

2010 Results and 2012 Preparedness

**South Carolina Association of Registration
and Election Officials (SCARE) Conference
March 8, 2012**

The Problem is STILL Ballot Return

➤ **Overwhelming incidence of voting failure is in ballot return because ballots go out too late**

➤ **Absentee Ballot Return Rates:**

- **76%** = General Population
- **34%** = UOCAVA voters from LEO Survey
- **81%** = Military voters from military survey

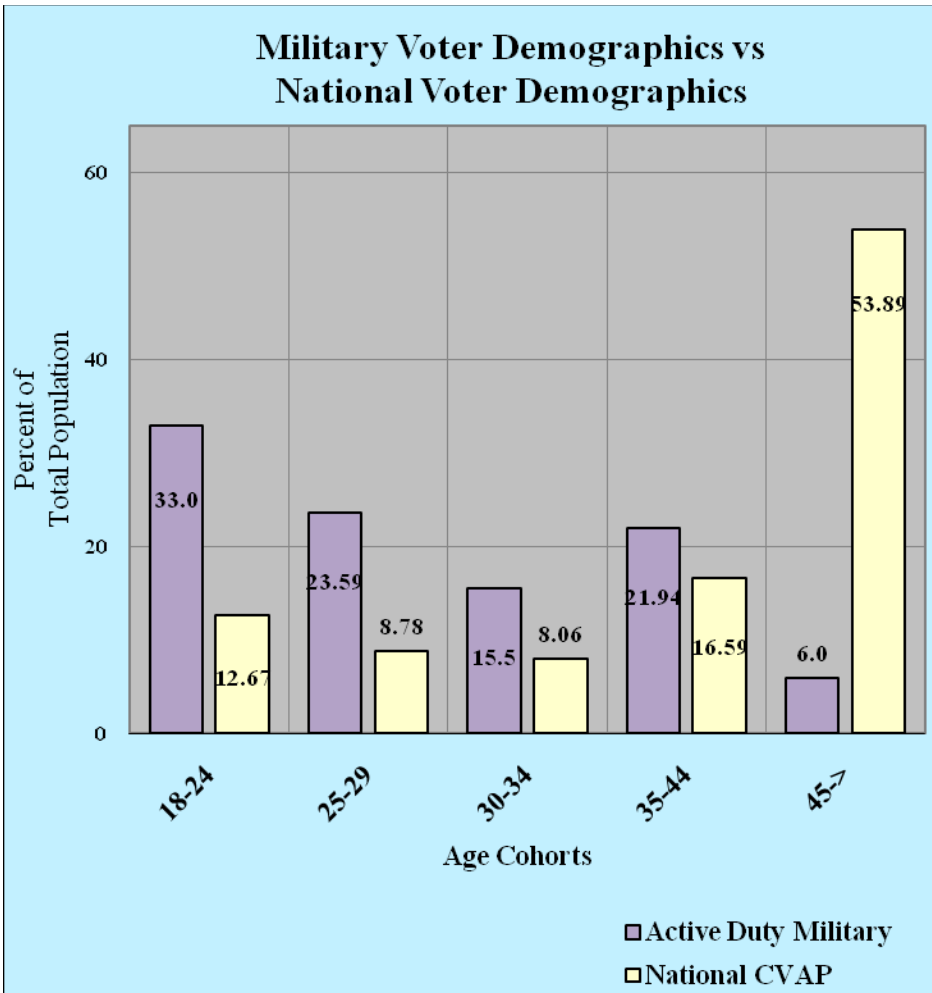
➤ **Absentee Ballot Delivery Failure Growing Problem**

- 12% returned as undeliverable
- 19% of ballots sent to overseas military returned undeliverable
- 29% of military requesting absentee ballots never received

2012 General Election Results – Military Voters			
Stage of voting process	Number of additional failures over general voting population	% of 2010 failure	% of 2008 failure
Registration Failure	9,166	4.60%	1.50%
Ballot Delivery Failure	39,020	19.40%	7.50%
Ballot Return Failure	151,090	75.10%	77.60%
Ballot Casting Failure	1,813	0.90%	13.40%
Total	201,089		266,540

UOCAVA Demographics

Military Voter Demographics vs National Voter Demographics



Military Voters

- **Covered personnel**
 - All 5 Armed Services, USPHS, NOAA, Merchant Marine
 - 1.35M active component
 - ~100K RC on active duty
- **Location**
 - 75% of members domestic
 - ~170K Iraq/Afghanistan

Military Dependent

- **Military Dependents**
 - 1.1M total
 - 700K spouses
 - 400K voting age dependents
- **Different Residency Rules**
 - Military = SCRA
 - Spouse = MSRRA
 - Different residency rules prevent spouses from voting as UOCAVA voters?

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**
 - Kalawao County 58% of Hawaii
 - New York City 28% of New York
 - Los Angeles, San Diego, and San Francisco Counties 45% of California

State Concentration

- **California = 14.7%**
- **Florida = 12.3%**
- **Texas = 11.4%**
- **New York = 8.9%**
- **Washington = 8.7%**
- **Pennsylvania = 3.8%**

Six States = 59.7% 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	4.6	27%	9,094	1.34%
1,001-4,999	4.6	27%	9,048	1.33%
5,000-24,999	19	27%	37,259	5.51%
>25,000	534.6	16%	628,155	91.82%

FVAP Mission

➤ **Assistance:**

- **FVAP exists to help** Uniformed Services personnel, their voting age dependents, and overseas civilians **successfully exercise their right to vote** in federal elections in order that they have an **equal opportunity with the general population** to vote and have their vote counted.
- **FVAP also assists the States in complying with federal law** in order to provide that opportunity to uniformed services and overseas voters, and to avoid enforcement action.

➤ **Advocacy: FVAP serves as the voice of Uniformed Services and overseas voters**, identifying impediments to their ability to exercise their right to vote, and proposing methods to overcome those impediments.

FVAP Goals

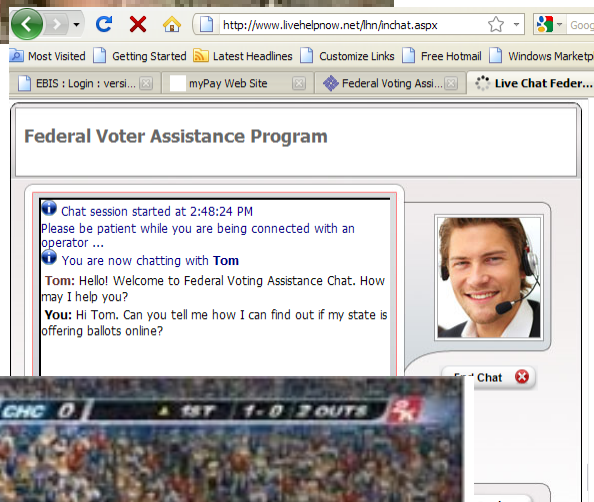
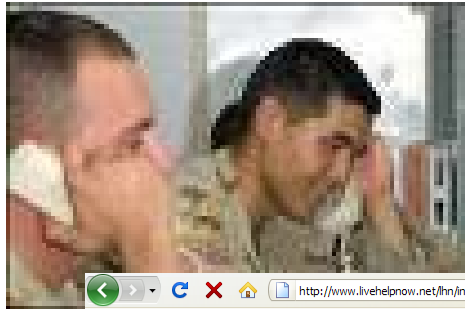
- **Improve voter success rates to meet or exceed the general absentee population voter success rates.**
 - Absentee ballot cast rate
 - Counted rate of those cast
 - FWAB utilization/success rate

- **Bring State Legislative Initiative Scores to 75%.**

- **Quantify the overseas civilian population.**
 - Geographic Distribution
 - Demographics

- **Streamline the voting process <15 minutes for any stage.**

Direct Voter Assistance



➤ 24/7 Call Centers & Assistance

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

➤ Communications & Outreach

- Partners
 - MLB
 - GI Film Festival
 - Rock the Vote
 - “Fight for Your Vote” Music Tour
- Print, social media, internal communications
- Emails to ALL military members

➤ Improve online Wizards

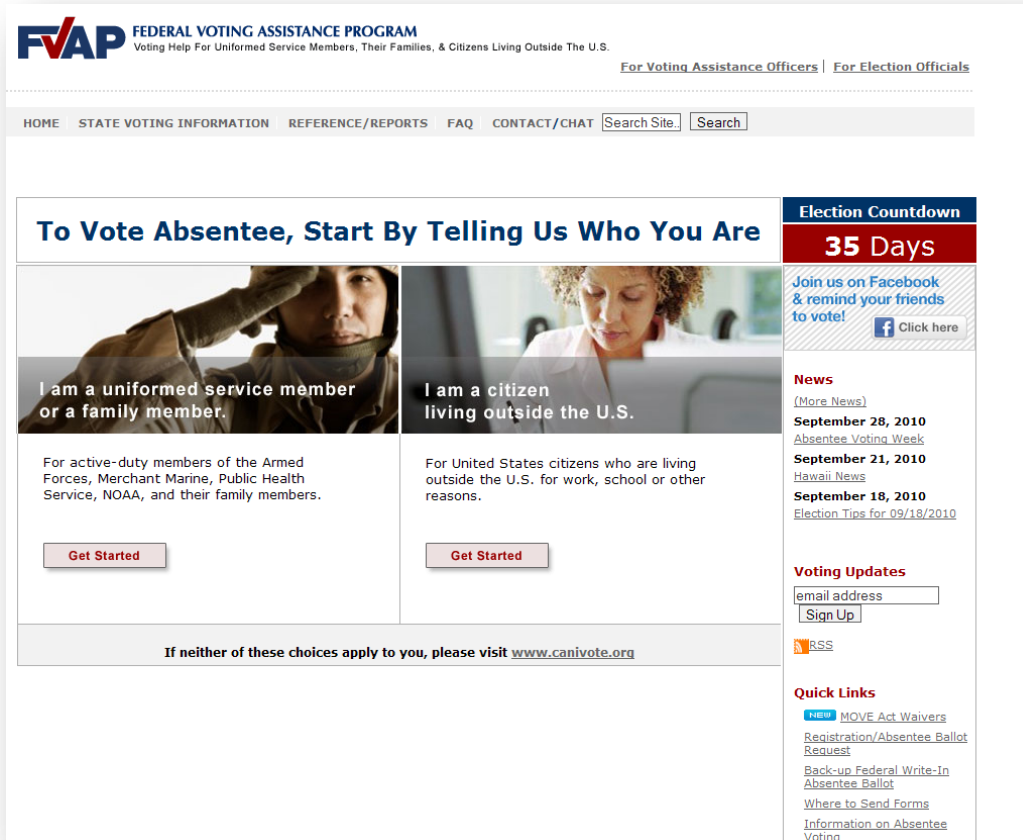
- Bar Codes
- Statewide candidates
- Automated address updating

➤ Integrated Online Data

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



Agency to Portal



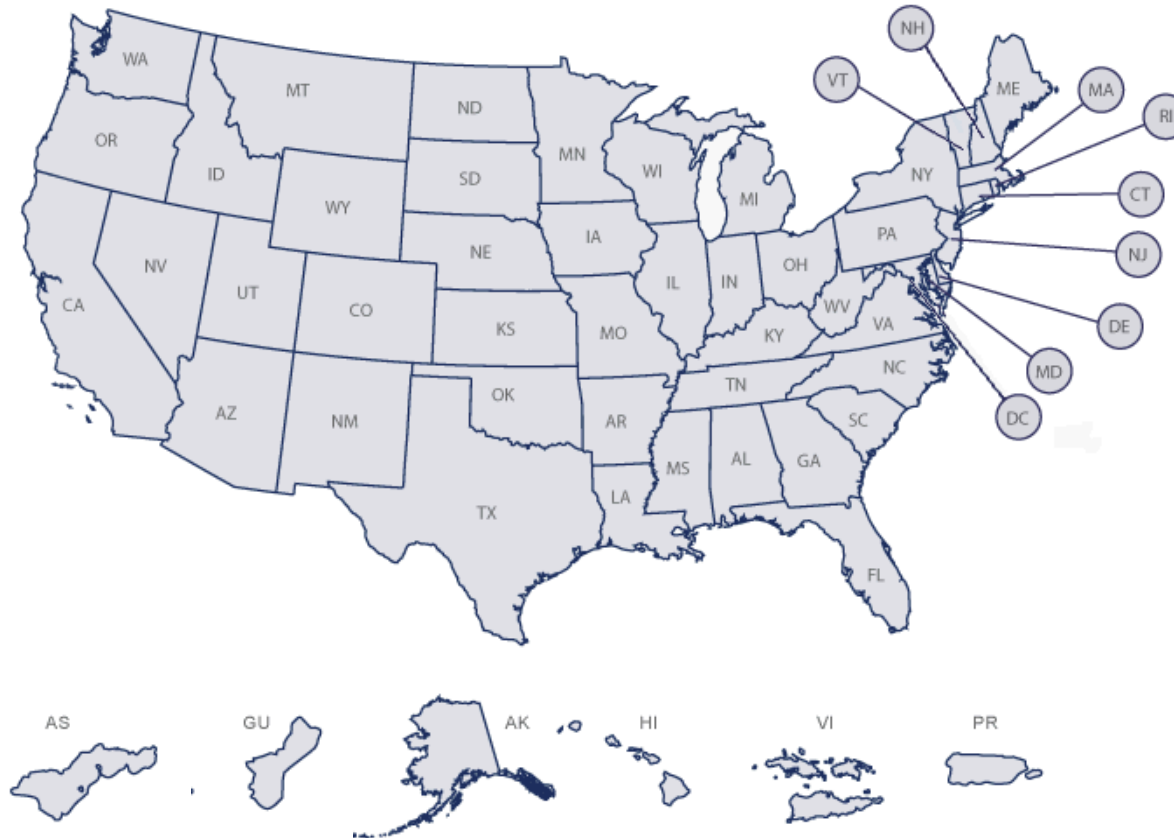
The screenshot shows the FVAP.gov website interface. At the top left is the FVAP logo and the text 'FEDERAL VOTING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM' and 'Voting Help For Uniformed Service Members, Their Families, & Citizens Living Outside The U.S.'. Below this is a navigation bar with links for 'HOME', 'STATE VOTING INFORMATION', 'REFERENCE/REPORTS', 'FAQ', and 'CONTACT/CHAT', along with search boxes. The main content area is titled 'To Vote Absentee, Start By Telling Us Who You Are' and features two columns: 'I am a uniformed service member or a family member.' and 'I am a citizen living outside the U.S.'. Each column has a 'Get Started' button. To the right is an 'Election Countdown' section showing '35 Days' and a 'Join us on Facebook & remind your friends to vote!' link. Below that is a 'News' section with dates and links for 'September 28, 2010 Absentee Voting Week', 'September 21, 2010 Hawaii News', and 'September 18, 2010 Election Tips for 09/18/2010'. There is also a 'Voting Updates' section with an email address input field and a 'Sign Up' button. At the bottom, there is a 'Quick Links' section with various links like 'MOVE Act Waivers', 'Registration/Absentee Ballot Request', 'Back-up Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot', 'Where to Send Forms', and 'Information on Absentee Voting'. A footer note says 'If neither of these choices apply to you, please visit www.canivote.org'.

- **FVAP.gov** -- the **FIRST** resource for voters
- Direct to the voter assistance, -- especially for **requesting** & **receiving** ballots
- Provides direct access to **State hosted solutions** to access full ballots (federal, state, local contests)
- Expanding portal for dynamic content and increase FVAP efficiencies

Steer Voters to State Systems

Select Your State

Uniformed Services members- Pick your state of legal residence. Overseas Citizens- Select the state in which you last lived before moving outside the U.S. Check the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) for more information on legal voting residence.



Tailored Choices



[Home](#) > [Select Your State](#) > What Would You Like to Do?

What would you like to do?

Register to Vote and/or
Request Ballot

[Get Started](#)

Get My Ballot Now

[Get Started](#)

Track My Ballot

[Get Started](#)

Address  <http://www.fvap.gov/registration/reg-ballot-request-ca.html>



FEDERAL VOTING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Voting Help For Uniformed Service Members, Their Families, & Citizens Living Outside The U.S.

[For Voting Assistance Officers](#) | [For Election Officials](#)

[HOME](#)

[STATE VOTING INFORMATION](#)

[REFERENCE CENTER](#)

[FAQ](#)

[CONTACT/CHAT](#)

[Home](#) > [Select Your State](#) > [What Would You Like to Do?](#) > [Register to Vote and/or Request Ballot](#)

Register to Vote and/or Request Ballot

Use FVAP's automated assistant to complete and print your voter registration/ballot request form.

[Get Started](#)

Important Dates for UOCAVA citizens

General Election: 11/02/2010

Register by: 10/18/2010

Request ballot by: 10/26/2010

Return ballot by: 8 pm, 11/02/2010

Resources:

[California Absentee Voting Guidelines](#)

[California's State Election website](#)

Would you rather fill out the form by hand?

[Registration and Ballot Request](#)

Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) for Absentee Ballot

Complete the Form

[Eligibility](#)

[State](#)

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My Information

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[Additional Information](#)

Print and Finish

Uniformed Services Member > Washington > King

My Information

First Name (required)

Telephone ⓘ

Middle Name (required)

Fax (required) ⓘ

Last Name (required)

E-Mail Address (required)

Suffix

Gender

Previous Name

Date of Birth (required)

Political Party ⓘ

Social Security Number (required) - - ⓘ

Driver's License or ID Number (required) ⓘ

Enter your Washington Driver's License number OR the last four digits of your Social Security number. If you do not possess either of these numbers, the State will assign you a number for registration purposes.

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[Continue >](#)

You have entered personally identifying information. Close your browser when finished if using a shared or public computer.

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Warning: The following fields were left blank. You can download the form with these fields blank, however this information **MUST** be provided when submitting the form to your local election official.

- **Driver's License / ID Number** is missing on the [My Information](#) page.
- **Rural Route** is missing on the [Voting Residence](#) page.
- **Voting Address** is missing on the [Voting Residence](#) page.
- **Voting City/Town/Village** is missing on the [Voting Residence](#) page.
- **Voting County** is missing on the [Voting Residence](#) page.
- **Zip Code** is missing on the [Voting Residence](#) page.
- **Current Address** is missing on the [Mailing Address](#) page.

Print and Finish

Please review your personalized FPCA PDF package before printing. The PDF package includes your personal ballot request form pre-populated with the information you entered in this wizard along with additional state-specific information and instructions.

Be sure you click the **Finish** button after downloading the PDF package to ensure the system disposes of any personally identifiable information you entered.

NOTE: OS X users are encouraged to use [Adobe Reader](#) to avoid problems with the PDF.

[Download Form](#)

The PDF package is not automatically transmitted to your Local Election Official (LEO). Please make sure you send the printed form to your LEO.

[< Back](#)

[Finish](#)

Pre-Filled Output



Instructions for Washington

Thank you for using the automated ballot request process. Review, print, sign, and submit your completed absentee ballot request form to your local election official at the address provided below.

General Election: November 2, 2010; Registration: November 2, 2010; Ballot Request: November 2, 2010; Ballot Return: Signed and Dated by: November 1, 2010; Received by: November 23, 2010 State Primary Election: August 17, 2010; Registration: August 17, 2010; Ballot Request: August 17, 2010; Ballot Return: Signed and Dated by: August 16, 2010; Received by: September 1, 2010

NOTE: Recommended Mailing Dates for Voted Ballots in 2010:

- From Iraq, Afghanistan, Deployed Naval Vessels: 4 weeks before the election
- From Other overseas Military Installations: 3 weeks before the election
- From Other overseas locations: 4 weeks before the election (depending on foreign mail service)
- From Within the United States: 1 week before the election

NAME AND COMPLETE ADDRESS
 Robert Harrison Carey
 NAVCENT F2C2
 FPO AE 09504-6219



US POSTAGE PAID
 39 USC 3406

PAR AVION

OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOTING MATERIAL - FIRST-CLASS MAIL

NO POSTAGE NECESSARY IN THE U.S. MAIL - DMM 703.8.0

TO: King County Elections Services
King County Elections Division
919 SW Grady Way
Renton, WA 98507-2906

Print Form

(After completion, fold to inside and seal before mailing.) WARNING: Knowingly presenting false information in this application could result in criminal sanctions. Standard Form 75A (Rev. 10-2005)

REGISTRATION AND ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST - FEDERAL POST CARD APPLICATION (FPCA)

1. I REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR ALL ELECTIONS IN WHICH I AM ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AND I AM (Mark only one):

(a) A MEMBER OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES OR MERCHANT MARINE ON ACTIVE DUTY, OR AN ELIGIBLE SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT

(b) A U.S. CITIZEN RESIDING OUTSIDE THE U.S. TEMPORARILY

(c) A U.S. CITIZEN RESIDING OUTSIDE THE U.S. INDEFINITELY

2. MY INFORMATION (Required)

A. TYPE OF PRINTED FORM (Date, Page, Address)		B. PREFIX (D, S, A, MS)	C. PREVIOUS STATE (If applicable)
Carey, Robert, Harrison		Jr.	
D. SEX <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	E. RACE	F. DATE OF BIRTH (MMDDYYYY)	G. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER
		02021963	-- -- 1234
H. TELEPHONE NUMBER (Do not include area or international prefixes)		I. FAX NUMBER (Do not include area or international prefixes)	
703-588-8118		703-588-8118	

J. EMAIL ADDRESS
 Robert.Carey@fvap.gov

3. MY VOTING RESIDENCE ADDRESS (Required) (Military, use legal residence. Overseas citizens, use last legal residence in U.S.)

A. NUMBER AND STREET (Cannot be a P.O. Box)
 23 Mockingbird Lane

B. CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE
 Seattle

C. COUNTY
 King

D. STATE
 WA

E. ZIP CODE
 99453 --

4. WHERE TO SEND MY VOTING MATERIALS

A. MY CURRENT ADDRESS (Do not include P.O. Box) (Required)	B. MY FORWARDING ADDRESS (NOTE: Complete for only 1 year or less; your ballot mailed to the address in Block 4a.)
NAVCENT F2C2	
FPO AE 09504-6219	

5. I PREFER TO RECEIVE MY ABSENTEE BALLOT, AS PERMITTED BY MY STATE, BY: MAIL FAX EMAIL

6. MY POLITICAL PARTY PREFERENCE (Optional, but may be required by states to register to vote in primary elections)

7. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Designate the period for which you want to receive ballots - see instructions for Block 4, paragraph (3). Consult the Voting Assistance Guide for other specific state instructions.)
 Receive ballots for: All elections for which I am eligible.

7. 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., and
- 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, and
- 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, and
- I am not registering, requesting a ballot, or voting in any other jurisdiction in the U.S., and
- My signature and date below indicate when I completed this document, and
- 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.

Signed: _____ Date: _____ (MMDDYYYY) Signed: _____ (Do not sign if not required) Date: _____ (MMDDYYYY)

- NOT REQUIRED -

The information contained here in is for official use only. Any unauthorized release of this information may be punishable by law. Issue FPCA Form 75A
10/05

Online FWAB Tool

Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)

Complete the Form

- Eligibility
- State
- Jurisdiction
- Use of FWAB
- My Information
- Voting Residence
- Mailing Address
- Vote Candidates
- Confirm Votes
- Additional Information
- Print and Finish

Ballot Service Number: 1 | District: 1 | Sample

Vote Candidates (Help)

Choose your candidates below by selecting the radio button, then [print all choices](#).

[You can find help in determining your district's candidates.](#)

No Presidential candidates found.

U.S. Senator

Selection Last Name, First Name

- Gonzalez, Alexander
- Jones, LeAnn
- Kirk, Mark

Or Enter Your Write-In Candidate:

#

U.S. Representative/Delegate/Resident Commissioner

Selection Last Name, First Name Political Party

- Hight, Judy Republican
- Harper, Scott Democratic

Or Enter Your Write-In Candidate:

- select -

OFFICIAL FEDERAL WRITE-IN ABSENTEE BALLOT

PRESIDENT/VICE PRESIDENT

U.S. SENATOR*

Donald Kaplan (Unaffiliated)

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE/DELEGATE**/RESIDENT COMMISSIONER**

Mark Gramis (Libertarian)

* 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* to determine your state's policy. If you are eligible to use this ballot to vote for offices/candidates other than those listed above, 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.

OFFICE	CANDIDATE NAME or PARTY AFFILIATION
Governor	Mouse Mickey
Lt. Governor	Independent
Attorney General	Duck Daffy

[Home](#) > [Select Your State](#) > [What Would You Like to Do?](#) > [Get My Ballot Now](#)

Get My Ballot Now

Use New York's automated assistant to get a complete State ballot.

[Get Started](#)

or

Use FVAP's automated assistant to complete and print a back-up write-in ballot for Federal candidates.

[Get Started](#)

Important Dates for UOCAVA citizens

General Election: 11/02/2010

Registration: 10/08/2010

Request ballot by: 10/22/2010

Return ballot by: 11/09/2010*

*Postmarked by the day before the election

Resources:

[New York Absentee Voting Guidelines](#)

[New York State Election website](#)

Would you rather fill out the form by hand?

[Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot](#)

**Linking Voter to State systems instead of FWAB Wizard
Ensures Voter Gets Full Ballot**

FPCA Downloads from FVAP.gov Last 60 Days

FL	5,991
CA	3,900
IL	2,366
TX	2,283
PA	2,282
SC	1,095

**2012: 48,000 FPCA
downloads**
**2010: 91,000 FPCA
downloads**

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.

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

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 _____

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](#).

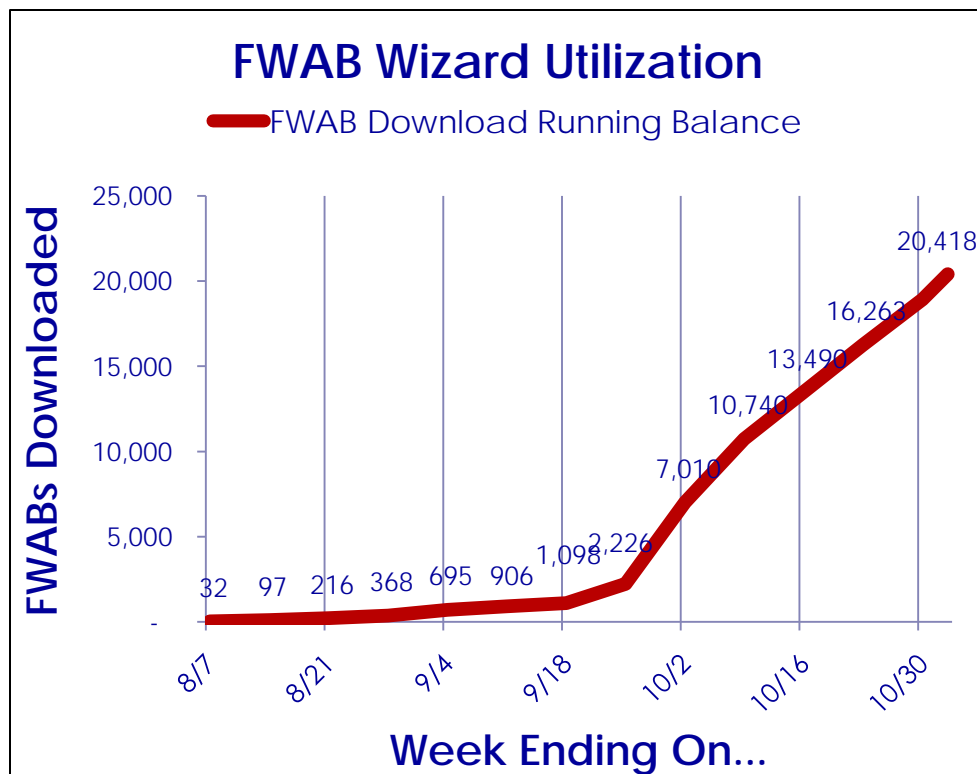
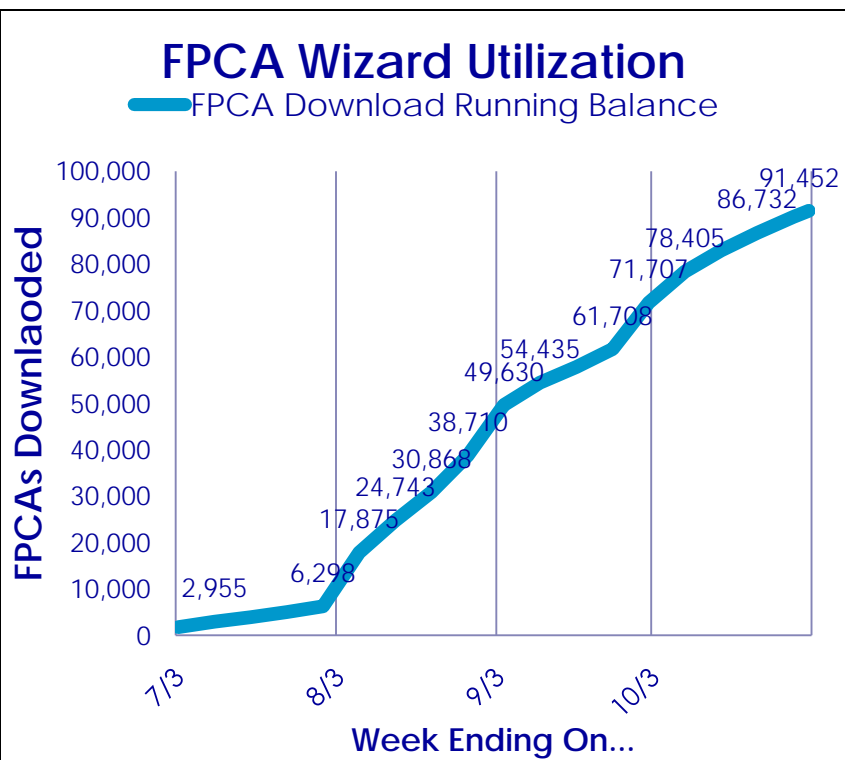
President/Vice President

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 FPCA and FWAB Wizard Utilization

FPCA Wizard downloads:

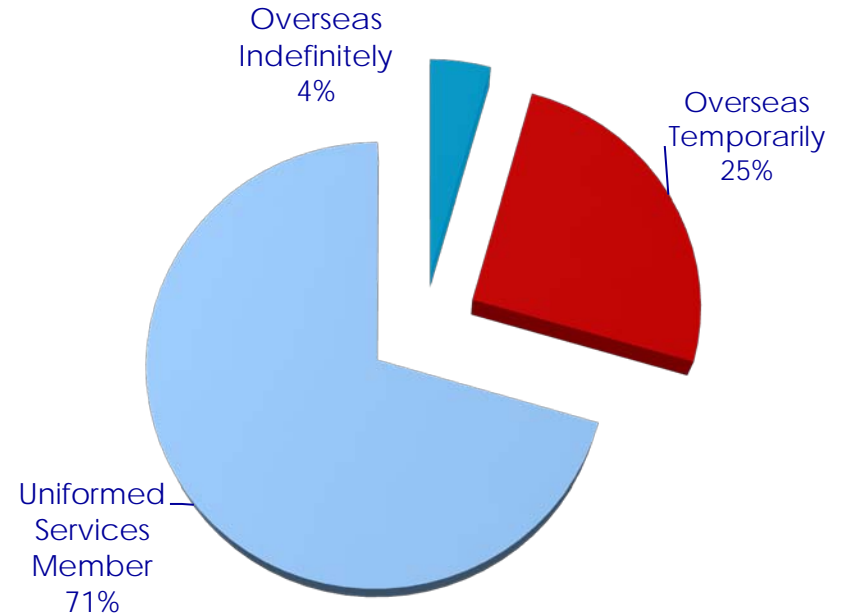
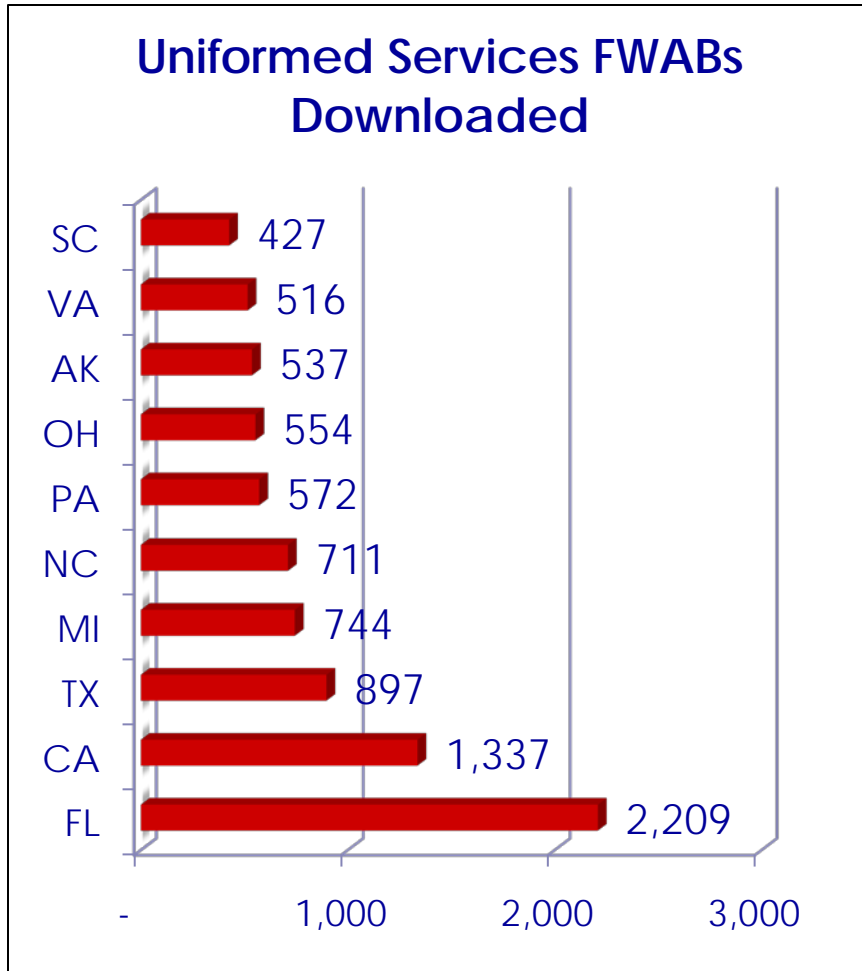
- **National: 91,565**



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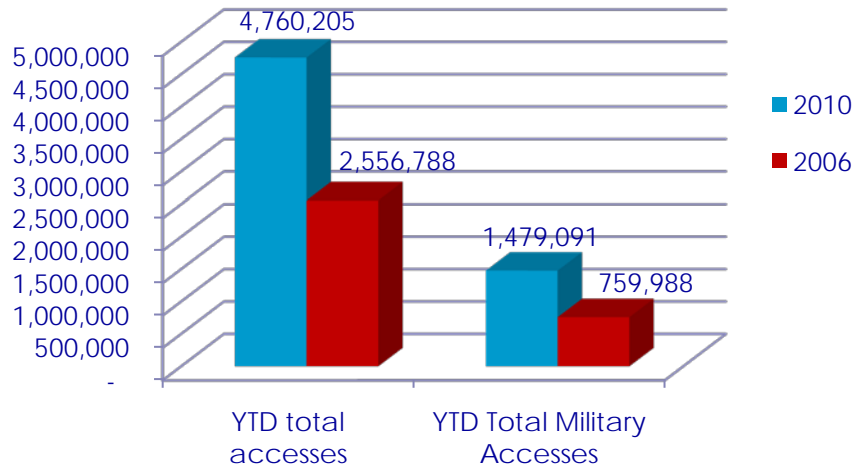
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2010 FWAB Wizard Utilization



FVAP Website Utilization

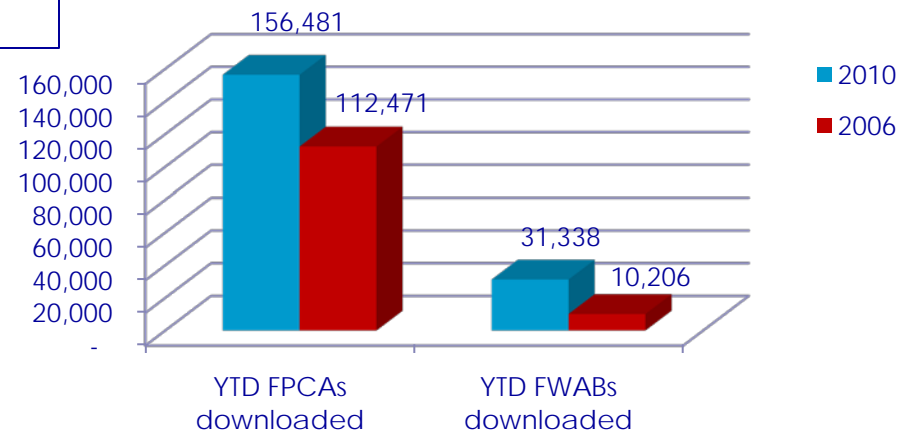
**FVAP.gov Website Use
2010 vs 2006**



- **Total Accesses: Up 86%**
- **Military Accesses: Up 95%**

- **FPCAs: Up 40%**
- **FWABs: Up 207%**

**Online Form Usage at FVAP.gov
2010 vs 2006**



What were the Key Problems with FVAP Systems

➤ **Launched too late in election cycle**

- Sep 1, 2006
- June 2008

➤ **One size fits all solutions**

➤ **Too hard to use**

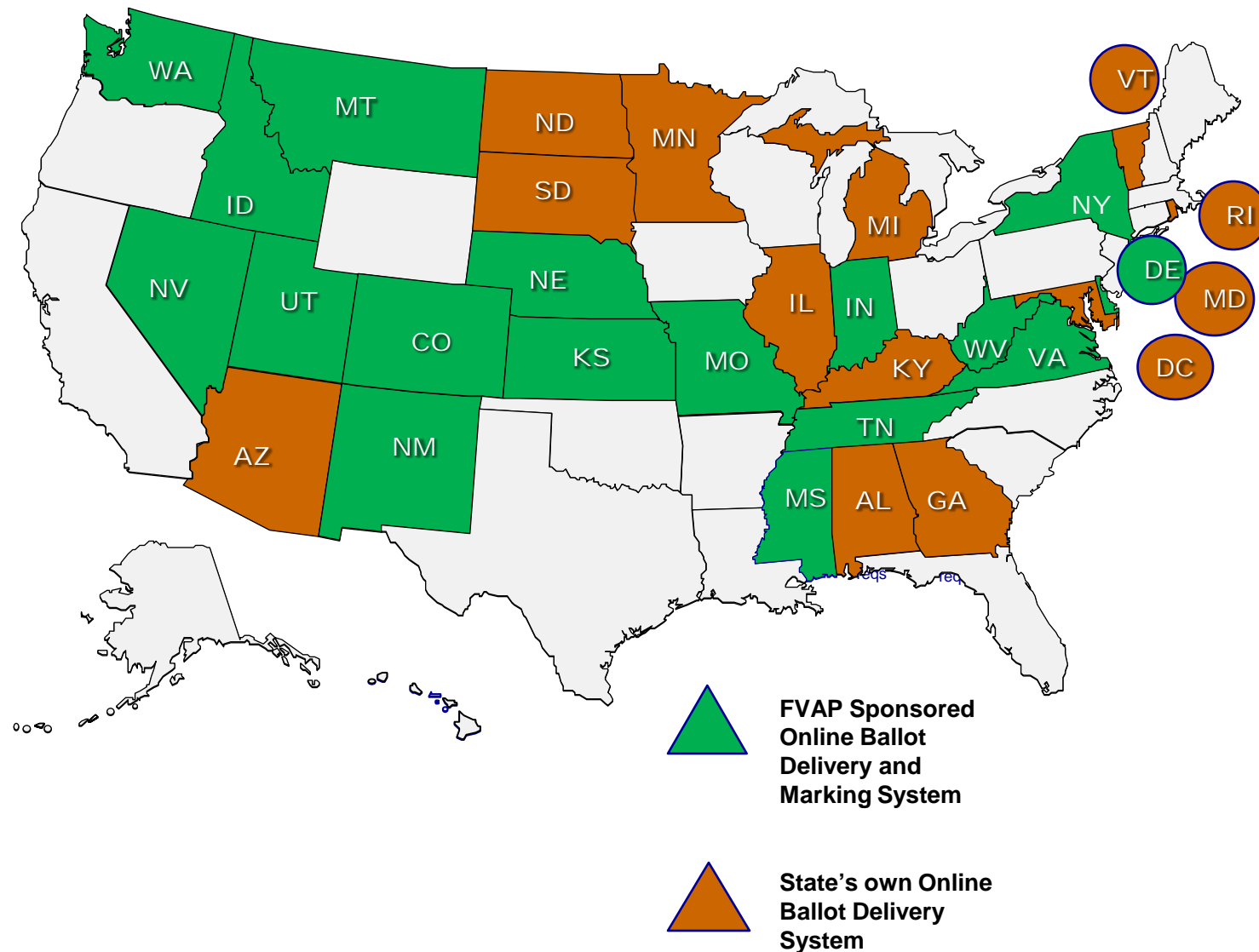
➤ **“FVAP can never deliver”**

➤ **Can't keep track of FVAP acronyms**

	2004 IVAS	2006 IVAS #1	2006 IVAS #2	2008 VRBD	2010 EVSW
# of States	7	8	3	8	17 (20)
# of Counties	108	470	101	480	780 (922)
# of Ballots	17	Unknown	35	124	3,454

- What is the correlation to State participation?
- Is email good enough?
- What about the non-participating State systems?
- Would MOVE Act have driven this anyway?

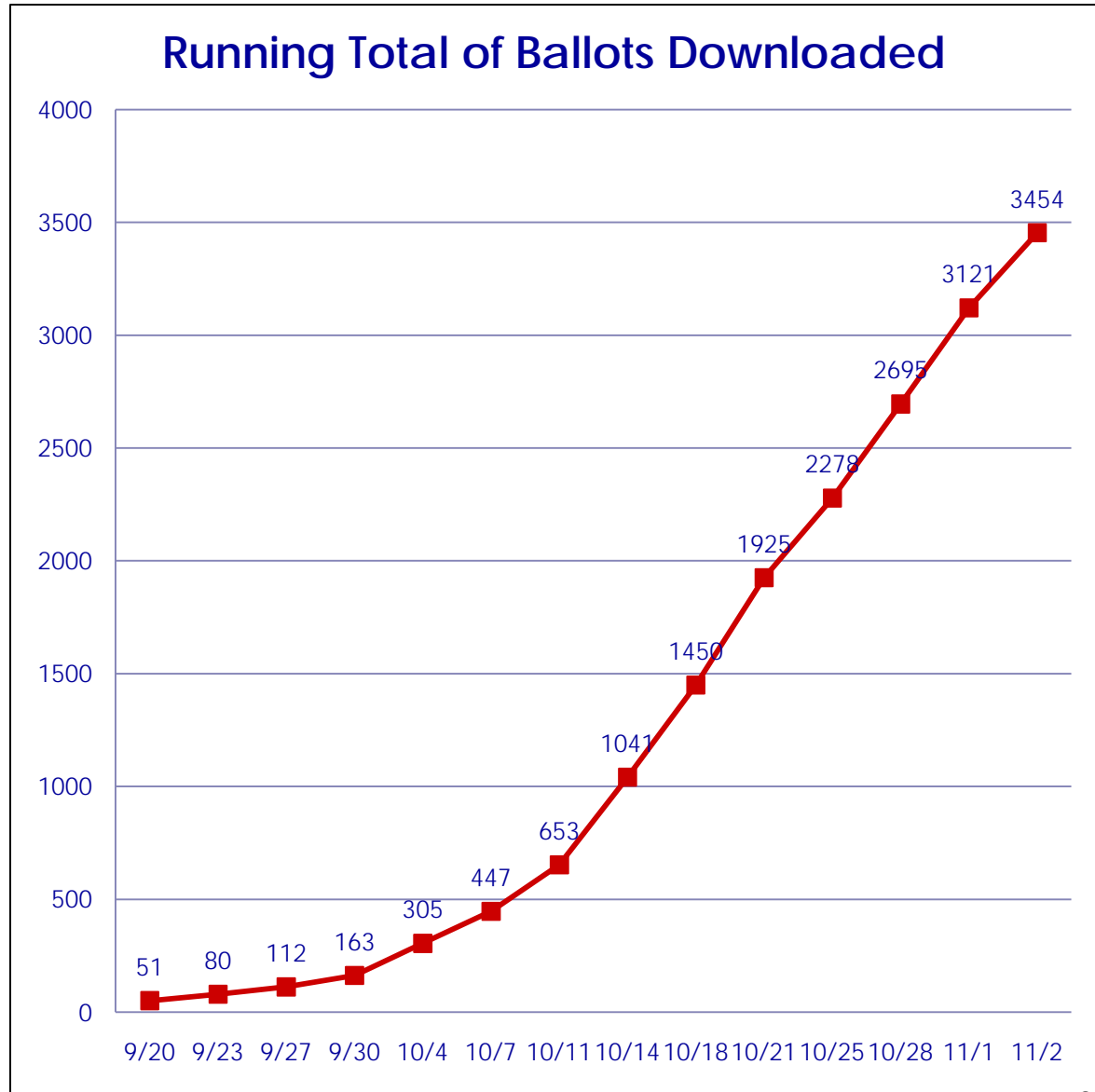
2010 Online Ballot Wizards



- 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

State Wizard Usage

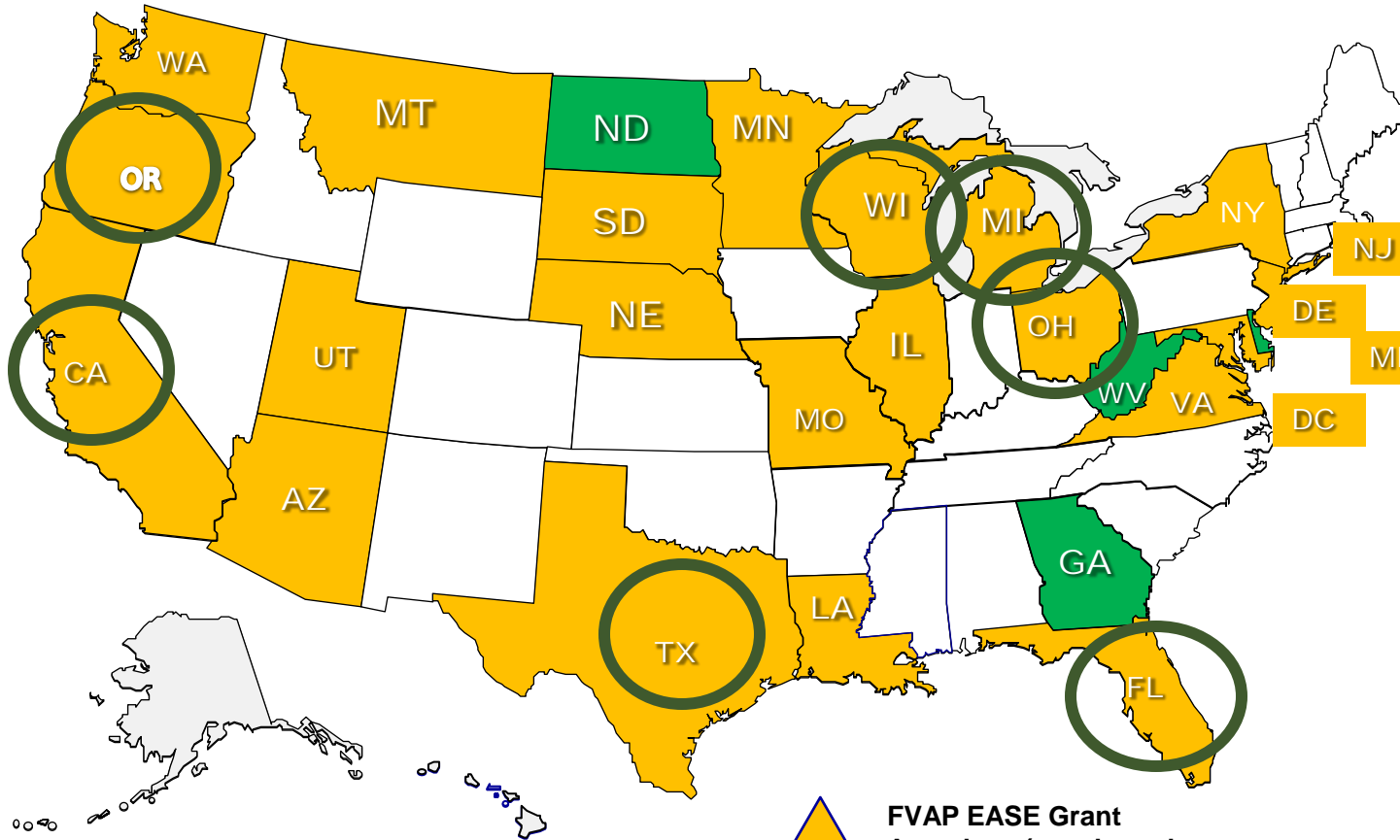
State	Vendor	Ballots Downloaded
Colorado	Democracy Live	31
Delaware	Democracy Live	276
Idaho	Democracy Live	26
Indiana	Scytl	88
Kansas	Scytl	4
Mississippi	Scytl	146
Missouri	Scytl	142
Montana	Konnech	540
Nebraska	Scytl	19
Nevada	Konnech	100
New Mexico	Scytl	25
New York	Scytl	927
Utah	Everyone Counts	203
Virginia	Credence	706
Washington	Scytl	188
West Virginia	Democracy Live	33
Grand Total		3,454



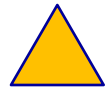
Grants

As of February 27,
grants to:

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



666,834 military voters covered

 **FVAP EASE Grant Awardees (may be only certain Counties)**

 **State's own Online Ballot Delivery System**

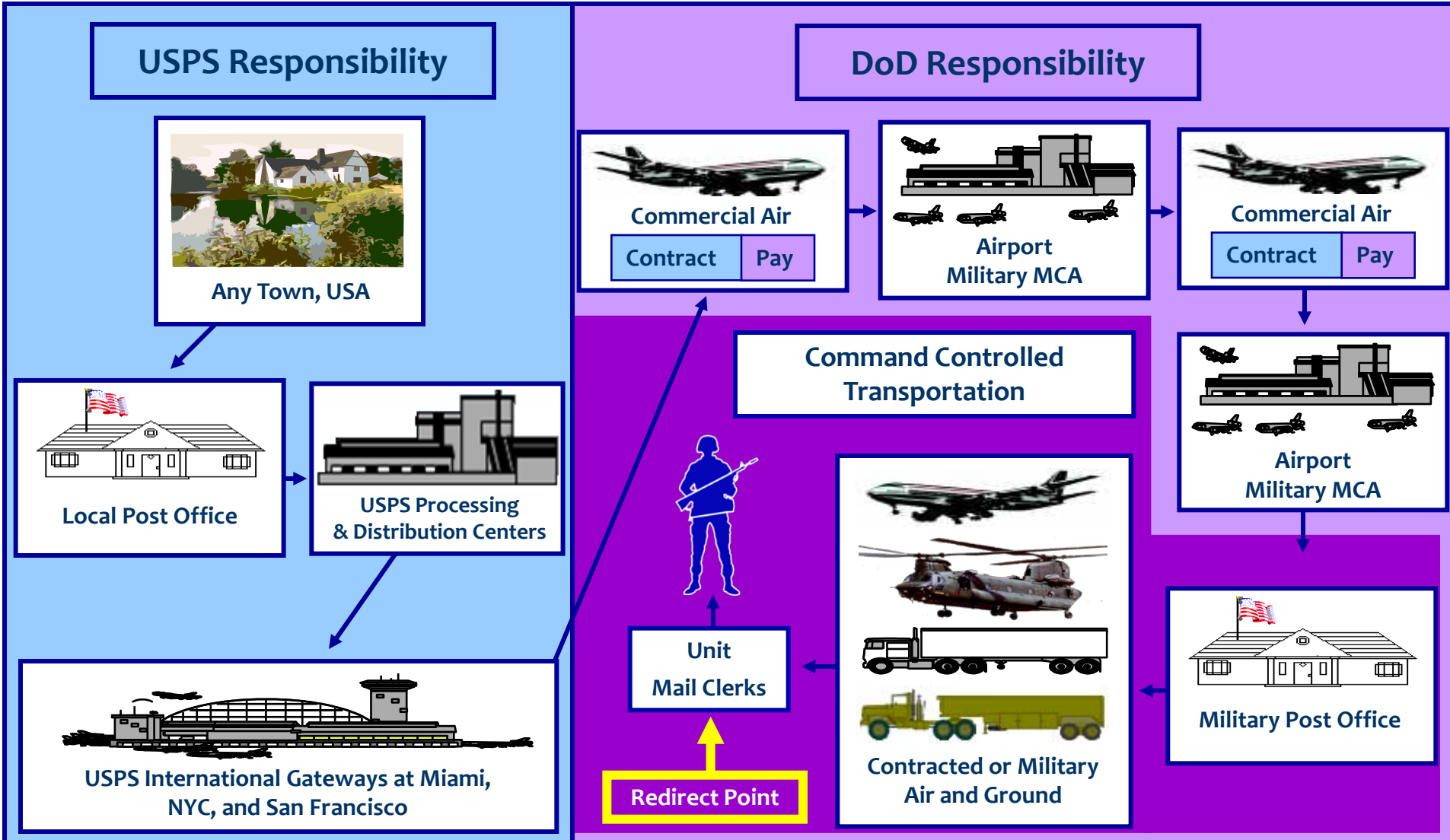
Ballot Delivery Overseas

2010 General Election

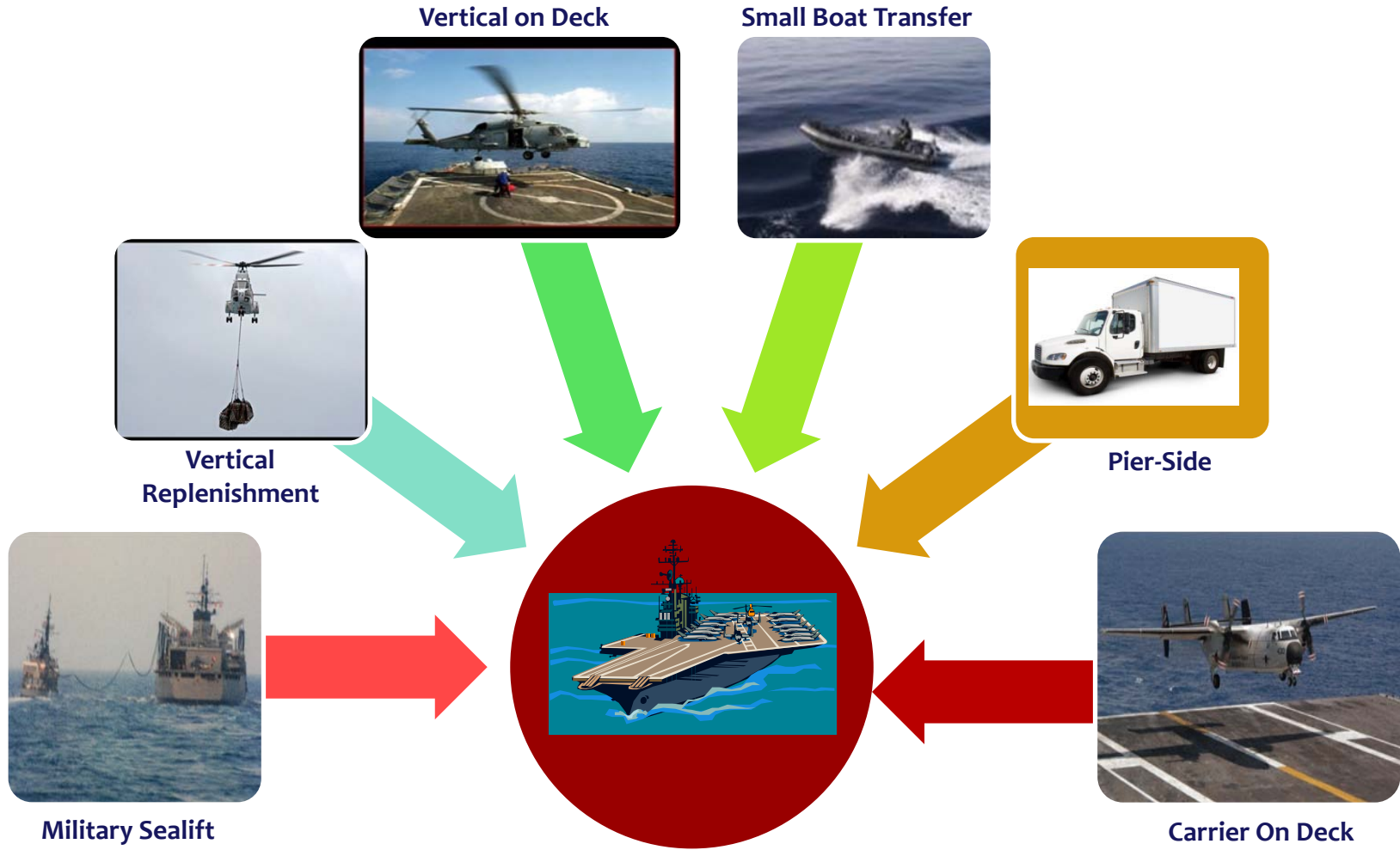
Date / Event	# Received Overseas	% of Total Received
9/18 – 45 Days Prior	4,636	7%
10/2 – 30 Days Prior	47,274	71%
11/2 – Election Day	65,959	99%
11/24 – Extended Election	66,848	100%

- **29% received from U.S. at least 45 days before the election**
- **71% received from US at least 30 days before the election**
- **212 ballots received at overseas MPOs between 25 and 30 Nov**

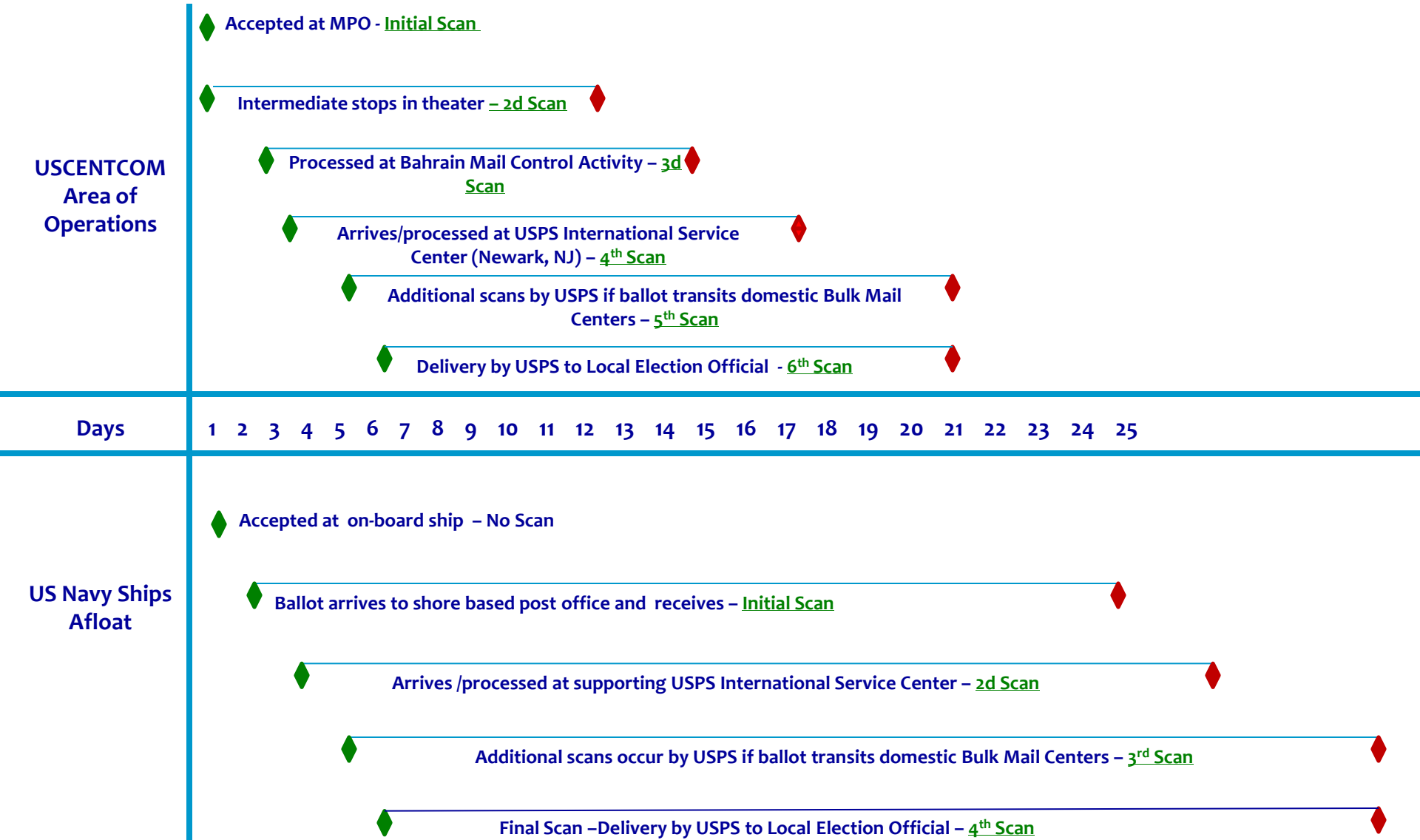
How Ballots Move To & From Ground Forces



How Ballots Move To & From Deployed Navy Sailors



Projected Ballot Timeline



Expedited Ballot Return

- 65,107 outbound ballots from the States
- 20,663 inbound voted absentee ballots
 - over half to Florida, Texas, California, Washington, Virginia and New York

Bring Home the Vote with Express Mail

Watch for Label 11-DOD on Absentee Ballots

WARNING! FAILURE TO SIGN BACK OF ENVELOPE WILL INVALIDATE YOUR BALLOT.
(Name and address of sender is on back of envelope)

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4	963389998	05/18/2010 15:41	EH 990106369 US	A	96814	HI	0 lb 14 oz	15.70	14.96
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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

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Delivery status and transit time from acceptance to delivery.

- 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)

Communications Strategy

- **Drive voters to FVAP.gov**
 - Stress direct-to-voter focus to reduce reliance on Voting Assistance Officers
 - Use online tools, especially ballot delivery tools

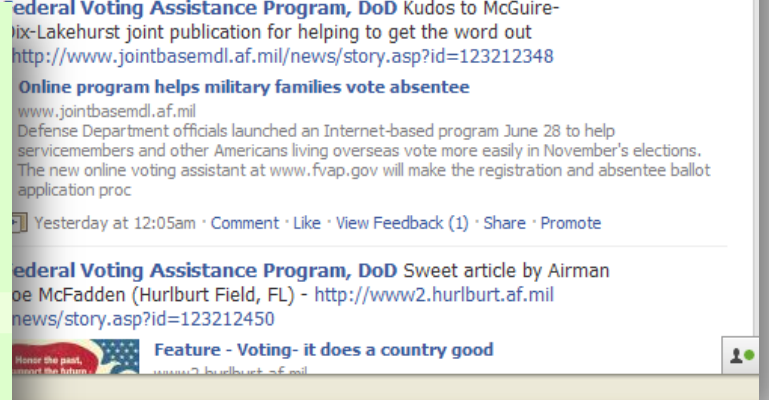
- **Focus on critical path to voter success**
 - Ensure voters understand need for early action
 - Ensure voters understand time delays
 - Stress availability of Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot (FWAB)
 - Availability of expanded registration assistance
 - IVAOs
 - Online wizards

- **Target under performing populations**
 - Military spouses & voting age dependents
 - 18-24 year olds, military and civilian

Social Media



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Putin critics not deterred by mass arrests

Organizers expect 2,000 people to protest today against the election that kept Prime Minister Putin's party in power. Police arrested 250 protesters on Tuesday. [FULL STORY](#)



Nation pauses to recall Pearl Harbor

Survivors of the surprise Japanese attack on the U.S. Naval base at Pearl Harbor will remember the 2,400 people who lost their lives 70 years ago Wednesday. [FULL STORY](#) | [WAR THROUGH A LIFE PHOTOGRAPHER'S EYES](#)

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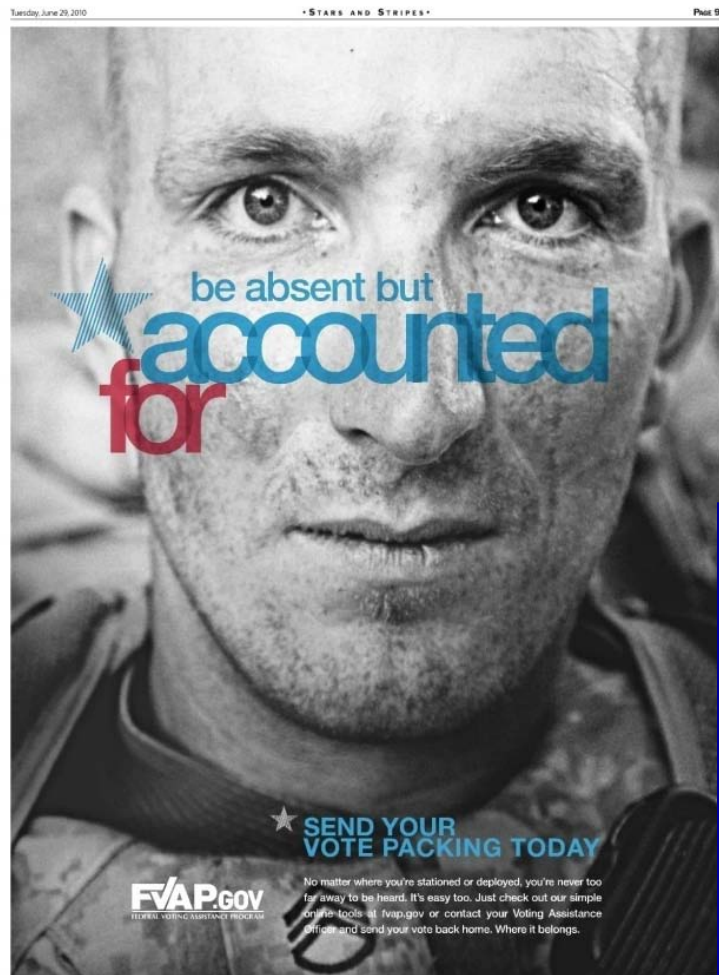
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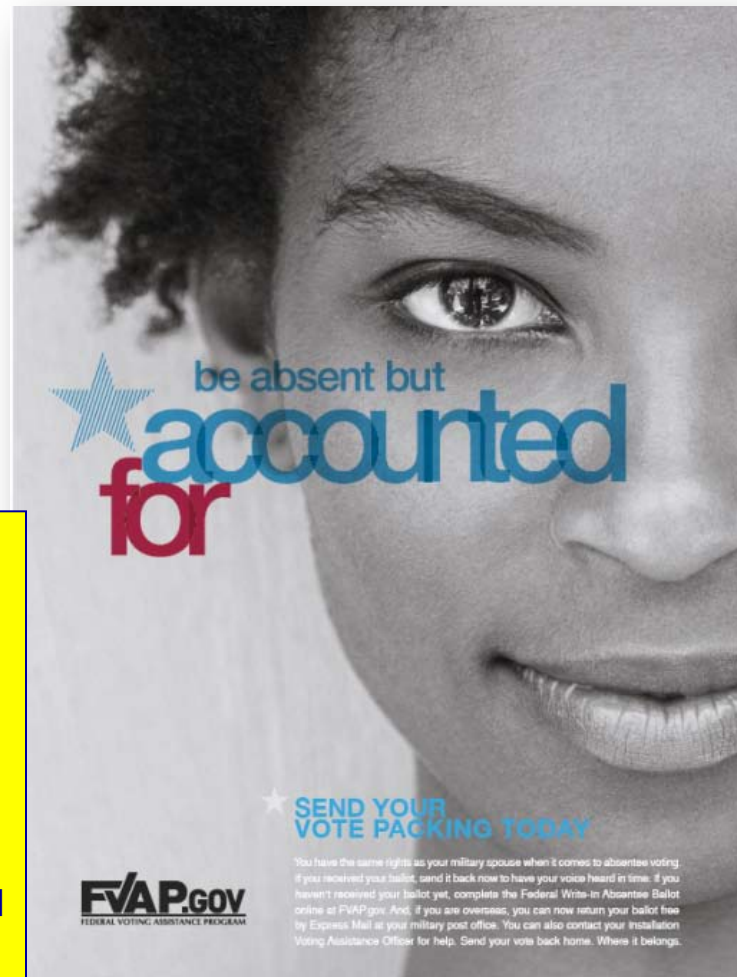
Print Ads

Stars & Stripes / Defense Times

Military Spouse Magazine



- 2012 Print Ad Schedule**
- Jan-March
 - 4th of July
 - Register
 - VAOs
 - End of September
 - Send in Ballot
 - Ballot Download
 - FWAB



Military TV spot



Close-up view to sounds of stock, assembly, barrel, magazine, and recoil over Rifleman's Creed



Pull back to reveal pen and . . . Ballot



Impact of 2010 Advertising Campaign

- **Utilized variety of communications and social media to drive voters to FVAP.gov**
 - Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn
 - Armed Forces Network, Pentagon Channel
 - Private and military-focused print media

- **Hits to the website and social network sites significantly increased**
 - Facebook campaign: 20 million impressions, 10,000 engagements, resulting in nearly 3,300 new fans of the FVAP page in only four weeks
 - FWAB requests increased 129% after four days of online advertising and 218% the following week

- **FVAP is repeating this successful 2010 online, AFN, and print media advertising campaign**
 - Began in November 2011 and will execute three more sessions in 2012 (January, July, and September)

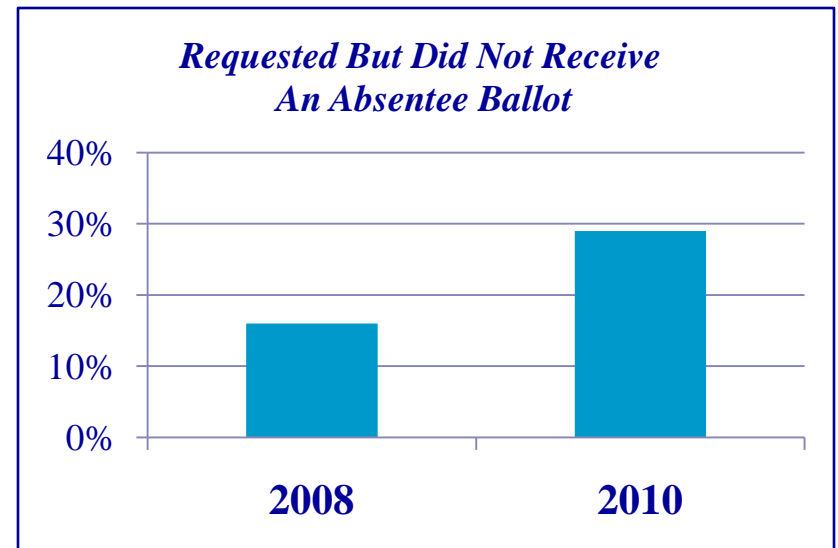
2010: Complex, but Encouraging Picture

Greater Number of Military Voters Received and Voted Their Ballots

- 21% higher voter participation rate (33% increase amongst 18-24)
- 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%)
 - But 46,000 voters still voted



Active Duty Military Voter Registration

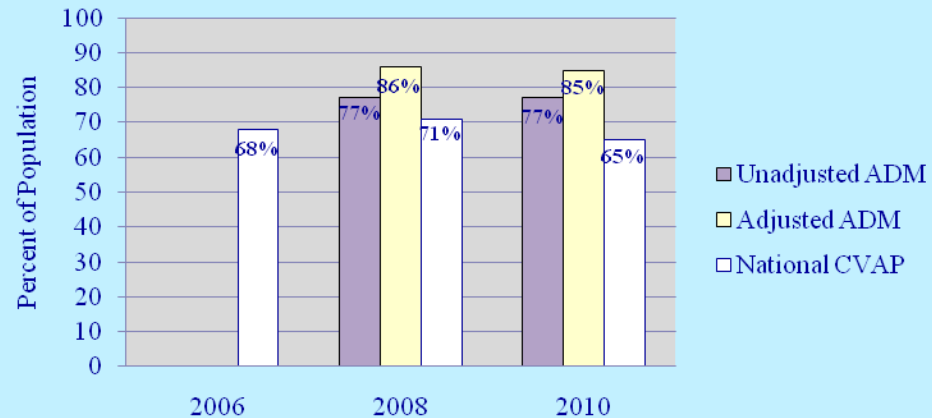
Voter Registration

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

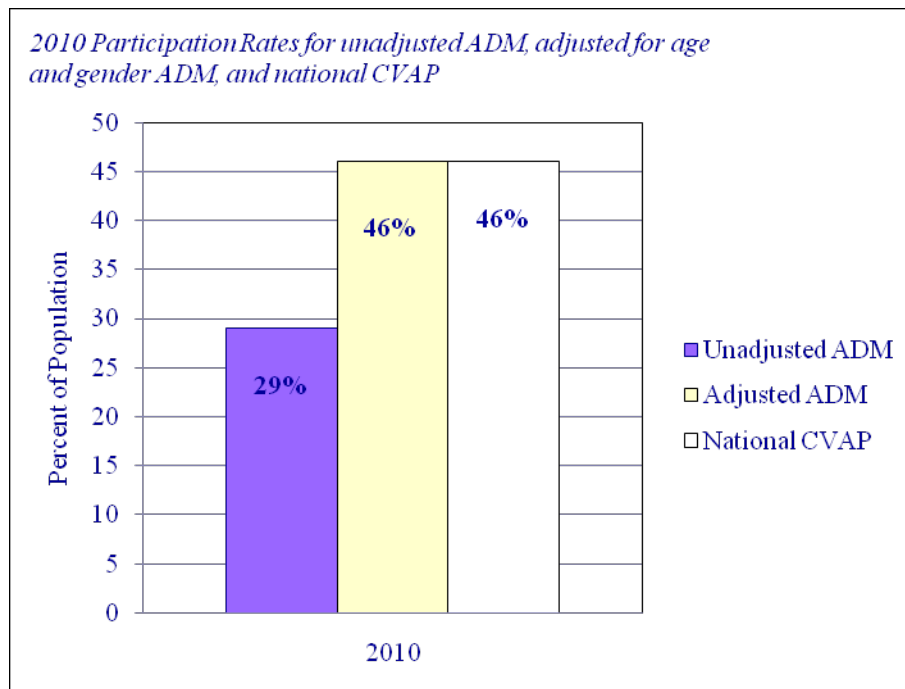
Active Duty Voter Participation

Voter Participation

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

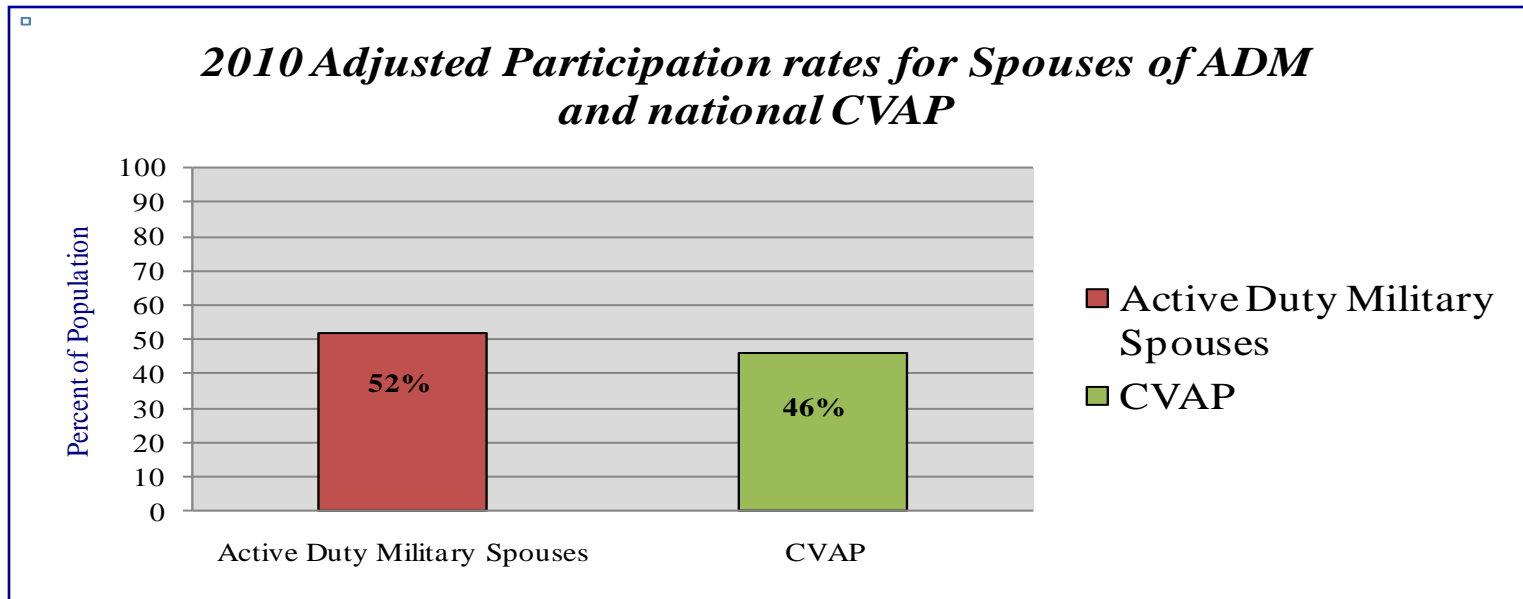
Participation Trends (2006-2010)

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



	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

- 36% of military spouses voted in the 2010 election (52% adjusted)
- 45.5% voter participation rate nationally
- 57% of military spouse voters voted in person

FVAP Data Needs

Causes of Voting Failure

- **Voter success vs. desire**
- **Turn-out and follow-through rates**
- **Deep dive on current data**
- **Point in voting process where voting fails**
- **Comparisons between electronic and postal methods**
- **Comparisons between types of voters**
 - **Overseas vs. domestic military**
 - **Military members vs. dependents**
 - **Military vs. overseas civilians**

Timely, Quality Data

- **Know which jurisdictions HAVEN'T responded**
- **How can we improve response rates?**
- **How can we improve response times?**
- **How can we take advantage of current processes?**
- **How can we reduce data collection burdens?**

Conflicts between LEO & Military/Spouse Surveys

- **How many ballots returned?**
 - LEOs reported 118,000 military ballots returned
 - Military & spouses reported 392,000 returning ballots
- **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
- **Late ballots**
 - 44% of LEOs report sending out 1st ballots <45-days prior
 - 16% (56,000) of ballots sent out <45-days prior

Significant Historical Variance between EAC and FVAP Data

FVAP Surveys

- Active Duty Military
- Military Dependents – First time ever
- Voting Assistance Officers
- Local Election Officials

2008 Post-Election Survey Variance

	# Ballots Sent to Military Voters	# of Ballots From Military Voters
FVAP	767,773	491,889
EAC	480,757	320,950
# Difference	287,016	170,939
% Difference	60%	53%

Key Elements & Discoveries

- FVAP surveys statistically weighted for:
 - Voter demographics
 - Jurisdiction size
 - Non-response
- Variance in same jurisdictions reporting same data
 - **2008: >56,000** variance for only 23% of total jurisdictions
 - **2010: >54,000** variance for only 33% of total jurisdictions
 - Simple extrapolation =
 - **2008: 243,000**
 - **2010: 163,000**

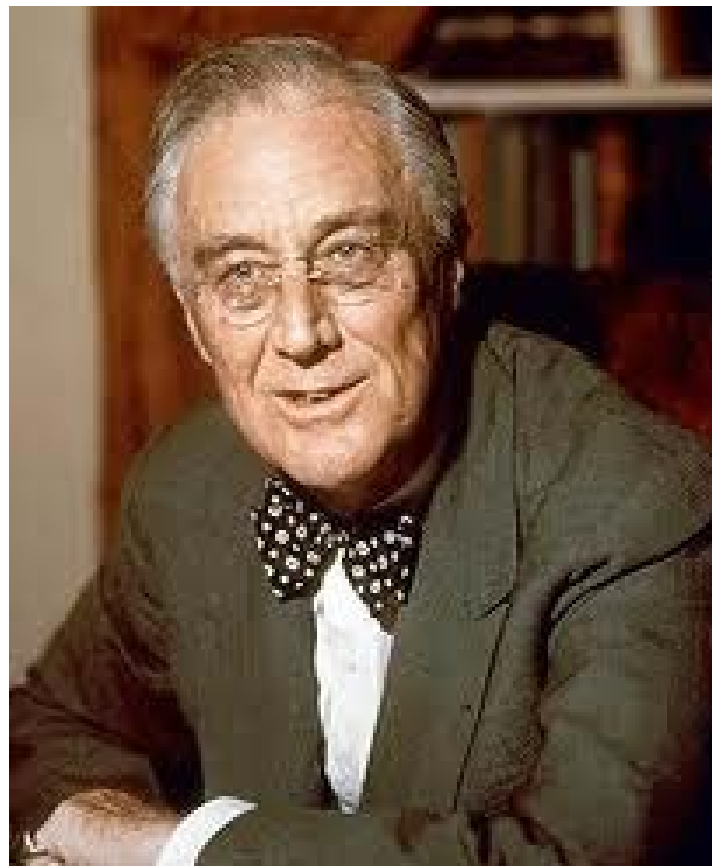
FVAP's 2010 Totals are Similar to the EAC's When Adjusted

UOCAVA Voters	Active Duty	Spouse	Total Military	FVAP LEO	EAC States
Voted	459,155	247,635	706,790	n/a	n/a
Voting at Polls	-173,666	-141,011	-314,677	n/a	n/a
< 50 Miles from Polls but still absentee	- 30,245	-24,522	-54,767	n/a	n/a
Submitting Non-FPCA Ballots	-105,060	-74,157	-179,217	n/a	n/a
FWABs	-61,234	-7,429	-68,633	n/a	n/a
Total UOCAVA Ballots Returned	88,950	516	89,466	118,135	107,774

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

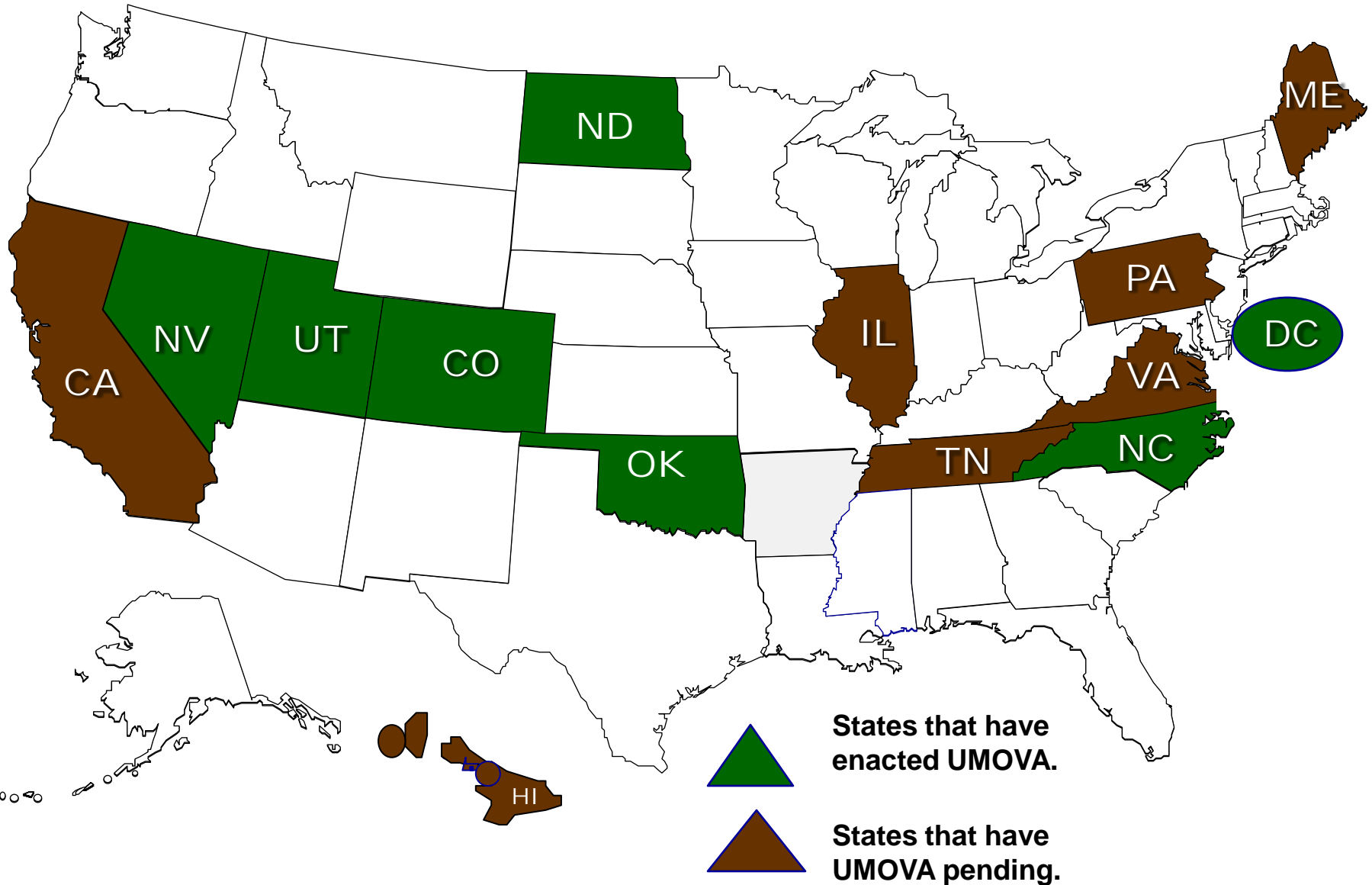


FVAP State Legislative Initiatives

- **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**

Currently Enacted and Pending UMOVA States



Uniformity is the Answer

Uniform Military and Overseas Voter Act

- Extends Protections to State/local elections.
- Extends Protections to all National Guard members and those 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

New Laws Don't Reduce Complexity

- **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.
- **South Carolina**: Changed FPCA Validity to calendar year, but held PPP on January 21st.
 - Administratively resolved for 2012.
 - What about the long term?
- **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

Policy and Legislation: Improvements since MOVE

- **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.
- **Of the 55 States and territories...**

Initiative	2007	Now
Codified 45-Day Prior Transmission	3	33
Accept FWAB in State/local Elections	22	36
Email Blank Ballots to UOCAVA Voters	13	50
Require a Notary	8	0
Enact UMOVA	0	7

Repeal of UOCAVA Section 104

- **MOVE Act repealed Section 104(a) to (d)**
 - Leaves only Section 104(e)
 - Allows early submission of FPCA
 - Only applies to Uniformed Service voters
 - Based upon complaints of high number of returned UOCAVA ballots returned as undeliverable, approximately 60,000

- **Result:**
 - States may require overseas civilian voters to submit a new absentee ballot application for each and every election
 - FVAP encouraging all UOCAVA voters to submit a new FPCA:
 - At every change of address, voting or delivery
 - Annually, odd years included
 - **Combined with new military FPCA submission standards, LEOs should expect 3.5 – 4 million FPCAs per year, compared to ~1 million in 2008.**



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.



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.

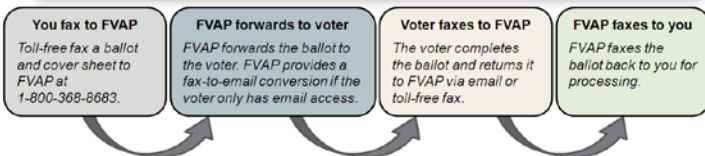
Note: If the applicant has not received an absentee ballot 30 days before the election, they are encouraged to complete and submit the **Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)** to ensure that their vote is received in time to be counted.



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:

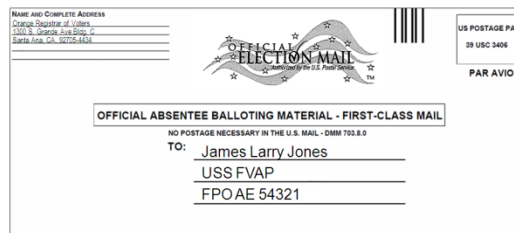
- ✓ ETS Instructions: <http://www.fvap.gov/resources/media/etsmanualforleaps.pdf>
- ✓ ETS Coversheet: <http://www.fvap.gov/resources/media/leofaxcoversheet.pdf>

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



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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