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From: Director, Fleet and Family Readiness To: Director, Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP)

- Subj: 2011 VOTING AFTER ACTION REPORT
- Ref: (a) Department of Defense Directive 1000.04
 (b) Mr. Kenneth Warford (FVAP) e-mail of 10 Jan 12
- Encl: (1) 2011 Navy Voting After Action Report
 - (2) Navy Recruit Voter Awareness Training
 - (3) Military Recruiter Information

1. As required by reference (a) and formatted as specified in reference (b), Navy Voting After Action Report for 2011 is provided at enclosure (1). Presentations requested in reference (b) are provided at enclosures (2) and (3).

2. My point of contact is LT Andrew Bousky, who may be reached at (202) 433-4000, DSN 288, or by e-mail to andrew.bousky@navy.mil.

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2011 NAVY VOTING AFTER ACTION REPORT

1. List of installations with established Installation Voter Assistance Offices.

a. All IVA Office contact information provided to FVAP and posted online is current.

b. Recent IVA Office changes:

(1) Naval Support Facility Beaufort, SC established;

(2) Naval Magazine Indian Island, WA IVA Office disestablished.

2. Number of formal written complaints received. None.

3. Voting Assistance Program Activities and Effectiveness.

a. In accordance with DoD Directive 1000.04, the Navy Voting Assistance Program Instruction, OPNAVINST 1742.1B, directs all Voting Assistance Officers to ensure delivery of the SF-76 on 15 January of each calendar year and 15 August of even numbered years. Additionally, the Navy's Voting Information Management System (VIMS) data page reminds VAOs of this requirement, reinforced by reminders throughout the chain of command.

b. Calendar Year 2011 service-wide voting activities and special events included:

(1) SF-76's distributed in January;

(2) NAVADMIN released 07 Nov 11 to reinforce the approaching 2012 election season and remind VAOs to register in VIMS. Efforts resulted in a 60% increase in VIMS registration;

(3) Two holiday Leave and Earnings Statement (LES) notes were placed in November 2011 and January 2012 to remind service members to register to vote;

(4) Increased on-line presence established through creation of Navy Voting Facebook page, update of Navy Voting Webpage and shortening of webpage link;

(5) Navy Voting Toolkit revised, enhanced and released on-line and via compact disc. Toolkit provides VAOs a single source of materials to completely support the Voting Assistance Program.

c. Calendar Year 2011 installation-wide voting activities and special events included:

(1) FVAP/Navy VAO workshop conducted for Naval District Washington IVAOs in October 2011;

(2) FVAP/Navy VAO workshop conducted at Naval Base San Diego and Naval Air Station North Island in November 2011, leading up to the Carrier Classic NCAA basketball game;

(3) Various installation-wide messages, newspaper articles and emphasis drives (not individually tracked or reported);

(4) Navy-specific motivational posters created and distributed to all IVAOs to increase IVA Office awareness.

d. Special efforts to encourage voting participation by flag leadership included an increased emphasis on voter registration and metric tracking at recruiting offices by Commander, Navy Installations Command and Commander, Navy Recruiting Command.

e. Recommendations for DoD and service-level voting training and assistance to IVA Offices:

(1) Implement distance learning training system (currently in development by FVAP) to support VAOs and IVAOs;

(2) Develop electronic on-line tool to aid in and standardize quarterly reporting by IVAOs;

(3) Furnish IVAOs yearly 'marketing pack' to include handouts, posters, banners, public service announcements, etc., to assist in increasing voter awareness.

f. Lessons learned:

(1) The scope of the Voting Assistance Program is so wide and covers so many personnel with very limited resources, it is critical to invest in efforts that will provide the greatest return-on-investment. Examples include: web based training; the FVAP online wizard; social media; and e-mail blasts. (2) The Unit-level VAO continues to be invaluable. The scope of UVAO responsibilities is manageable and the UVAO can easily support a distinct set of service members.

g. Recommendations to improve the Voting Assistance Program:

(1) Shift IVAO focus from 'Offices' to marketing and media awareness. The offices receive very little traffic and end up being a significant administrative burden on the installation. With increased digitization of voting assistance on-line at FVAP.gov, IVAO resources would be better utilized by focusing on increasing awareness across the installation to direct voters to the on-line portal. Additionally, UVAOs are perfectly positioned to provide 'hands-on' support, when and if needed.

(2) Simplify training and clarify message. FVAP training is currently over 62 PowerPoint slides long. It provides too much information for a new VAO, resulting in diminished training takeaways. Creating very simple 'crashcourse' type training for new VAOs, in addition to a second 'advanced' training, may help alleviate this problem. The same exists for voter training. Instead of focusing on training policy, requirements and law, training should focus on getting voters to FVAP.gov to register, using the streamlined wizard.

(3) Implement a VAO contact system similar to what FVAP currently has for all voters that sign up. This will allow FVAP to send frequent, simple e-mail reminders to VAOs to accomplish specific tasks. Using this approach, FVAP can provide targeted direction to VAOs vice relying on a complex VAO training process.

4. The Navy Voting Assistance Program Instruction (OPNAVINST 1742.1B) is compliant with DoD Directive 1000.04 regarding recruit indoctrination training and recruiter indoctrination training. Enclosures (2) and (3) refer.





Navy Voting Assistance Program

Recruit Voter Awareness Training





Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) Navy Voting Assistance Program (NVAP) Voting Assistance Officers (VAO) Legislation and Organizations: The Absentee Voting Process Available Resources Act (UOCAVA) **PReview**

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Voting Assistance Officers

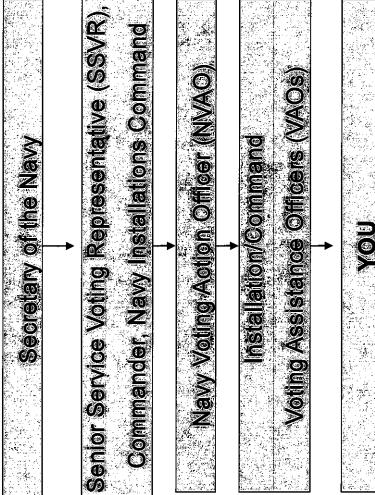
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Your Voting Assistance Program







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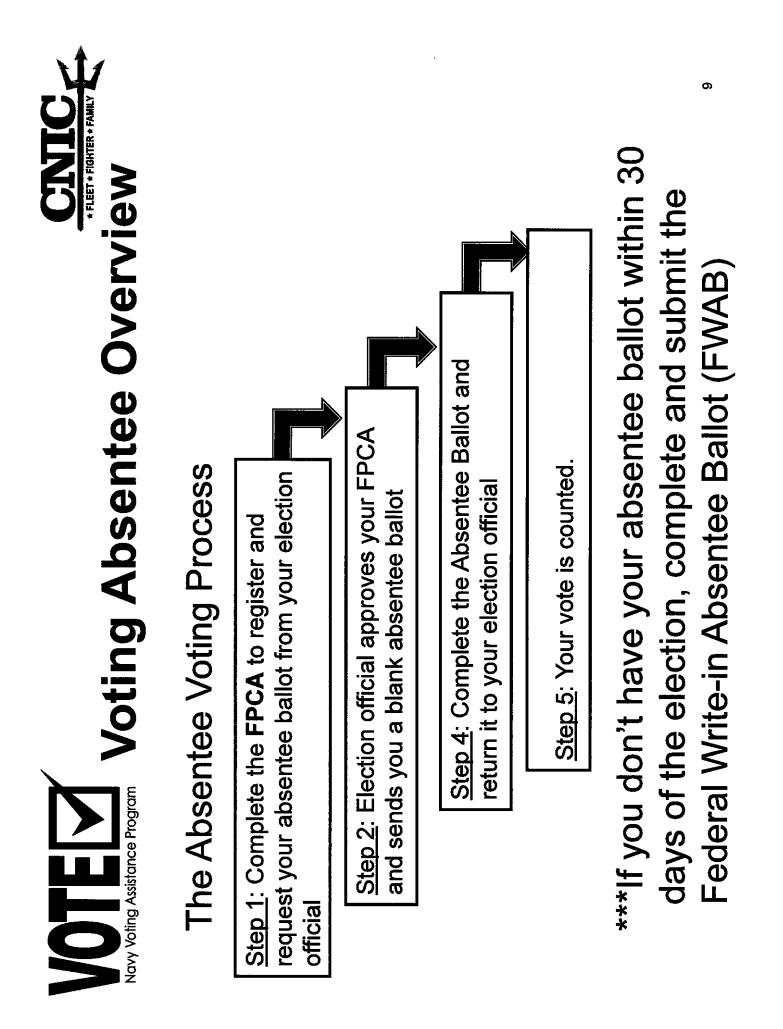




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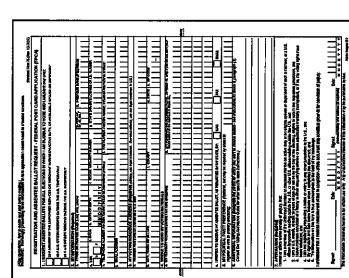
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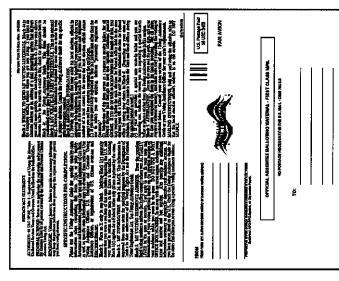
Filling out the FPCA Navy Voting Assistance Program

The Federal Post Card Application

FPCA SF-76(Front)



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FPCA SF-76A (Online)

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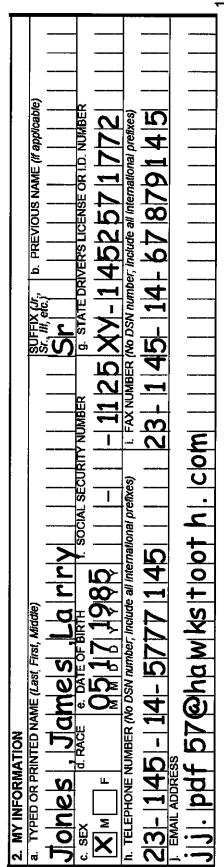




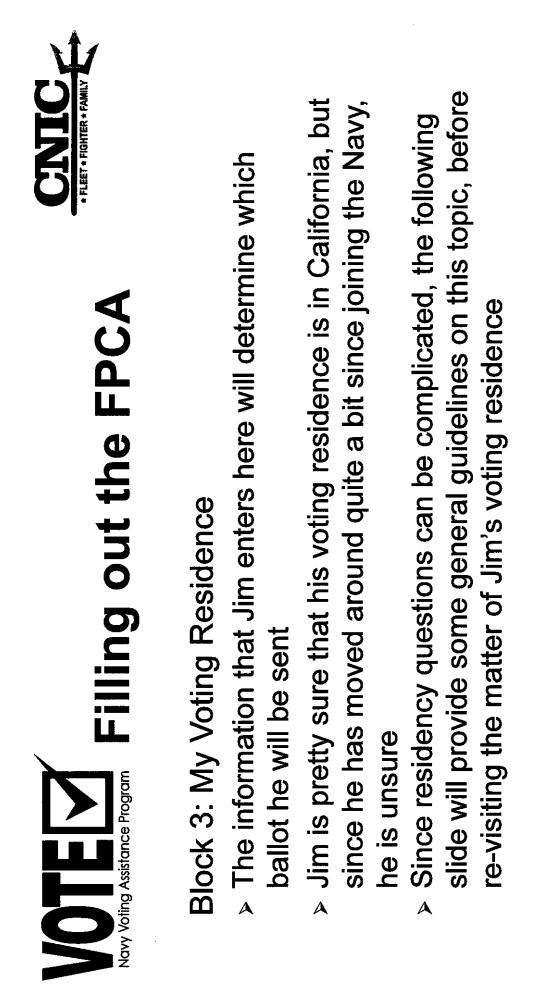
Block 2: My Information

Jim's application will not be rejected if he leaves it blank > Jim should provide a telephone, fax number, and email, Information on race is requested by some States, but which will help the local election official communicate

with him and resolve any questions regarding the FPCA



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 a. NUMBER AND STREET (Cannot be a P.O. Box)





Most often 'Home of Record' or address on Leave and Earnings Statement

- Each voter must have a legal residence address in a State or territory to vote in U.S. elections
- on the FPCA to help ensure successful registration and Voters should provide as much information as possible ballot request







Block 4: Where to Send My Voting Materials

- Since Jim is currently stationed overseas at an APO, he enters his mailing address at that location.
 - Notify your local election official ASAP if/when you have an address change.
- Jim can check the Voting Assistance Guide (VAG, found on FVAP website or with your VAO) to see if his State permits faxing or emailing of the ballot.

4. WHERE TO SEND MY VOTING MATERIALS	
a. MY CURRENT ADDRESS (Where I live now) (Required)	b. MY FORWARDING ADDRESS (NOTE: Complete 4b. only if you do not want your bailot mailed to the address in Block 4a.)
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Block 5: My Political Party Preference

- Political party preference is required in most States to participate in partisan primary elections
- In a partisan primary election, candidates from a political party are chosen to represent that party in a subsequent general election
 - » After checking his State's requirements in the VAG, Jim decides to enter his political party preference
- would still receive the November general election ballot Note that even if Jim did not enter party preference, he

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

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Block 6: Additional Information

Provide any additional information in this box that may assist your Local Election Official with processing your form

Your State also may require additional language be included in this box

materials or proof of residence you may be required to provide The Voting Assistance Guide will also indicate any other your State

6. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Designate the period for which you want to receive ballots - see instructions for Block 6, paragraph (3). Consult the Voting Assistance Guide for other specific state instructions.)

Last date lived in Mayville: Feb. 2002.

Due to military contingencies, I am unable to follow the regular absentee <u>ballot application process. I request a special write-in ballot.</u>



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Block 7: Affirmation

After reading the affirmation, Jim signs and dates the application

7. AFFIRMATION

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 N
- 3. I have not been convicted of a felony or other disqualitying offense or been adjudicated mentally incompetent, or if so, my voting rights have been reinstated, and
 - 4. I am not registering, requesting a ballot, or voting in any other jurisdiction in the U.S., and
 - 5. My signature and date below indicate when I completed this document, and
- 6. The information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

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Jim is now ready to submit his FPCA:

- First, he checks his State's requirements in the VAG to make sure he complies with any/all State deadlines
- available. States may allow the voter to submit the FPCA Second, he looks in his State's section of the VAG to determine if any electronic transmission options are by email or fax А
- Next, he looks in his State's section of the VAG for the mailing address of his local election official
 - He enters the complete address for the local election official on the FPCA mailing envelope





- When the local election official receives Jim's FPCA he/she will process the form and send the absentee ballot to Jim's mailing address
- Jim should receive his regular State absentee ballot from Jim is encouraged to call or email his local election the local election official in time for him to vote and official to verify that the application was processed

return the ballot by the State's deadline for counting





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- The easiest way to fill out your FPCA is by using the online wizard at http://www.fvap.gov
- questions and forms to properly fill out your FPCA It will automatically walk you though a series of
- It will incorporate any state-specific information
- When you're finished you may be able to submit it online (State dependant) or simply print it out and mail it in



Absentee Ballot VOTE V Federal Write-in Navy Voting Assistance Program

- > Occasionally, even though you submitted a FPCA, you may not receive the Absentee Ballot in time to return it by the State's deadline
- If within 30 days of the election and you haven't received Ballot (FWAB)...may only be used by properly registered your ballot, you may use the Federal Write-In Absentee absentee voters
 - The FWAB can be used in all general elections for Federal offices
- It is available online at <u>www.fvap.gov</u> and your VAO will also have copies
 - Your VAO can help you fill out and submit the FWAB, should the need arise



VOTE Federal Write-in **Absentee Ballot** Navy Voting Assistance Program

- If you get your state Absentee Ballot in the mail after you submit a FWAB, still fill out and return your state ballot
 - The regular ballot must be signed, dated, and postmarked by the day of the election
- If the regular ballot arrives by the deadline for receipt of absentee ballots, the State will count the regular ballot instead of the FWAB
- receipt date because your State may allow late counting You should return your regular ballot regardless of its of these ballots from overseas citizens





- Active Duty and their family are eligible to vote absentee
- To vote you must be a citizen and be 18 or older
- To register to vote absentee, visit www.fvap.gov to fill out your FPCA, resubmit if your address changes
- Submit the FWAB if within 30 days of election and you have not received your ballot
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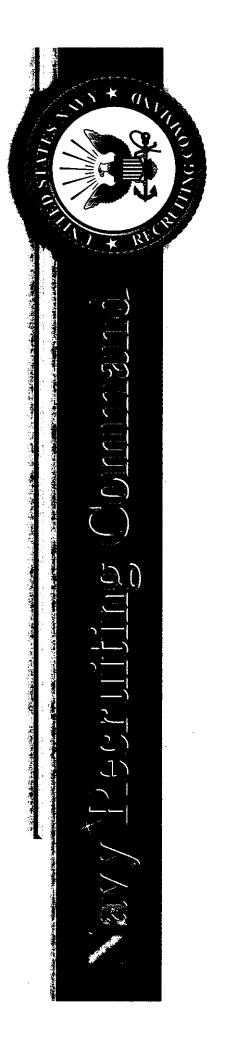


Additional Resources

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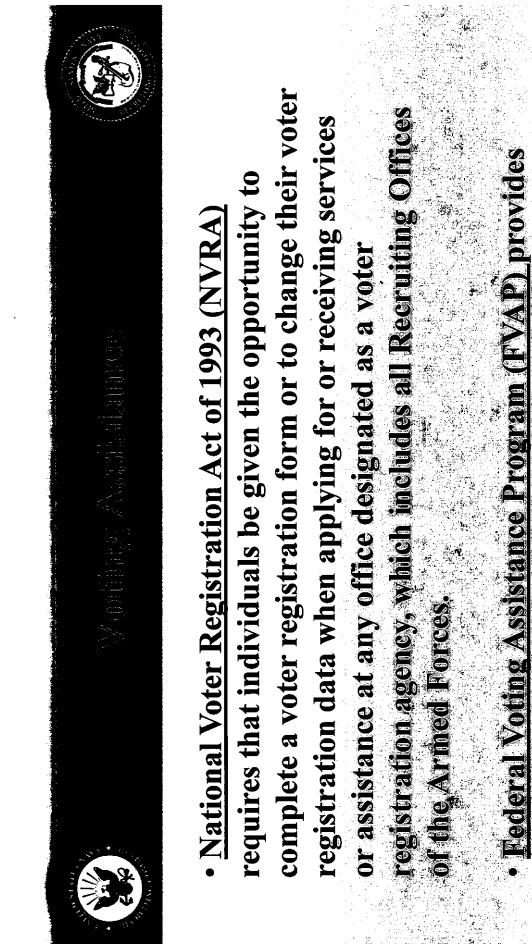
Website: http://www.cnic.navy.mil/NavyVoting Navy Voting Assistance Program: Facebook: search 'Navy Voting' Email: vote@navy.mil

You can always contact your command or installation Voting Assistance Officer



Federal Voting Assistance Program





families and U.S. citizens living outside the United States. voting help for Uniformed Service Members, their





for the Armed Forces shall be trained and capable of providing these services or assistance. All personnel assigned to duty at Recruiting Offices





NOTE: If an applicant is currently 17 years old but will be 18 by the date of election, they may be assisted with voter registration now.

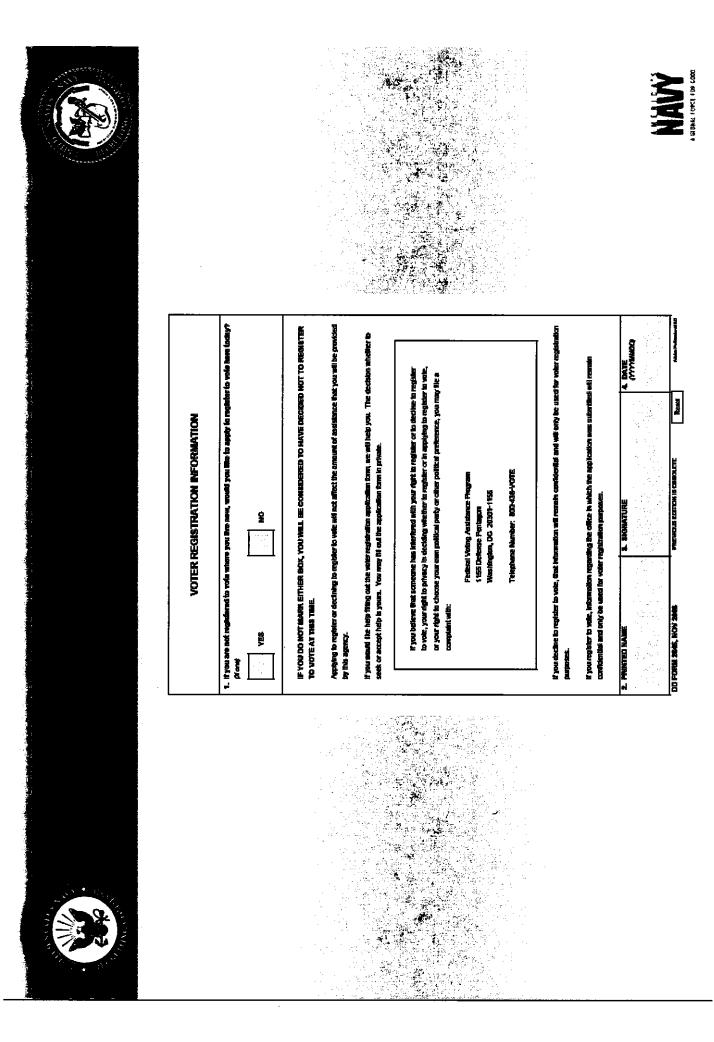
DO NOT ask, "Are you a convicted felon"?

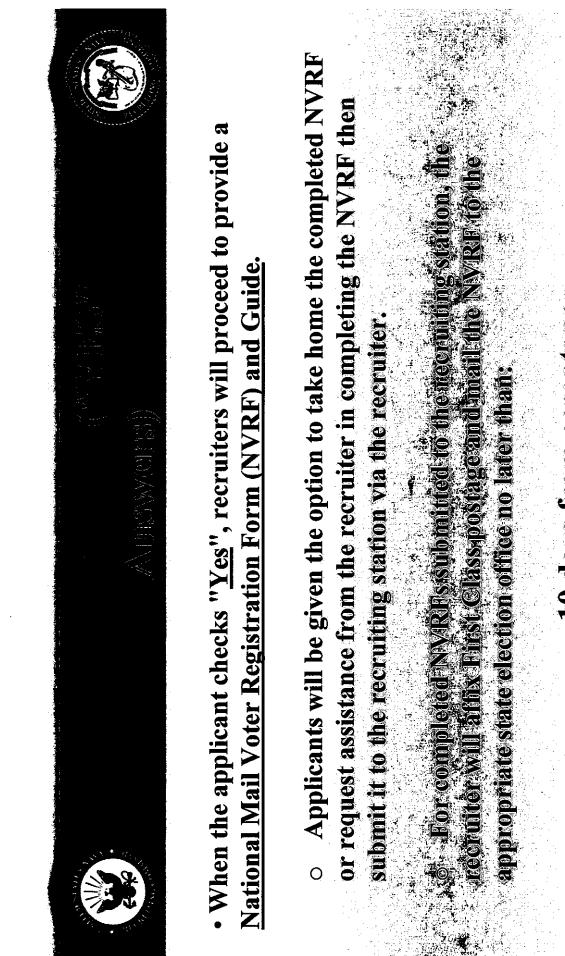
Ask ONLY two questions pertaining to voter registration upon applicant walk-in.
I. Afe you a U.S. citizen?
2. Will you be 18 years old by the date of the election.

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 Offer the Voter Registration Information Form (DD Form 2645) to **ALL** voter eligible persons entering the recruiting office who are U.S. citizens and will be 18 years old by the date of the federal election.

Recruiting Personnel at Recruiting Offices MUST:



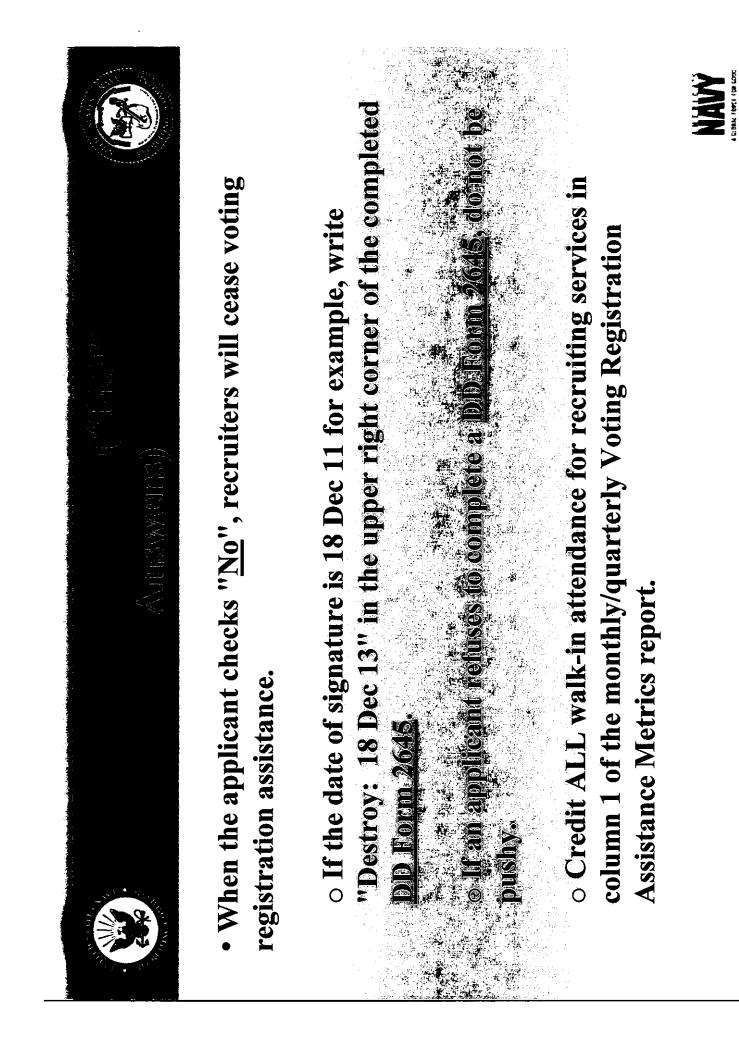


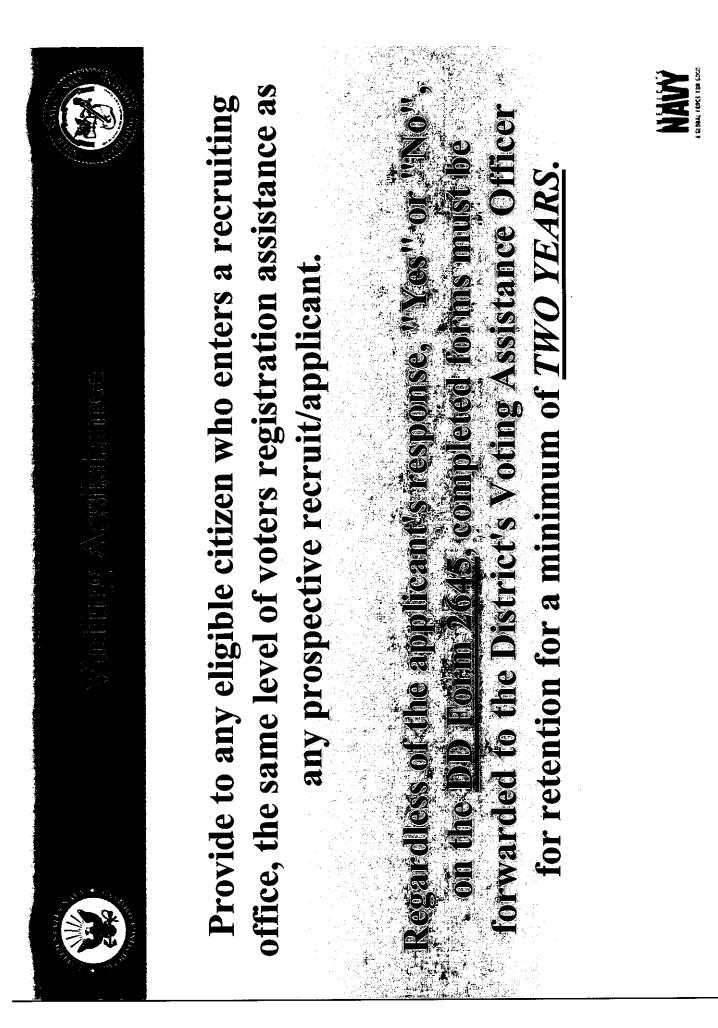


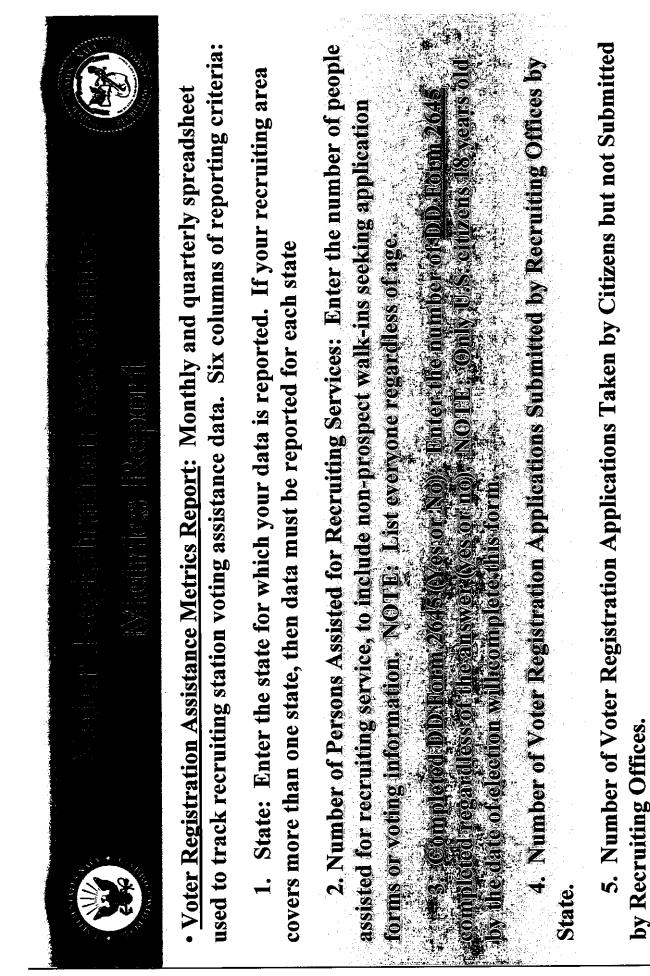
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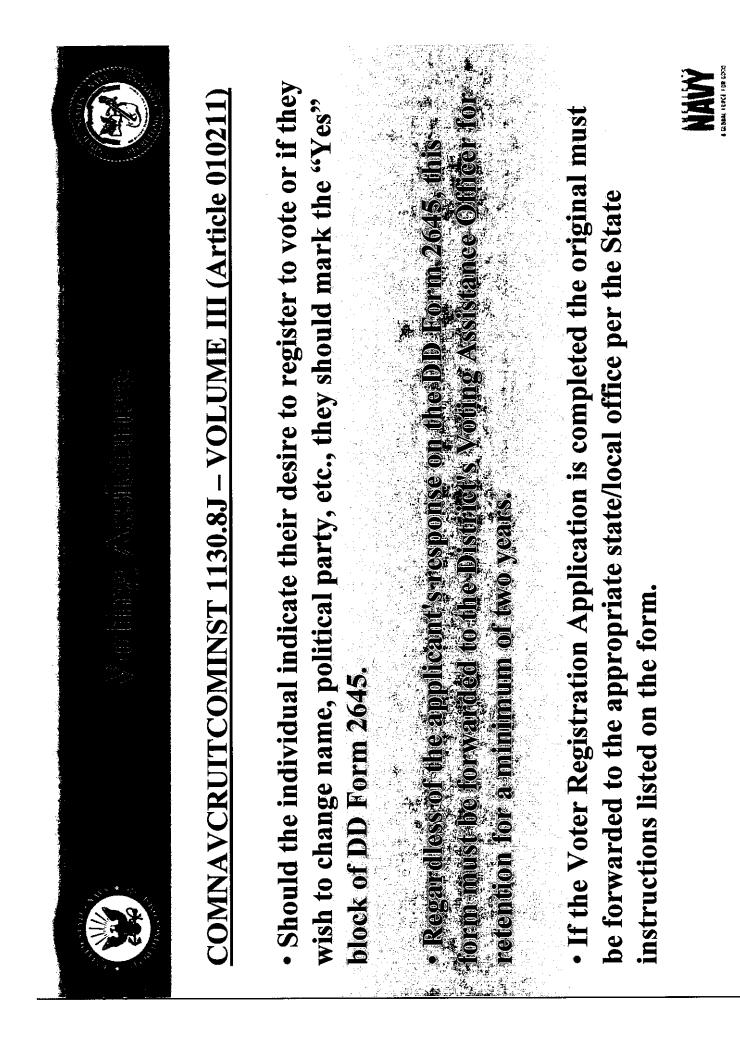


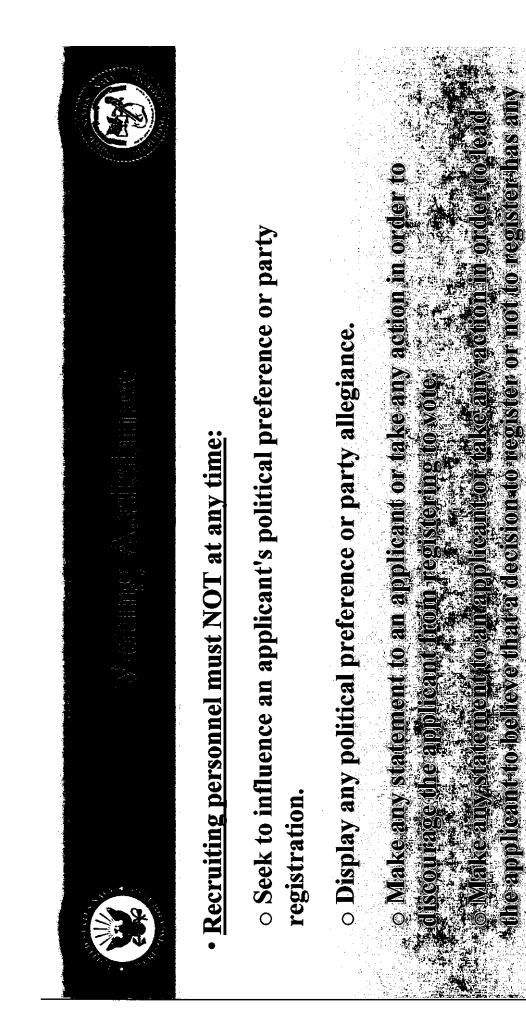




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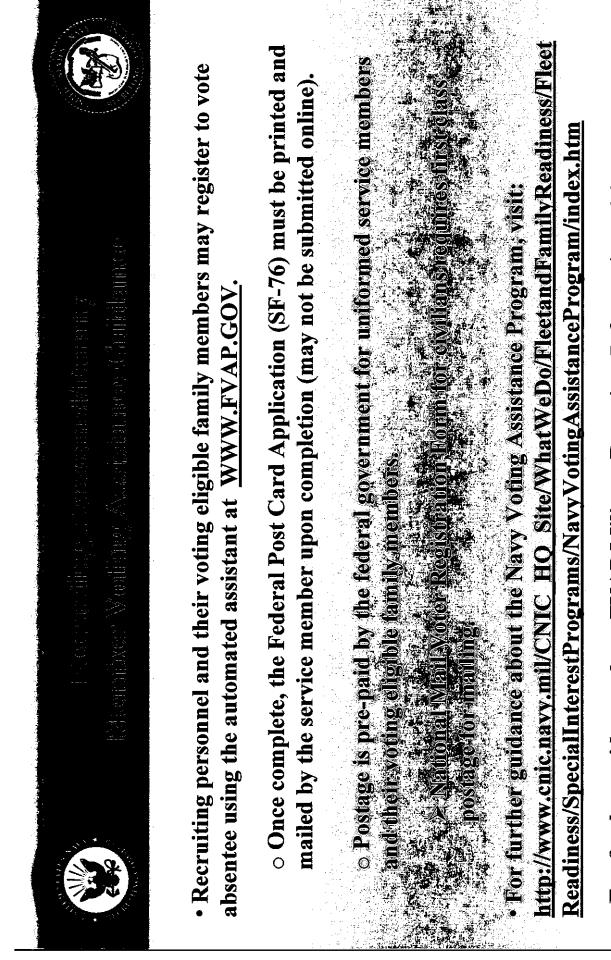




 Use information relating to a declination to register to vote in connection with an application made at your office for any purpose other than voter registration.

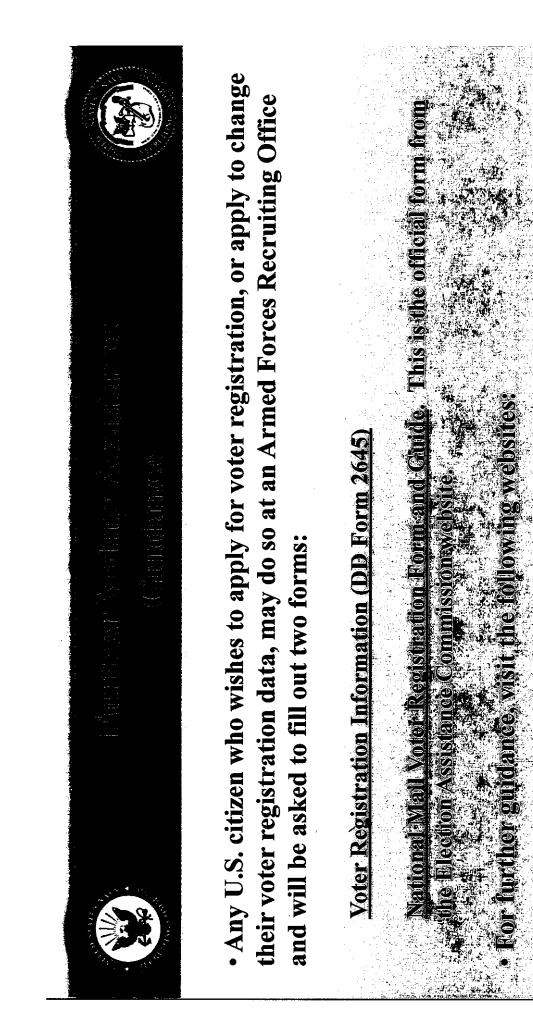
bearing on the availability of services or benefits.





• For further guidance about FVAP Military Recruiter Information, visit: http://www.fvap.gov/reference/milinfo.html





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U.S. Election Assistance Commission: <u>www.eac.gov</u>









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➢ Review

Available Resources





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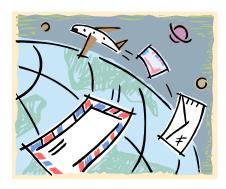






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Voting Absentee Overview

The Absentee Voting Process

Step 1: Complete the **FPCA** to register and request your absentee ballot from your election official

<u>Step 2</u>: Election official approves your FPCA and sends you a blank absentee ballot

<u>Step 4</u>: Complete the Absentee Ballot and return it to your election official

Step 5: Your vote is counted.

***If you don't have your absentee ballot within 30 days of the election, complete and submit the Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot (FWAB)



Navy Voting Assistance Program Federal Post Card Application (aka SF-76)

Postage-paid form to both register to vote AND request an absentee ballot. You fill it out and send it in to your Local Election Official (LEO) in your state of residence.

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Filling out the FPCA

FPCA SF-76 (Back)

The Federal Post Card Application

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Block 1: Register/Request Ballot

- > Because Jim is in the Uniformed Services, he will check box (a).
- Jim's wife, Jane, and any eligible family members will also check box (a).
- > This information determines, in some States, whether a voter receives a partial ballot (only Federal offices) or full ballot (Federal and non-Federal).
- > All States allow Uniformed Services members to vote the full ballot thus, Jim will receive the full ballot.

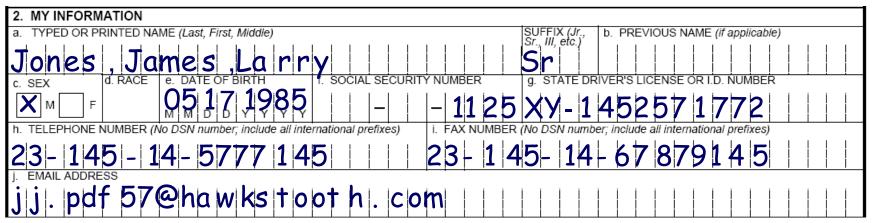
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	(b) A U.S. CITIZEN RESIDING OUTSIDE THE U.S. TEMPORARILY





Block 2: My Information

- Information on race is requested by some States, but Jim's application will not be rejected if he leaves it blank
- Jim should provide a telephone, fax number, and email, which will help the local election official communicate with him and resolve any questions regarding the FPCA

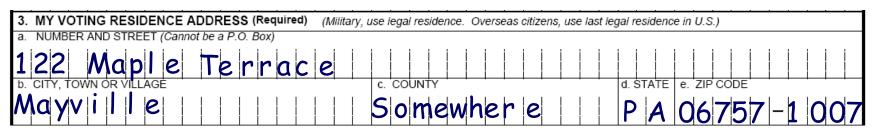






Block 3: My Voting Residence

- The information that Jim enters here will determine which ballot he will be sent
- Jim is pretty sure that his voting residence is in California, but since he has moved around quite a bit since joining the Navy, he is unsure
- Since residency questions can be complicated, the following slide will provide some general guidelines on this topic, before re-visiting the matter of Jim's voting residence







Most often 'Home of Record' or address on Leave and Earnings Statement

- Each voter must have a legal residence address in a State or territory to vote in U.S. elections
- > Voters should provide as much information as possible on the FPCA to help ensure successful registration and ballot request







Block 4: Where to Send My Voting Materials

- Since Jim is currently stationed overseas at an APO, he enters his mailing address at that location.
- Notify your local election official ASAP if/when you have an address change.
- Jim can check the Voting Assistance Guide (VAG, found on FVAP website or with your VAO) to see if his State permits faxing or emailing of the ballot.

4. WHERE TO SEND MY VOTING MATERIALS	
a. MY CURRENT ADDRESS (Where I live now) (Required)	b. MY FORWARDING ADDRESS (NOTE: Complete 4b. only if you do not want your ballot mailed to the address in Block 4a.)
James Larry Jones	James Larry Jones
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c. I PREFER TO RECEIVE MY ABSENTEE BALLOT, AS PERMITTED BY MY STA	ATE, BY: MAIL FAX EMAIL





Block 5: My Political Party Preference

- Political party preference is required in most States to participate in partisan primary elections
- In a partisan primary election, candidates from a political party are chosen to represent that party in a subsequent general election
- > After checking his State's requirements in the VAG, Jim decides to enter his political party preference
- Note that even if Jim did not enter party preference, he would still receive the November general election ballot





Block 6: Additional Information

Provide any additional information in this box that may assist your Local Election Official with processing your form

Your State also may require additional language be included in this box

The Voting Assistance Guide will also indicate any other materials or proof of residence you may be required to provide your State

6. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Designate the period for which you want to receive ballots - see instructions for Block 6, paragraph (3). Consult the Voting Assistance Guide for other specific state instructions.)

Last date lived in Mayville: Feb. 2002.

Due to military contingencies, I am unable to follow the regular absentee ballot application process. I request a special write-in ballot.





Block 7: Affirmation

> After reading the affirmation, Jim signs and dates the application

7. AFFIRMATION

I swear or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that:

- 1. 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
- 2. 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
- 3. 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
- 4. I am not registering, requesting a ballot, or voting in any other jurisdiction in the U.S., and
- 5. My signature and date below indicate when I completed this document, and
- 6. 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.

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The information contained herein is for official use only. Any unauthorized release of this information may be punishable by law.





Jim is now ready to submit his FPCA:

- First, he checks his State's requirements in the VAG to make sure he complies with any/all State deadlines
- Second, he looks in his State's section of the VAG to determine if any electronic transmission options are available. States may allow the voter to submit the FPCA by email or fax
- Next, he looks in his State's section of the VAG for the mailing address of his local election official
- He enters the complete address for the local election official on the FPCA mailing envelope





- > When the local election official receives Jim's FPCA he/she will process the form and send the absentee ballot to Jim's mailing address
- Jim is encouraged to call or email his local election official to verify that the application was processed
- Jim should receive his regular State absentee ballot from the local election official in time for him to vote and return the ballot by the State's deadline for counting







- The <u>easiest</u> way to fill out your FPCA is by using the online wizard at <u>http://www.fvap.gov</u>
- It will automatically walk you though a series of questions and forms to properly fill out your FPCA
- > It will incorporate any state-specific information
- > When you're finished you may be able to submit it online (State dependant) or simply print it out and mail it in





- > Occasionally, even though you submitted a FPCA, you may not receive the Absentee Ballot in time to return it by the State's deadline
- If <u>within 30 days</u> of the election and you <u>haven't</u> received your ballot, you may use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)...may only be used by properly registered absentee voters
- > The FWAB can be used in all general elections for Federal offices
- It is available online at <u>www.fvap.gov</u> and your VAO will also have copies
- Your VAO can help you fill out and submit the FWAB, should the need arise





- If you get your state Absentee Ballot in the mail after you submit a FWAB, still fill out and return your state ballot
- > The regular ballot must be signed, dated, and postmarked by the day of the election
- If the regular ballot arrives by the deadline for receipt of absentee ballots, the State will count the regular ballot instead of the FWAB
- You should return your regular ballot regardless of its receipt date because your State may allow late counting of these ballots from overseas citizens





- > Active Duty and their family are eligible to vote absentee
- > To vote you must be a citizen and be 18 or older
- To register to vote absentee, visit <u>www.fvap.gov</u> to fill out your FPCA, resubmit if your address changes
- Submit the FWAB if within 30 days of election and you have not received your ballot
- Contact your command VAO for help any step of the way





Additional Resources

<u>FVAP:</u> Website: <u>www.fvap.gov</u> Facebook: <u>www.facebook.com/dodfvap</u>

<u>Navy Voting Assistance Program:</u> Website: <u>http://www.cnic.navy.mil/NavyVoting</u> Email: <u>vote@navy.mil</u> Facebook: search 'Navy Voting'

You can always contact your command or installation Voting Assistance Officer



Federal Voting Assistance Program Military Recruiter Information



Voting Assistance



• <u>National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (NVRA)</u> requires that individuals be given the opportunity to complete a voter registration form or to change their voter registration data when applying for or receiving services or assistance at any office designated as a voter registration agency, which includes all Recruiting Offices of the Armed Forces.

• <u>Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP)</u> provides voting help for Uniformed Service Members, their families and U.S. citizens living outside the United States.







All personnel assigned to duty at Recruiting Offices for the Armed Forces shall be trained and capable of providing these services or assistance.





• Recruiting Personnel at Recruiting Offices MUST:

• Offer the Voter Registration Information Form (<u>DD Form 2645</u>) to ALL voter eligible persons entering the recruiting office who are U.S. citizens and will be 18 years old by the date of the federal election.

• Ask ONLY two questions pertaining to voter registration upon applicant walk-in:

- 1. Are you a U.S. citizen?
- 2. Will you be 18 years old by the date of the election.
- DO NOT ask, "Are you a convicted felon"?

NOTE: If an applicant is currently 17 years old but will be 18 by the date of election, they may be assisted with voter registration now.



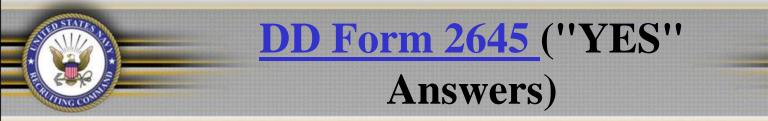


DD Form 2645



1. If you are not registered to vot (X one) YES	te where you live now, would you like to apply to register to vote here NO
IF YOU DO NOT MARK EITHER TO VOTE AT THIS TIME.	R BOX, YOU WILL BE CONSIDERED TO HAVE DECIDED NOT TO REC
Applying to register or declining to by this agency.	to register to vote will not affect the amount of assistance that you will be ;
If you would like help filing out the voter registration application form, we will help you. The decision wheth seek or accept help is yours. You may fil out the application form in private.	
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• When the applicant checks "<u>Yes</u>", recruiters will proceed to provide a <u>National Mail Voter Registration Form (NVRF) and Guide</u>.

• Applicants will be given the option to take home the completed NVRF or request assistance from the recruiter in completing the NVRF then submit it to the recruiting station via the recruiter.

• For completed NVRFs submitted to the recruiting station, the recruiter will affix First Class postage and mail the NVRF to the appropriate state election office no later than:

10 days from acceptance OR

5 days from acceptance if a looming election deadline merits





• When the applicant checks "<u>No</u>", recruiters will cease voting registration assistance.

If the date of signature is 18 Dec 11 for example, write
 "Destroy: 18 Dec 13" in the upper right corner of the completed
 DD Form 2645.

• If an applicant refuses to complete a <u>DD Form 2645</u>, do not be pushy.

• Credit ALL walk-in attendance for recruiting services in column 1 of the monthly/quarterly Voting Registration Assistance Metrics report.







Provide to any eligible citizen who enters a recruiting office, the same level of voters registration assistance as any prospective recruit/applicant.

Regardless of the applicant's response, "Yes" or "No", on the <u>DD Form 2645</u>, completed forms must be forwarded to the District's Voting Assistance Officer for retention for a minimum of <u>TWO YEARS</u>.





Voter Registration Assistance Metrics Report



• <u>Voter Registration Assistance Metrics Report</u>: Monthly and quarterly spreadsheet used to track recruiting station voting assistance data. Six columns of reporting criteria:

1. State: Enter the state for which your data is reported. If your recruiting area covers more than one state, then data must be reported for each state

2. Number of Persons Assisted for Recruiting Services: Enter the number of people assisted for recruiting service, to include non-prospect walk-ins seeking application forms or voting information. NOTE: List everyone regardless of age.

3. Completed DD Form 2645 (Yes or No): Enter the number of <u>DD Form 2645</u> completed regardless of the answer (yes or no), NOTE: Only U.S. citizens 18 years old by the date of election will complete this form.

4. Number of Voter Registration Applications Submitted by Recruiting Offices by State.

5. Number of Voter Registration Applications Taken by Citizens but not Submitted by Recruiting Offices.

6. Total Mailing Costs to Submit Voter Registration Applications to States.





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• Should the individual indicate their desire to register to vote or if they wish to change name, political party, etc., they should mark the "Yes" block of DD Form 2645.

• Regardless of the applicant's response on the DD Form 2645, this form must be forwarded to the District's Voting Assistance Officer for retention for a minimum of two years.

• If the Voter Registration Application is completed the original must be forwarded to the appropriate state/local office per the State instructions listed on the form.







• <u>Recruiting personnel must NOT at any time</u>:

 \odot Seek to influence an applicant's political preference or party registration.

 \circ Display any political preference or party allegiance.

 \odot Make any statement to an applicant or take any action in order to discourage the applicant from registering to vote.

• Make any statement to an applicant or take any action in order to lead the applicant to believe that a decision to register or not to register has any bearing on the availability of services or benefits.

• Use information relating to a declination to register to vote in connection with an application made at your office for any purpose other than voter registration.



Recruiting Personnel/Family Member Voting Assistance Guidance

• Recruiting personnel and their voting eligible family members may register to vote absentee using the automated assistant at <u>WWW.FVAP.GOV</u>.

• Once complete, the Federal Post Card Application (SF-76) must be printed and mailed by the service member upon completion (may not be submitted online).

• Postage is pre-paid by the federal government for uniformed service members and their voting eligible family members.

> National Mail Voter Registration Form for civilians requires first class postage for mailing.

• For further guidance about the Navy Voting Assistance Program, visit: http://www.cnic.navy.mil/CNIC_HQ_Site/WhatWeDo/FleetandFamilyReadiness/Fleet Readiness/SpecialInterestPrograms/NavyVotingAssistanceProgram/index.htm

• For further guidance about FVAP Military Recruiter Information, visit: <u>http://www.fvap.gov/reference/milinfo.html</u>





Further Voting Assistance Guidance



• Any U.S. citizen who wishes to apply for voter registration, or apply to change their voter registration data, may do so at an Armed Forces Recruiting Office and will be asked to fill out two forms:

Voter Registration Information (DD Form 2645)

National Mail Voter Registration Form and Guide. This is the official form from the Election Assistance Commission website.

• For further guidance, visit the following websites:

U.S. Election Assistance Commission: <u>www.eac.gov</u>

Military Recruiter Information: <u>http://www.fvap.gov/reference/milinfo.html</u>







Questions?

