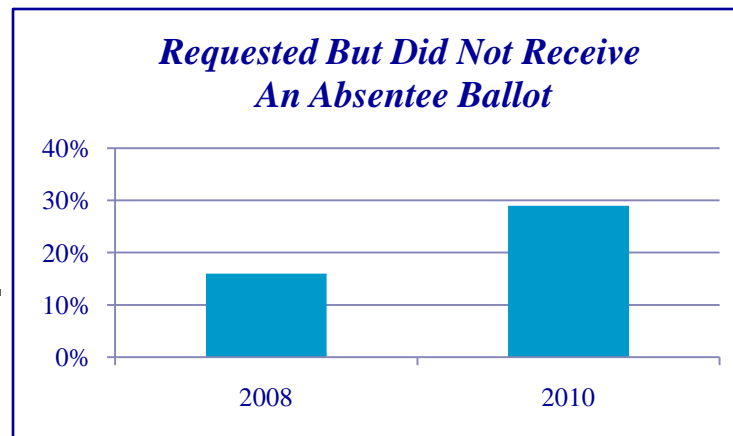
Ballot Delivery and Return

Greater Number of Military Voters Received and Voted Their Ballots

- 27% more military voters received absentee ballots in 2010
- 24% more military cast their ballots.

But significant number still did not receive their ballots:

- 2008 = 107,000 voters (16%)
- 2010 = over 112,000 voters (29%)
- Of those, 46,000 voters still voted.



ADM Voter Registration

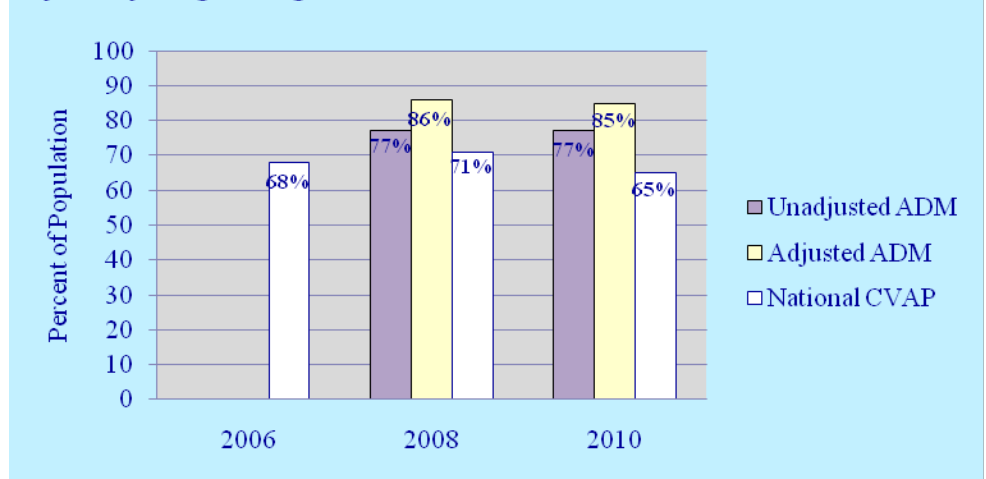
Voter Registration

- **National = 65%**
- **Military = 77% (before adjusting for age and gender)**

Registration Trends (2008-2010)

- **National declined 8%+**
- **Military remained constant**

Figure 4: Registration rates for unadjusted ADM, adjusted for age and gender ADM, national CVAP



	2006	2008	2010	Percent Change (08 to 10)
CVAP	67.6%	71%	65%	-8.5%
Unadjusted ADM	NA*	77%	77%	No change
Adjusted ADM	NA*	86%	85%	-1.2%

ADM Voter Participation

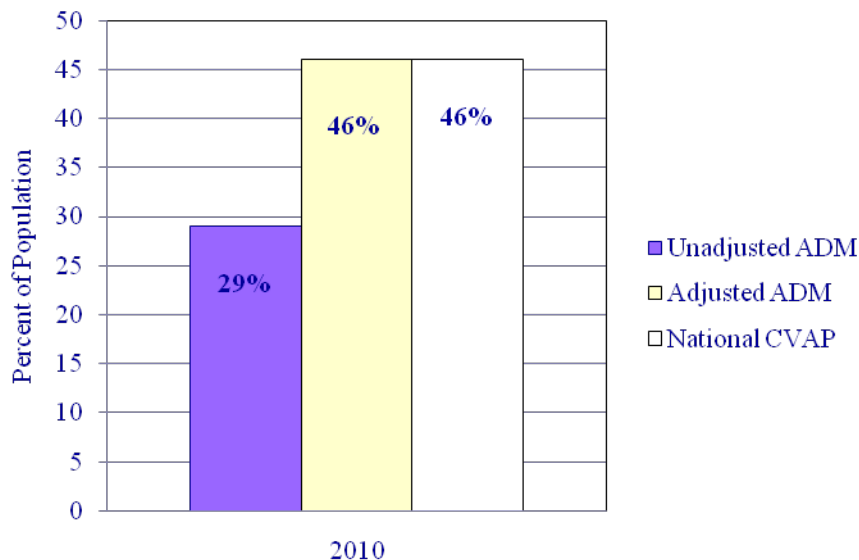
Voter Participation

- **National = 45.5%**
- **Military = 46% (after adjusting for age and gender)**

Participation Trends (2006-2010)

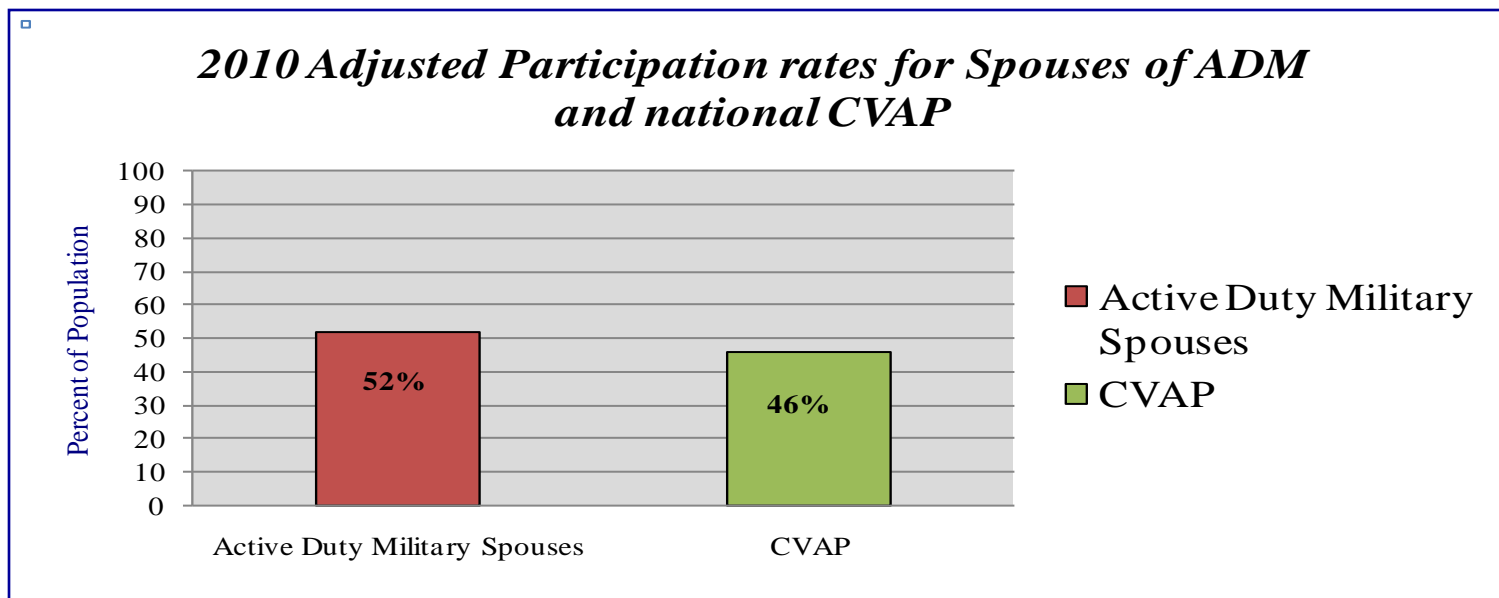
- **National declined 4.8%**
- **Military rose 21% (7% adjusted)**
- **18-24 year old rose 33%**

2010 Participation Rates for unadjusted ADM, adjusted for age and gender ADM, and national CVAP



	2006	2010	Percent Change (2006 to 2010)
CVAP	47.8%	45.5%	-4.8%
Unadjusted ADM	24.0%	29.0%	+21%
Adjusted ADM	43.0%	46.0%	+7.0%

Military Spouses



Military Spouse Voting Survey Showed Similarly Strong Participation

- 52% of military spouses voted in the 2010 election
- 45.5% voter participation rate nationally
- 57% of military spouse voters voted in person

LEO Findings

Local Election Official Survey

- **State and local data does not likely capture use of state and local forms by**
 - **38% (202,126) of military personnel**
 - **73% (72,145) of military spouses**
- **Local election jurisdictions reported 118,000 military ballots returned**
- **392,000 military members and spouses reported returning ballots**

Concentration of UOCAVA Voters

LEO Concentration

- **50% of the ballots transmitted by 90 jurisdictions**
- **75% of the ballots transmitted by 315 jurisdictions**
- **Intra-State concentration**
 - Honolulu County 91% of Hawaii
 - New York City 61% of New York
 - Los Angeles, San Diego, and San Francisco Counties 41% of California

State Concentration

- **Florida = 12.4%**
- **California = 10.5%**
- **Texas = 9.3%**
- **New York = 8.5%**
- **Pennsylvania = 4.1%**
- **Ohio = 3.3%**

Six States = 48% of total UOCAVA ballots

Jurisdiction Size	Average # of UOCAVA Ballots Sent	% of Total Jurisdictions	Total # of UOCAVA Ballots Sent	% of Total UOCAVA Ballots Sent
<1,000	10.8	28.47%	24,192	1.17%
1,001-4,999	20.1	30.00%	47,436	2.18%
5,000-24,999	47.4	26.17%	97,597	5.13%
>25,000	845.3	15.36%	1,021,122	91.52%

FVAP/EAC Survey Consolidation

- FVAP still needs additional, more detailed data than EAC collects – FVAP drives its programs from these results
- FVAP, EAC and NASED Executive met October 7th, 2011, and reached **tentative agreement to reduce data collection burden:**
 - FVAP sends out survey separately from EAC, but advises States of the reduced number of sampled jurisdictions
 - **States assist FVAP** getting selected jurisdictions to respond
 - FVAP reduces survey to 16 questions, including the six EAC questions
 - FVAP continues to conduct separate qualitative survey
- Need to have sufficient response to produce statistically valid national and State results
- Combine surveys in 2014

FVAP 2012 Key Initiatives

Expanded Voter Assistance

- Build greater Service voting assistance infrastructure
 - Installation Voting Assistance Offices compliance
 - FVAP.gov portal development
- Expand online wizards, especially FWAB
- In-person training for Installation and Unit Voting Assistance Officers

Refined Voter Education and Marketing

- Online Voter and Voting Assistance Officer training modules
- More targeted online and social media marketing
- Greater partnerships to leverage communications

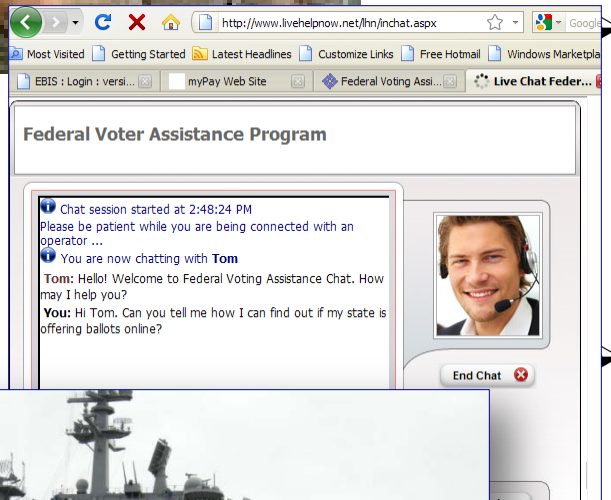
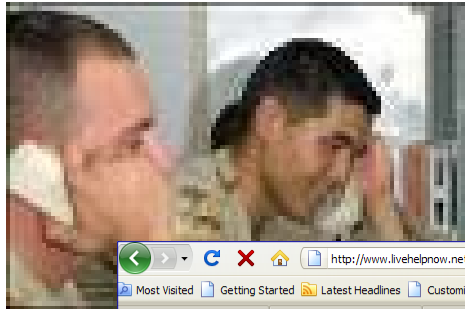
Expanded Assistance for Election Officials

- Build greater Service and State voting assistance infrastructure
 - Online State Ballot Delivery Systems
 - Online Registration and Ballot Request Systems
- Assist States in compliance with MOVE Act

Direct Voter Assistance

➤ 24/7 Call Centers & Assistance

- Phone:
 - US & 63 countries toll free
 - DSN
- Online chat & email help capability



➤ Communications & Outreach

- Strategic Relationships
 - Carrier Classic NCAA Basketball
 - Military Bowl
- Print, social media, internal communications
- Emails to ALL military members

➤ Improve online Wizards

- Bar Codes
- Statewide candidates
- Automated address updating

➤ Integrated Online Data

- VAO contact
- LEOs contact
- Voting Laws and Regulations
- **Updated military voter addresses**



Resources For Election Officials

- New Forms
- Grants
- Free Training
- Expedited Ballot Delivery

Election Officials

- [United States Postal Service Mail Guidelines](#)
- [Fax & Email Guidelines](#)
- [Communicating with Voters](#)
- [Guidelines for the Help America Vote Act](#)
- [Voting Alerts](#)
- [Move Act Waivers](#)
- [Grants](#)

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For Election Officials

These resources provide state and local election officials with the information and tools they need to assist voters covered by the *Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA)*. These citizens include U.S. citizens who are active members of the Uniformed Services the Merchant Marine, and the commissioned corps of the Public Health Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, their family members, and U.S. citizens residing outside the United States.

The Federal Voting Assistance Program supports *UOCAVA* citizens and election officials by providing necessary absentee voting forms, materials and guidance.

Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) Voter Registration and Absentee Ballot Request

A quicker, easier to complete, electronic version of this form is also available on FVAP.gov. For any questions about this form, consult your Voting Assistance Officer or the Voting Assistance Guide available in hard copy or on FVAP.gov. Please print in black ink.

<p>Classification Make only 1 selection.</p> <p><small>(In most States, you must be absent from your voting district to use this form.)</small></p>	1	<p>I request an absentee ballot for all elections in which I am eligible to vote AND:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I am a member of the Uniformed Services or Merchant Marine on active duty OR <input type="checkbox"/> I am their spouse or dependent.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I am a U.S. citizen residing outside the U.S., and I intend to return.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I am a U.S. citizen residing outside the U.S., and I do not intend to return.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I am a U.S. citizen otherwise granted military/overseas voting rights under State law (check the Voting Assistance Guide).</p>
<p>Political Party</p>	2	<p>To vote in primary elections, your State may require you to specify a political party: _____</p>
<p>Your legal name</p>	3	<p>Last name _____ Suffix _____</p> <p>First name _____ Middle name _____</p> <p>Previous name (if applicable) _____</p>
<p>Identification <small>Some States require your full SSN. Check your State's pages in the Voting Assistance Guide on FVAP.gov.</small></p>	4	<p>Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F Race: _____ Birth date: _____</p> <p>State Driver's License or ID: _____</p> <p>OR Social Security Number: _____</p>
<p>Contact information <small>Include international prefixes. No DSN number.</small></p>	5	<p>Telephone: _____</p> <p>Fax: _____</p> <p>Email: _____</p> <p>Alternate Email: _____</p>
<p>Ballot receipt</p>	6	<p>I prefer to receive my ballot, as permitted by my State, by: <input type="checkbox"/> Email/Online <input type="checkbox"/> Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Fax</p> <p><small>(rank from 1-3 in order of preference; be sure appropriate contact information is provided above)</small></p>
<p>U.S. address for voting purposes <small>Usually your last U.S. residence or your legal U.S. residence. See Instructions.</small></p>	7	<p>Street Address (not P.O. Box) _____ Apt. # _____</p> <p>City/Town/Village _____</p> <p>County _____ State _____ Zip Code _____</p>
<p>Address where you live now <small>This is different from above. Your voting materials will be sent here, unless you specify a forwarding address in Box 9.</small></p>	8	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 100px;"></div>
<p>Additional requirements for your State <small>Such as: mail forwarding address, additional phone, or other State required information. See your State's pages in the Voting Assistance Guide on FVAP.gov.</small></p>	9	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 100px;"></div>

Affirmation (REQUIRED): I swear or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that:

• I am a member of the Uniformed Services or Merchant Marine on active duty or an eligible spouse or dependent of such a member, or a U.S. citizen temporarily residing outside the U.S., or other U.S. citizen residing outside the U.S. • I am a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years of age (or will be by the day of the election), eligible to vote in the requested jurisdiction. • I have not been convicted of a felony or other disqualifying offense or been adjudicated mentally incompetent, or if so, my voting rights have been reinstated. • I am not registering, requesting a ballot, or voting in any other jurisdiction in the U.S. • My signature and date herein indicate when I completed this document. • The information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that a material misstatement of fact in completion of this document may constitute grounds for conviction of perjury.

Signature _____ Print this form, sign, and send in.

Today's date _____

Witness signature / date if required by your State.
See the Voting Assistance Guide on FVAP.gov.

Signature _____

Date _____

New FWAB – Online Tool

Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)

Complete the Form

Eligibility

State

Jurisdiction

Use of FWAB

My Information

Voting Residence

Mailing Address

Vote Candidate

Online Vote

Additional Information

Print and Finish

Official Service Number: [Blank]

Vote Candidates (Help)
Choose your candidates below (or, then print all choices).
[How can I get help in determining](#)

Use Presidential candidates

U.S. Senator

Selection Last Name, P

Obama, M

McCain, L

Clinton, H

Or Enter Your Write-In Candidate

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U.S. Representative/De

Selection Last Name, P

Speaker, J

Rep. Scott

Or Enter Your Write-In Candidates

- select -

Official Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot

President/Vice President:

U.S. Senator*:

U.S. Representative/Delegate**/Resident Commissioner**:

* Legal residents of the District of Columbia may vote only for President/Vice President and Delegate.
** Legal residents of American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands may vote only for Delegate or Resident Commissioner to the Congress.

Addendum

Some states allow the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot to be used by military and overseas civilian voters in elections other than general elections or for offices other than Federal offices. Consult your state section in the Voting Assistance Guide on FVAP.gov to determine your state's policy. If you are eligible to use this ballot to vote for offices other than those listed above or for ballot initiatives, please indicate in the spaces provided below, the office for which you wish to vote (for example: Governor, Attorney General, Mayor, State Senator, etc.), and the name and/or party affiliation of the candidate for whom you wish to vote. You may also indicate the ballot initiative and your vote for the initiative.

Office / Ballot Initiative	Candidate Name, Party Affiliation, or Initiative Vote
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FWABs Downloaded to Date

NH: 12

SC: 33

FL: 49

You have entered Personally Identifiable Information (PII).
If using a public computer, close the browser when finished and delete the PDF after printing.

Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)

Complete the Form

- State
- Jurisdiction
- Eligibility
- Election Dates
- Uses of the FWAB
- My Information
- Voting Residence
- Mailing Address
- Additional Information

Vote Candidates

Confirm Votes

Print and Finish

New Hampshire > Alexandria > Uniformed Services Member

Vote Candidates ([Help](#))

[Reset Candidate Choices](#)

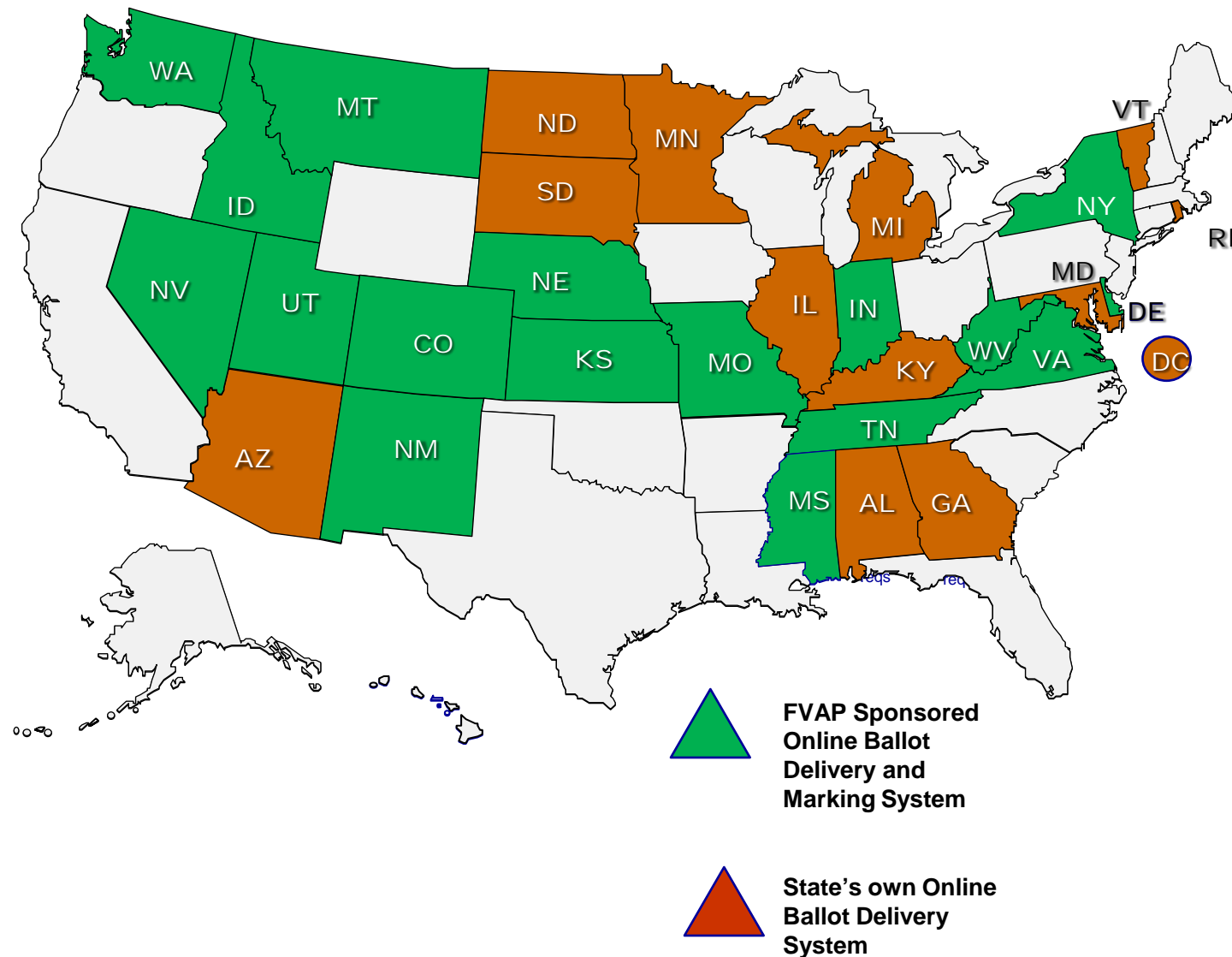
Choose your candidates below by selecting the radio button beside your candidate's name.

You can find help in determining your district's candidates by visiting the [New Hampshire election web site](#).

President/Vice President

Selection	Candidate's Name	Political Party
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	Joe Story	Republican
<input type="radio"/>	Linden Swift	Republican
<input type="radio"/>	James A. Vestermark	Republican
<input type="radio"/>	Vern Wuensche	Republican
<input type="radio"/>	Michele Bachmann	Republican
<input type="radio"/>	Bear Betzler	Republican
<input type="radio"/>	Timothy Brewer	Republican
<input type="radio"/>	Herman Cain	Republican
<input type="radio"/>	Mark Callahan	Republican
<input type="radio"/>	Hugh Cort	Republican

2010 Online Ballot Wizards

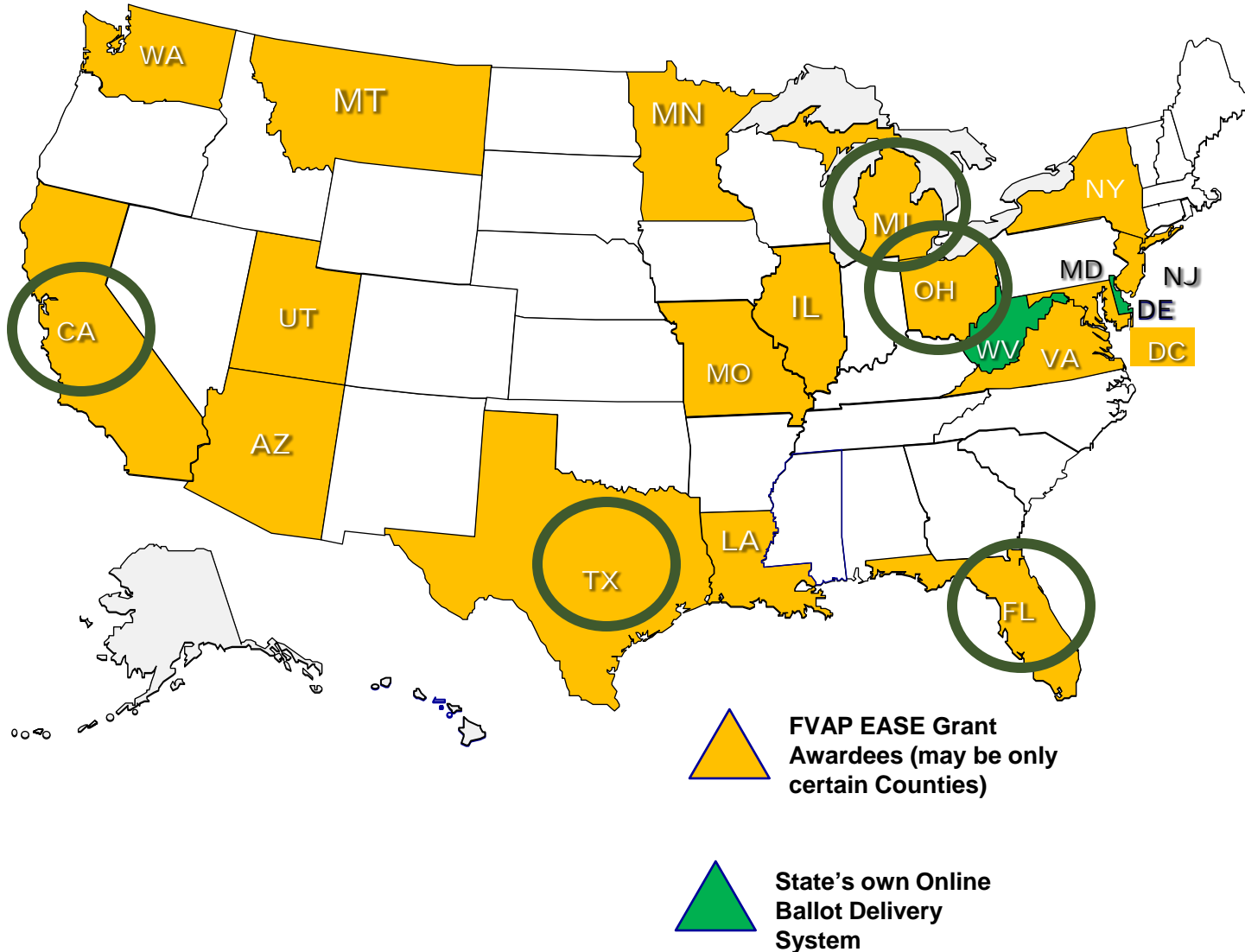


- 31 States total
 - 17 FVAP supported
 - 14 Own
- DE sent out ½ of all ballots using online wizard
- WV had 5 Counties with full internet voting
- WA, CO also had additional, non-FVAP, systems

Grants

As of January 5,
grants to:

- Bexar County, TX
- Boone County, MO (all MO)
- City of Chicago, IL
- El Dorado County, CA (15)
- Harris County, TX
- King County, WA (5)
- Louisiana
- Maricopa County, AZ
- Maryland
- Minnesota
- Montana
- New Jersey
- New York
- Ohio
- Okaloosa, County, FL (13)
- Orange County, FL (4)
- Santa Cruz County, CA
- Utah
- Virginia
- District of Columbia





What Is UOCAVA?

UOCAVA, or the *Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act* of 1986, as amended by the *MOVE Act*, requires U.S. States and territories to allow certain U.S. citizens to apply to register and vote absentee in elections for federal office.

Citizens covered under UOCAVA include:

1. Members of the Uniformed Services or Merchant Marine who are absent from their voting jurisdiction due to their service.
2. Dependents of members of the Uniformed Services or Merchant Marine who are absent from their voting jurisdiction with the member.
3. U.S. citizens residing outside the United States and its territories.



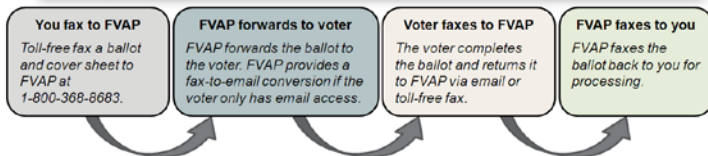
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FVAP Resources: Electronic Transmission Service

To help election officials and voters avoid the costs associated with long-distance faxes, FVAP provides an Electronic Transmission Service (ETS) that allows UOCAVA balloting materials to be faxed **at no cost.***

Here's how it works:



ETS Resources:

- ✓ ETS Instructions: <http://www.fvap.gov/resources/media/etsmanualforleap.pdf>
- ✓ ETS Coversheet: <http://www.fvap.gov/resources/media/leofaxcoversheet.pdf>

*Note: Not all States allow completed ballots to be delivered or returned via fax. Check your State's guidelines.

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Review of UOCAVA Voting Process

Step 1: A UOCAVA citizen simultaneously applies to register to vote and requests an absentee ballot by completing and submitting the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA).

Step 2: After receiving an FPCA, follow your State's requirements for verifying voter eligibility and form completion, and send eligible voters an absentee ballot by preferred method of acceptable delivery in your State.

Step 3: After receiving an absentee ballot, the voter completes and returns the ballot to you for processing. Follow your State's requirements for verifying ballot completion and store for canvassing.

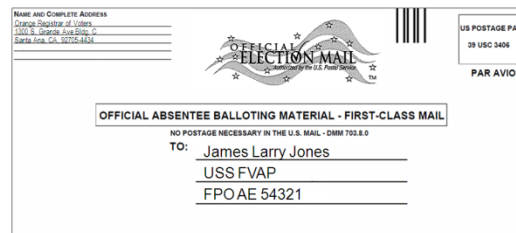
Note: If the applicant has not received an absentee ballot 30 days before the election, they are encouraged to complete and submit the **Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)** to ensure that their vote is received in time to be counted.

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FVAP Resources: Postage-Paid Indicia

- ✓ FVAP provides postage-paid indicia that allow UOCAVA balloting materials to be sent at no cost to you when using the U.S. and military postal services or Diplomatic Pouch mail.
- ✓ See <http://www.fvap.gov/leo/usps-mail-guidelines.html> and <http://www.usps.com/electionmail/> for specific guidelines on how to design envelopes and mail ballots.



Check with your local Post Office for international mail postage requirements.

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Expedited Ballot Return



- **Military Postal Service Agency lead**
 - Seven day standard
 - Clock starts at Military Post Office
- **Deliveries**
 - All free under 39 USC 3406
 - All Express Mail
- **FVAP supported:**
 - FVAP advertised in scheduled ads and emails
 - Extensive voter alerts and social media marketing
 - Expansion with USPS

Tracking Capability

AMPS Automated Military Postal System MSG GRACE JOHNSON

Home Internal Mgmt Operations Transportation Plans / Policy Knowledge Mgmt

Change User Role | Log Out | Print In Favorites

EMMS Ballots Report

Report Type: Barcode Details Service: ALL ZIP Code: ALL State: ALL

Start Date: 02/01/2010 End Date: 08/11/2010

View / Refresh Report Process Upload Load Barcodes

Hide Parameters	ZIP	Acceptance Date/Time	Barcode	Service	Dest. ZIP	State	Weight	USPS Postage	DoD Posta
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2	963069998	03/05/2010 14:32	ES 990864951 US	N	63143	MO	0 lb 1 oz	21.85	14.96
3	963069998	03/22/2010 15:17	ES 990864951 US	N	64051	MO	0 lb 1 oz	21.85	14.96
4	963389998	05/18/2010 15:41	EH 990106369 US	A	96814	HI	0 lb 14 oz	15.70	14.96
5	963709998	02/16/2010 13:19	ES 990841951 US	N	78601		0 lb 1 oz	21.85	14.96
6	963709998	02/25/2010 15:22	ES 990841995 US	N	63084	MO	0 lb 1 oz	21.85	14.96
7	963709998	03/08/2010 13:35	ES 990858973 US	N	72601	AR	0 lb 3 oz	21.85	14.96
8	963709998	03/08/2010 13:40	ES 990858987 US	N	72601	AR	0 lb 2 oz	18.30	14.96
9	963709998	03/08/2010 09:28	ES 990858995 US	N	78627	TX	0 lb 1 oz	21.85	14.96
TOTAL								186.15	134.64
USPS owes DoD									51.51

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE Home | Help | Sign Out

Track & Confirm FAQs

Track & Confirm

Search Results

Label/Receipt Number: **ES99 0246 565U S**
Status: **Delivered**

Your item was delivered at 10:10 am on March 06, 2010 in GULFPORT, MS 39502. Waiver of signature was exercised at time of delivery.

Additional information for this item is stored in files offline.

[Restore Offline Details >](#) [Return to USPS.com Home >](#)

Notification Options

Proof of Delivery
Verify who signed for your item by email, fax, or mail. [Go >](#)

Track & Confirm

Enter Label/Receipt Number.

[Go >](#)

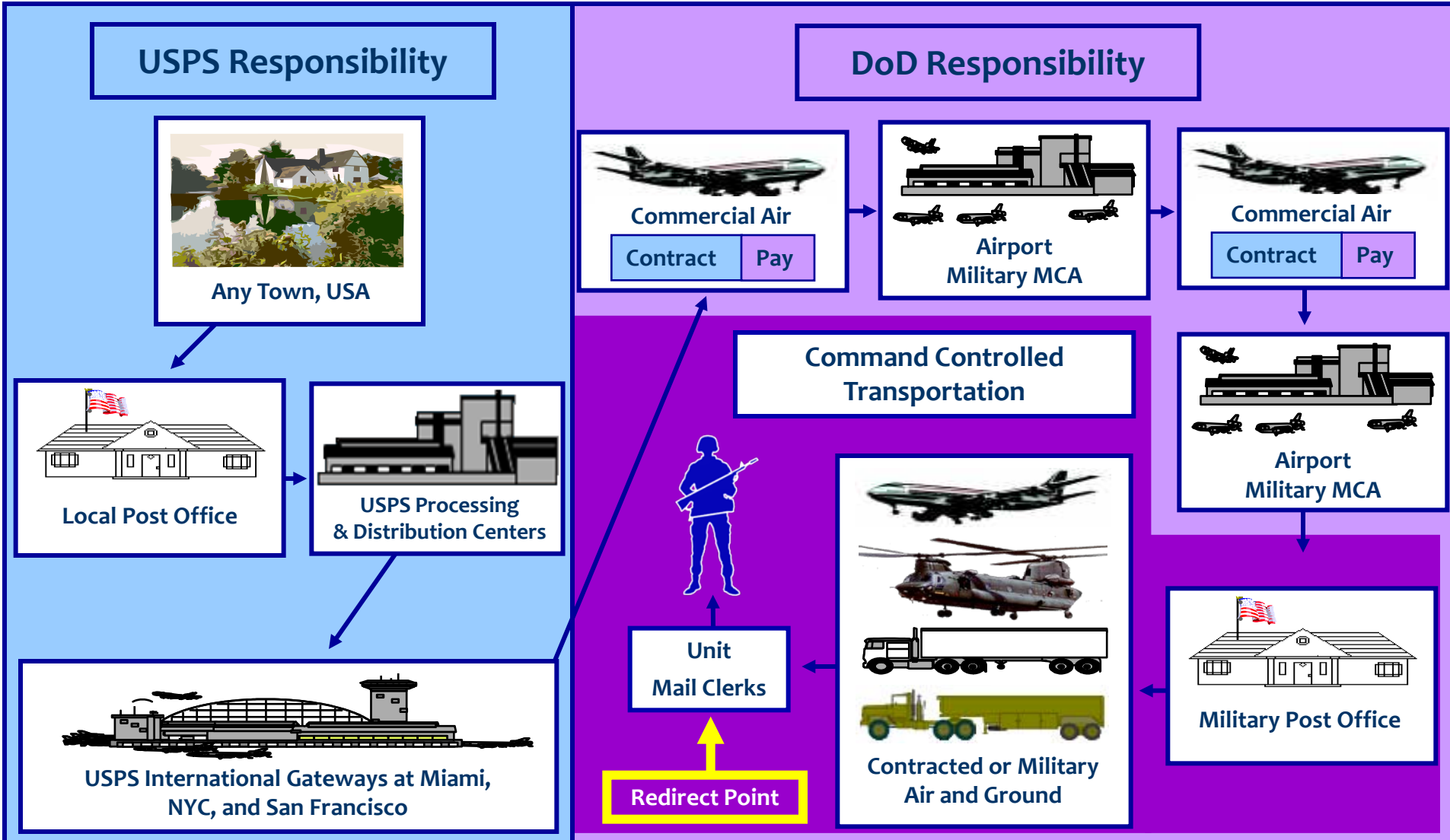
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Absentee Ballot Transit Time

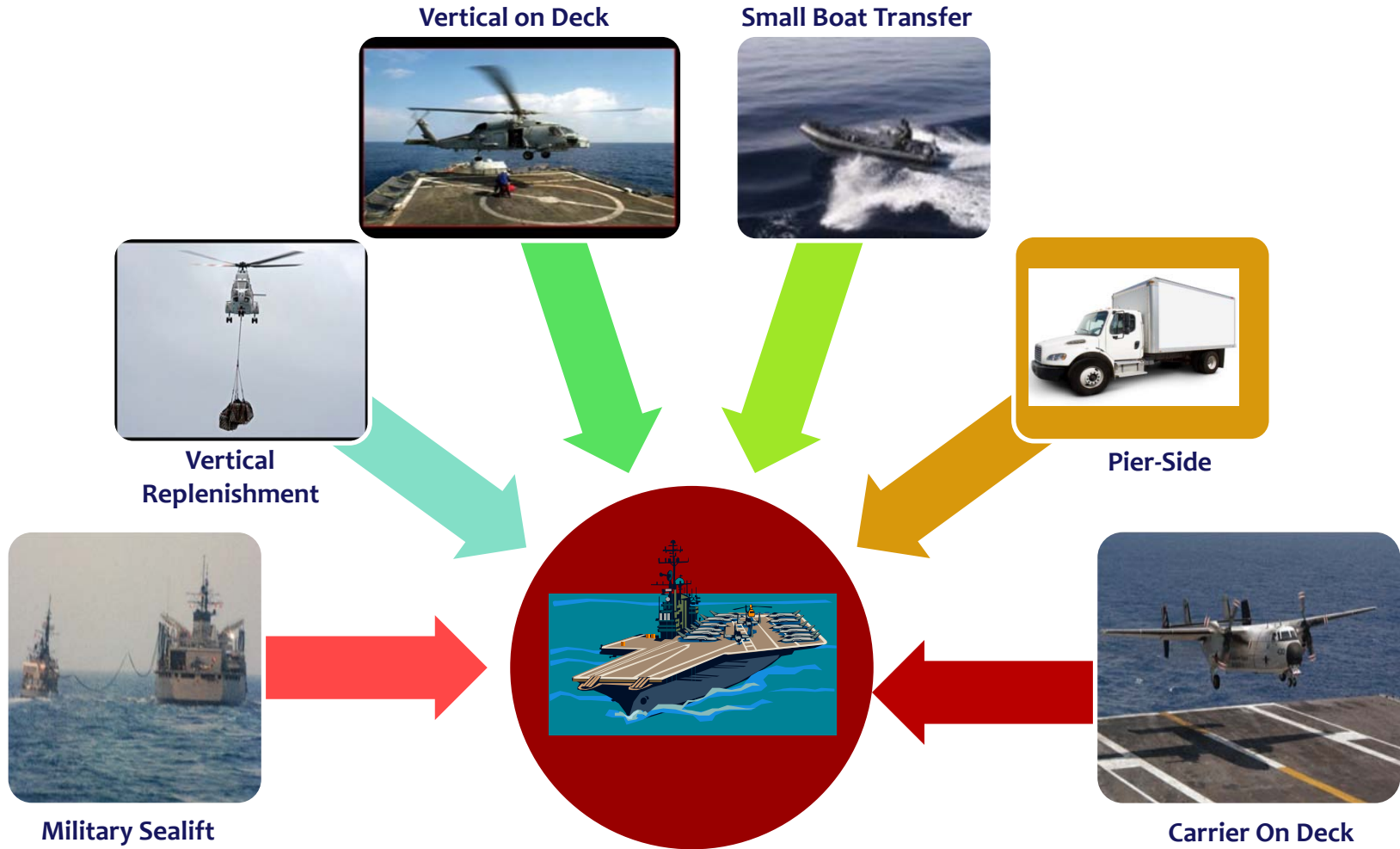
2010 General Election

- **Overall transit averages of ballots from overseas MPOs to election offices = 5.2 days**
- **92% of ballots delivered within 7 days IAW MOVE Act**
- **Delayed Ballots = 8%**
 - 805 @ 8 to 9 days
 - 873 @ 10 to 13 days
 - 279 @ 14 to 19 days
 - 111 @ 20 to 30 days (All originated in USCENTCOM)
 - 7 @ over 30 days (All originated in USCENTCOM)
 - US Navy Ships Ballots Averaged 8 Days (From shore based MPOs to election office)

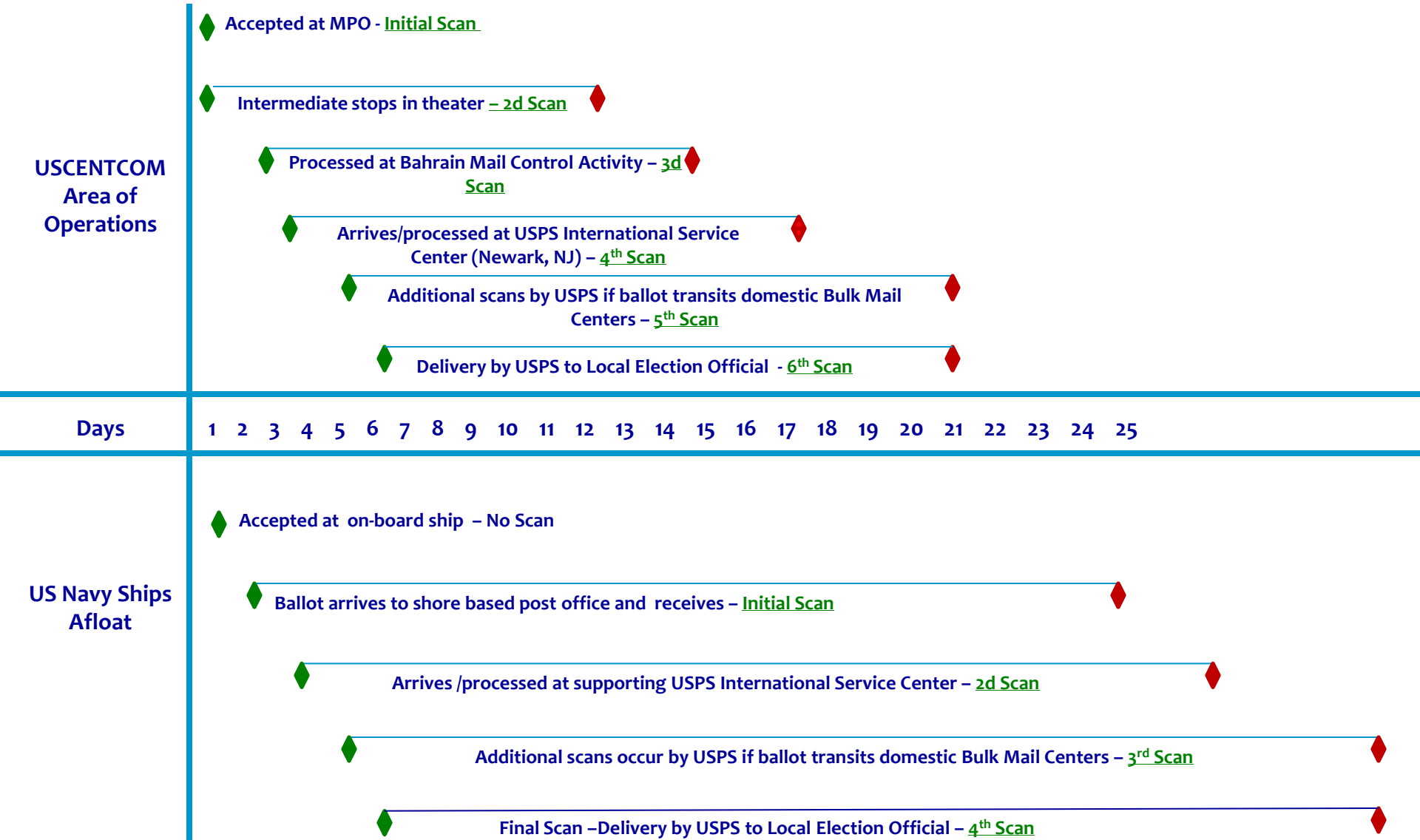
How Ballots Move To & From Ground Forces



How Ballots Move To & From Deployed Navy Sailors



Projected Ballot Timeline





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