

FVAP 2010 Initiatives & MOVE Act Implementation

**House Committee on Armed Services
September 9, 2010**

The Problem is Ballot Return

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

➤ **Absentee Ballot Return Rates:**

- 91% = General Population
- 67% = UOCAVA voters

▪ **Absentee Ballot Delivery Failure Also Problem**

- 9% military ballots misaddressed
- 6% returned as undeliverable
- 17% of military requesting absentee ballots never received it

2008 General Election Results – Military Voters		
Stage of voting process	Number of additional failures over general voting population	% of total failure
Registration Failure	3,936	1.4%
Ballot Delivery Failure	20,064	6.9%
Ballot Return Failure	213,779	74.0%
Ballot Casting Failure	51,283	17.7%
Total	289,062	

FVAP Key Initiatives

- **Direct to the Voter Assistance**
 - Eliminate much of the need for Voting Assistance Officers
 - Make the process easy, quick, intuitive and seamless
 - Communicate in effective terms and modes
- **Expanded Assistance for Election Officials:**
 - Provide voters tools that States will use
 - Assist in compliance
- **Transparency and Data-Driven Operations:**
 - Improve Post-Election Surveys to correct incorrect policies based on poor data
 - Post all data and methodology online
 - Combine data collection with EAC

Leverage Technology

➤ Focus

- Improve ballot delivery and return times
 - 30 milliseconds to voter, not 30 days
 - 45 days prior (MOVE Act)
 - <7 days back from voter
- Reduce voter error; easy voter use
- Tailor to State requirements
- All available through FVAP.gov

➤ Tools

- Online FPCA
 - Online FWAB
 - Online markable full ballot
 - Electronic Absentee Voting Demonstration & Pilot Programs
- } **All use hard-copy print-out, wet signature, postal return**

Online Tools

Registration Wizard

- All States
- www.fvap.gov
- Online registration and absentee ballot request
- Only have to know addresses and personal information
- Automatically completes all forms
- Provides complete instructions, pre-addressed envelopes
- Print out, sign, send in by mail

Full Ballot Wizard

- 18 States
- Testing phase
 - Online NLT 18 Sep 10
- Online delivery of blank ballot
- Online marking for ALL races and candidates
 - Federal, State and local elections
 - By precinct
- Provides complete instructions, pre-addressed envelopes
- Print out, sign, send in by mail

Back-Up Ballot Wizard

- All States
- www.fvap.gov
- Online marking for Federal races and candidates
 - By Congressional District
 - Allows for additional write-ins for State and local if allowed by State
- Provides complete instructions, pre-addressed envelopes
- Print out, sign, send in by mail

Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) for Absentee Ballot

Complete the Form

Eligibility

State

Jurisdiction

My Information

Voting Residence

Mailing Address

Method to Send Form

Method To Receive Ballot

Additional Information

Print and Finish

Absentee Ballot Eligibility

- I am a member of the uniformed services or merchant marine on active duty, or an eligible spouse or dependent living either in the U.S. or overseas.
- I am a U.S. citizen residing outside the U.S. or overseas.
- I am a U.S. citizen residing outside the U.S. indefinitely and my intent to remain may not be certain.

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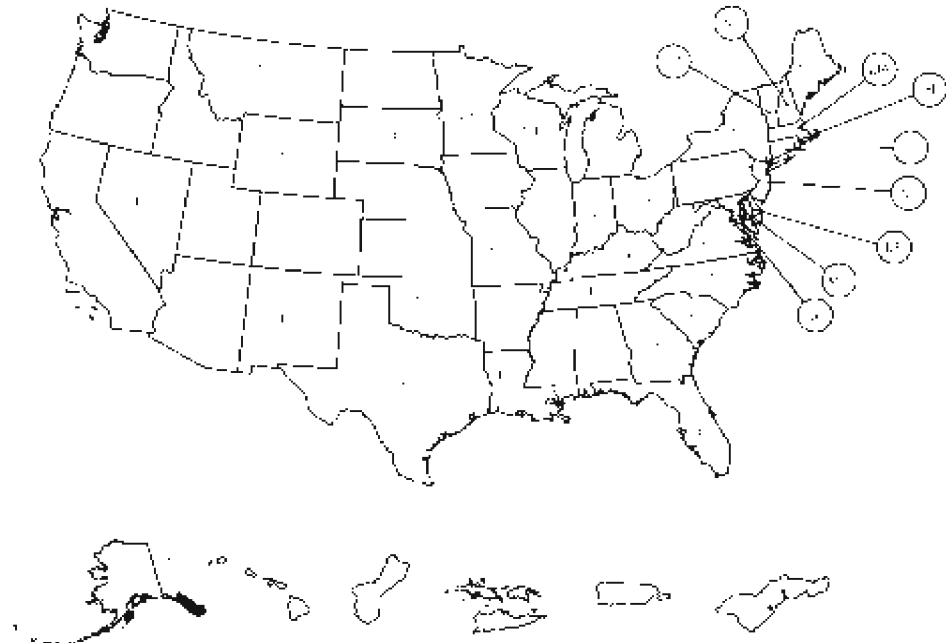
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Uniformed Services Member

Voting Residence State

State (required):



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Uniformed Services Member > Washington

Jurisdiction

Select your voting jurisdiction for

Washington (required)

You can find help in determining your jurisdiction by visiting the [Washington Election Website](#).

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State-specific election dates / info

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

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Uniformed Services Member > Washington > King

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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) - - 1234 ↕

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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Method to Send Form

Indicate how you would like to send the form to your local election office.

(required) 

Email

Mail

Fax

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Uniformed Services Member > Washington > King

Method to Receive Ballot

Indicate how you would like to receive the blank ballot from your local election office.

Selected 



Email



Mail



Fax



State Write-in Ballot

I am unable to vote and return a regular absentee ballot by normal mail delivery within the time provided for regular absentee ballots. I request a special write-in absentee ballot.

Please specify the reason you are requesting a write-in ballot.

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Additional Information

Print and Finish

- Driver's License / ID Number is missing on the [My Information](#) page
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- Voting Address is missing on the [Voting Residence](#) page
- Voting City/Town/Village is missing on the [Voting Residence](#) page
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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.

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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:

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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 Case
 NAVYCENT FSC
 FPO AE 69204-6018



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, please make and seal before mailing. **WARNING: Knowingly providing false information in this application could result in criminal sanctions.** 2010-11-17 14:56:00

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

1. I REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR ALL ELECTIONS IN WHICH AM ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AND AM REGISTERED AS:

I live in the United States but I am currently serving in the military, including the National Guard or Reserve, and I am a member of the National Guard or Reserve.

I live in the United States but I am not currently serving in the military.

2. MY INFORMATION (Required):

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) Casey Robert Harrison	DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY) 02/21/1961	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (MM-SS-NNNN) -- -- 1734	STATE OF RESIDENCE (Two-letter code) WA	ZIP CODE (Five-digit code) 98503
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3. MY VOTING RESIDENCE ADDRESS (Required):

33 Rockingham Lane
 Seattle, WA 98143

4. WHERE TO SEND MY VOTING MATERIALS:

MAILING ADDRESS (Street, Apt. No., Box, etc.)
 NAVYCENT FSC
 FPO AE 69204-6018

5. MY POLITICAL PARTY PREFERENCE (Optional): Dem Rep None

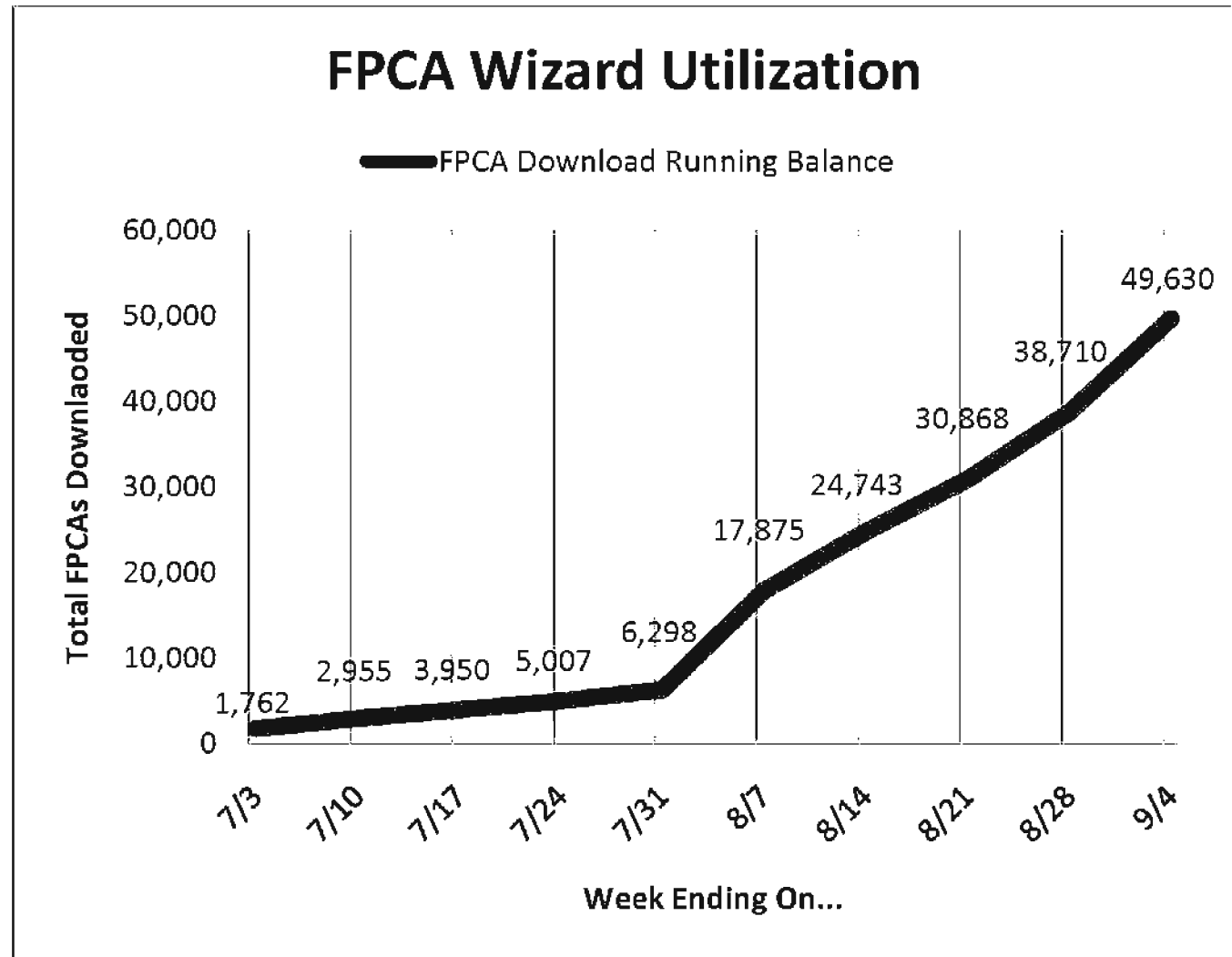
6. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: (I designate the period for which you wish to receive ballots and instructions for how to designate.)
 During the voting assistance guide for other applicable elections.
 Return Ballots for all elections for which I am eligible.

7. ATTENTION (Required):
 I hereby affirm, under penalty of perjury, that:
 1. I am a member of the Uniformed Services of the Americas (USA) or a member of the National Guard or Reserve (NGR) and I am currently serving in the military, including the National Guard or Reserve, and I am a member of the National Guard or Reserve.
 2. I am a U.S. citizen, at least 17 years of age, and I am eligible to vote in the election in question, and I have not been convicted of a felony or other disqualifying offense within the applicable state or federal jurisdiction.
 3. I am not requesting assistance in voting in any other jurisdiction in the U.S.
 4. My signature and date below indicate when I completed this document, and I understand that a material misstatement of fact in completion of this document may constitute grounds for denial of my ballot.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Online FPCA Tool Utilization

*21,000 for
entire 2008
election
cycle*



Online FWAB Tool

Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)

Complete the form

My State:

Name:

Address:

City/State/Zip:

Local FWAB:

U.S. Senator:

U.S. Representative/Delegate/Resident Commissioner:

Ballot Marking:

Print and Finish:

OFFICIAL FEDERAL WRITE-IN ABSENTEE BALLOT	
PRESIDENT/VICE PRESIDENT	
U.S. SENATOR*	
Donald Kaplan (Unaffiliated)	
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE/DELEGATE**/RESIDENT COMMISSIONER**	
Mark Garris (Libertarian)	
<small>* Legal residents of the District of Columbia may vote only for President, Vice President and Electors. ** Legal residents of American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands may vote only for Delegate or Resident Commissioner of the Congress.</small>	
ADDENDUM	
<small>Users may allow the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot to be used to make a write-in and override the list of candidates other than general elections or special elections that is used on the ballot. It will only allow write-ins in the Voting Assistance Guide's addendum section and a write-in procedure. Write-ins are allowed only if the user is a legal resident of the state. Please indicate in the space provided below the office for which you wish to write-in (for example, Governor, Attorney General, Mayor, State Senator, etc.) and the name and/or party affiliation of the candidate for whom you wish to write.</small>	
OFFICE	CANDIDATE NAME or PARTY AFFILIATION
<input type="text" value="Governor"/>	<input type="text" value="Mouse Mickey"/>
<input type="text" value="Lt. Governor"/>	<input type="text" value="Independent"/>
<input type="text" value="Attorney General"/>	<input type="text" value="Duck Daffy"/>



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Automated and Manual Voting Options for Maine

If you're ALREADY registered to vote in Maine, you can request an absentee ballot using Maine's Absentee Ballot Request Service.

[Get Started](#)

If you're NOT registered to vote in Maine, use our automated assistant to register and request an absentee ballot that you can return to Maine.

[Get Started](#)

To use our automated assistant to complete a Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot that you can send to Maine.

[Get Started](#)

To manually register to vote, request an absentee ballot, or fill out a write-in absentee ballot using Maine's specific guidance, click below.

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Automated and Manual Voting Options for Illinois

To use the automated Illinois MOVE System to register to vote, request an absentee ballot, and track the status of your ballot.

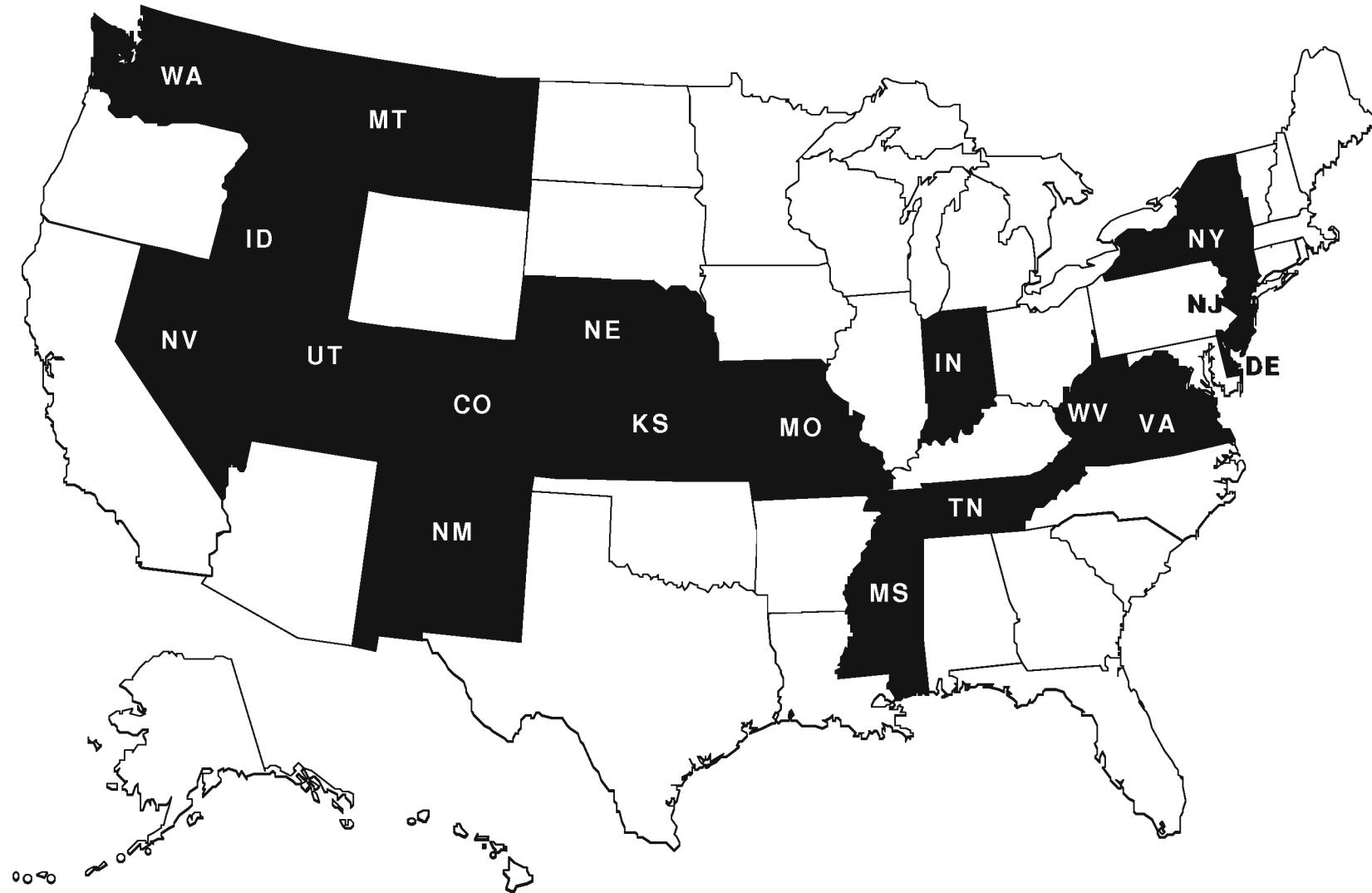
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To manually register to vote, request an absentee ballot, or fill out a write-in absentee ballot using Illinois' specific guidance.

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FVA.P.GOV Online Full Ballot Wizard

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Qualified Vendors
Aquilent
Credence Mgmt Solutions
Everyone Counts
Konnecth
Scytl
Vexcel

Communications Strategy

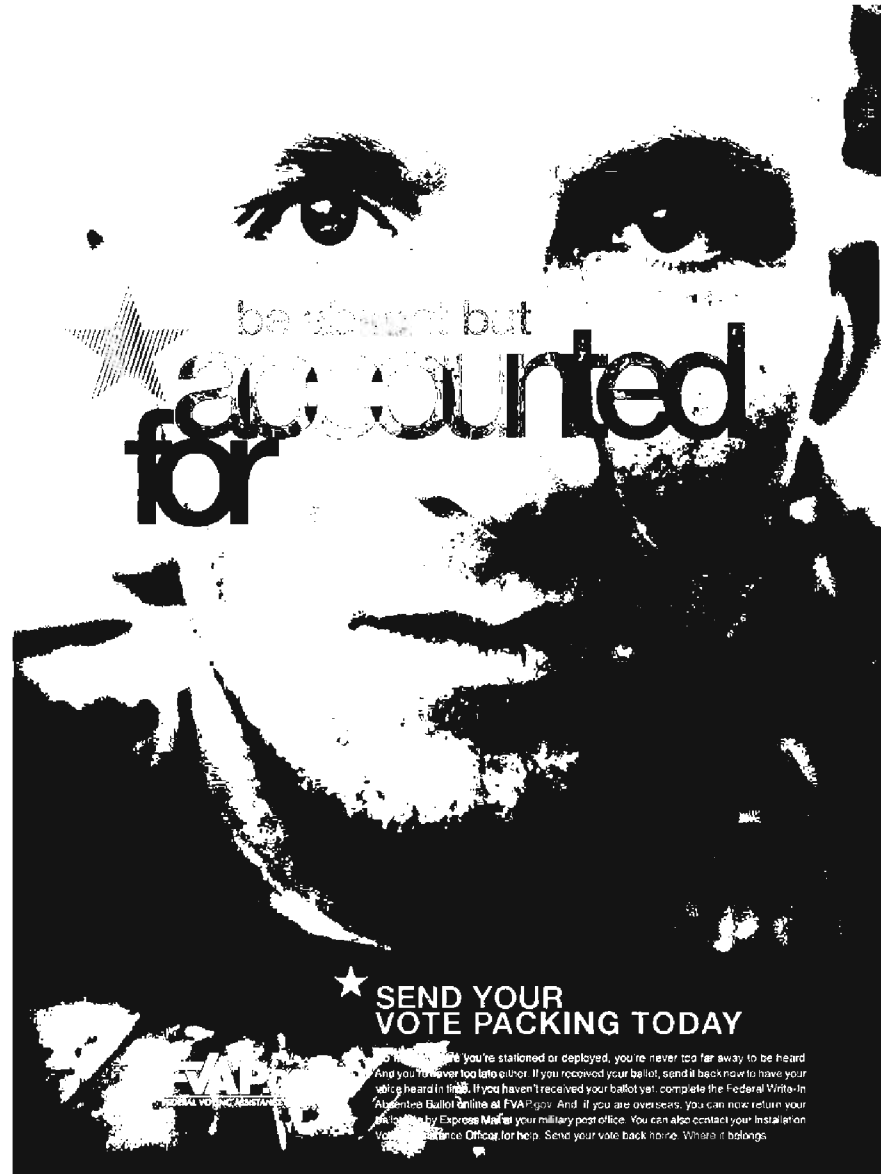
- **Drive voters to FVAP.gov**
 - Stress direct-to-voter focus to reduce reliance on Voting Assistance Officers
 - Use online tools, especially ballot delivery tools
- **Focus on critical path to voter success**
 - Ensure voters understand need for early action
 - Ensure voters understand time delays
 - 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

Military Ads

Stars & Stripes and Defense Times

Text:

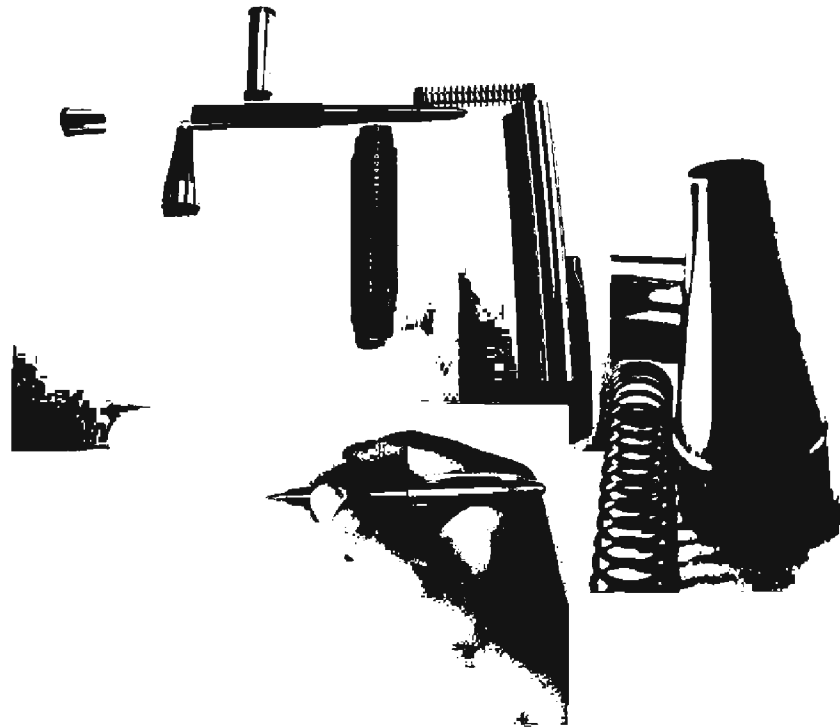
No matter where you're stationed or deployed, you're never too far away to be heard. If you received your ballot, send it back now to have your voice heard in time. If you haven't received your ballot yet, complete the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot online at FVAP.gov. And, if you're overseas, you can return your ballot free by Express Mail at your military post Office. You can also contact your Installation Voting Assistance Officer for help. Send your vote back home. Where it belongs.



Military TV spot

:30 TV

“Pen/Gun Assembly”



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**BE ABSENT BUT
ACCOUNTED FOR.**

Military Spouse Ads

Military Spouse magazine

Text:

You have the same rights as your military spouse when it comes to absentee voting. If you received your ballot, send it back now to have your voice heard in time. If you haven't received your ballot yet, complete the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot online at FVAP.gov. And, if you're overseas, you can return your ballot free by Express Mail at your military post Office. You can also contact your Installation Voting Assistance Officer for help. Send your vote back home. Where it belongs.

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★ SEND YOUR VOTE BACK TODAY

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Overseas Civilian

Text:

No matter where you are in the world, you're never too far away to be heard. It's easy too.

Just check out our simple online tools at fvap.gov or contact your U.S. Embassy or Consulate and send your vote back home. Where it belongs.



★ **SEND YOUR
VOTE PACKING TODAY**

No matter where you are in the world, you're never too far away to be heard. It's easy too. Just check out our emp's online tools at fvap.gov or contact your U.S. Embassy or Consulate and send your vote back home. Where it belongs.

- Email alerts/RSS Feed
- Facebook
- Twitter
- LinkedIn
- MeetUp
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Absentee Voting Overview

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To Vote Absentee, Start By Telling Us Who You Are

Election Countdown
228 Days

I am a uniformed service member or a family member.

I am a UOCAVA voter living overseas.

Voting Updates

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FVAP Social Media

<https://twitter.com/FVAP>



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Just in time for key voting week, FVAP launches online registration assistant to help ease the process - <http://tinyurl.com/23p9a8j>

Texas voters - give your input on pending voting rules - <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/about/news/releases/2010/06/14/10-shr1>

Kudos - DC is doing something very "unique" - <http://tinyurl.com/27r9e4z>

Next week is a key week for voting absentee. Are you registered? Go to www.fvap.gov to get registered. We're here for you!



Edit Page

Promote with an Ad

Suggest to Friends

DoD - Supporting military and overseas citizens absentee voting. We're here for you!

Name FVAP
 Location Arlington, VA
 Web <http://www.fvap.gov>
 Bio The Department of Defense Federal Voting Assistance Program - Supporting and facilitating military and overseas absentee voting.

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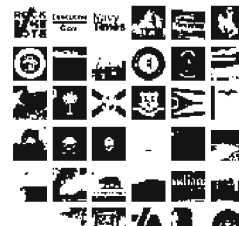
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Federal Voting Assistance Program, DoD Do you think there is a problem with absentee voting? What do you think it is? Ballot receipt? Registration regulations are too complex? Laws? Tell us what you think.

Wall Info Photos Discussions Boxes Video >> +

What's on your mind?

Attach:

Share

Options

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Federal Voting Assistance Program, DoD Kudos to McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst joint publication for helping to get the word out - <http://www.jointbasemdl.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123212348>
Online program helps military families vote absentee

Federal Voting Assistance Program, DoD Sweet article by Airman Joe McFadden (Hurlburt Field, FL) - <http://www2.hurlburt.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123212450> [Share](#) [Promote](#)

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Feature - Voting- it does a country good

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FVAP_DE

Name FVAP
Location Arlington, VA
Web <http://www.fvap.gov>
Bio Supporting and facilitating military and overseas

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 FPCAs: [http://
 /resources/m](http://resources/m)



FVAP__CA

Name FVAP
Location Arlington, VA
Web <http://www.fvap.gov>
Bio California: Supporting and facilitating military and overseas absentee voting.

43 following 31 followers 0 sites

Find out more: <http://www>

Don't forget- Military must submit new
 FPCAs: [http://www.fvap.gov
 /resources/media/miltimes1.pdf](http://www.fvap.gov/resources/media/miltimes1.pdf)

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Website

RSS feed of FVAP__CA's tweets


Find out more: <http://www.fvap.gov/usm/usmfoca/usmfoca-ca.htm>



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Helping FVAP:

- Understand what the voter wants & needs
- Develop strategy to maximize use of our services
- Define FVAP's "brand"



FVAP_Director

That's you!

Home Profile Find People Settings Help Sign out


Name Bob Carey
 Web http://www.fvap.gov

133 following 83 followers 0 tweets

Tweets 2

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Web, a...

RSS feed of FVAP_Director's tweets

Talking to Military Postal Summit about importance of delivery to ballots getting counted. Incredible what MPSA does to get ballots back .

@petercanen thanks for the ==. Others there's also @FVAP and every State having it's own tweets like @FVAP_TY

needs 11 more people to reach 400!!! Help us reach 400 by the end of the week. Keep in mind there are over six ... http://t.co/y367Pv3c

Kudos to West Virginia on their latest pilot program's success - http://nyjournal.com/2009/03/http://t.co/y367Pv3c

Other Communications

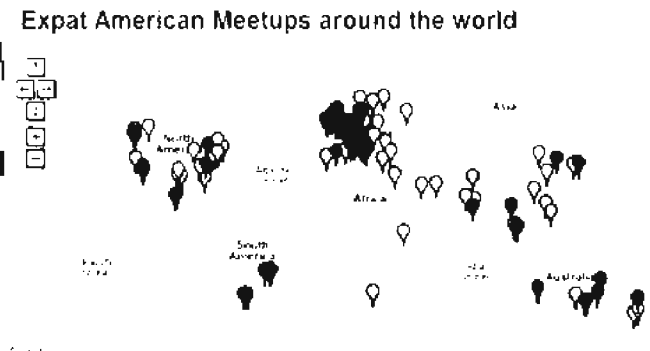
- **Digital/Online Media**

- Search engine ads
- Online gaming



- **Social Media (Voter & VAO Community Building)**

- Facebook
- Twitter
- MeetUp
- YouTube for spots and training videos



MOVE Act Waiver Requests

- **All State Waiver Requests and DoD Responses posted on FVAP.gov**
- **Department of Justice Consulted**

Waiver Requests Denied

- Alaska
- Colorado
- The District of Columbia
- Hawaii
- The Virgin Islands
- Wisconsin

Waiver Requests Granted

- Delaware
- Massachusetts
- New York
- Rhode Island
- Washington

Installation Voting Assistance Offices

Requirements

- Voting Assistance at:
 - New duty station
 - Pre-deployment
 - Post-deployment
 - Change of address
 - On Demand
- Military and civilian
- Collect and send in forms
- Standard, high-traffic locations

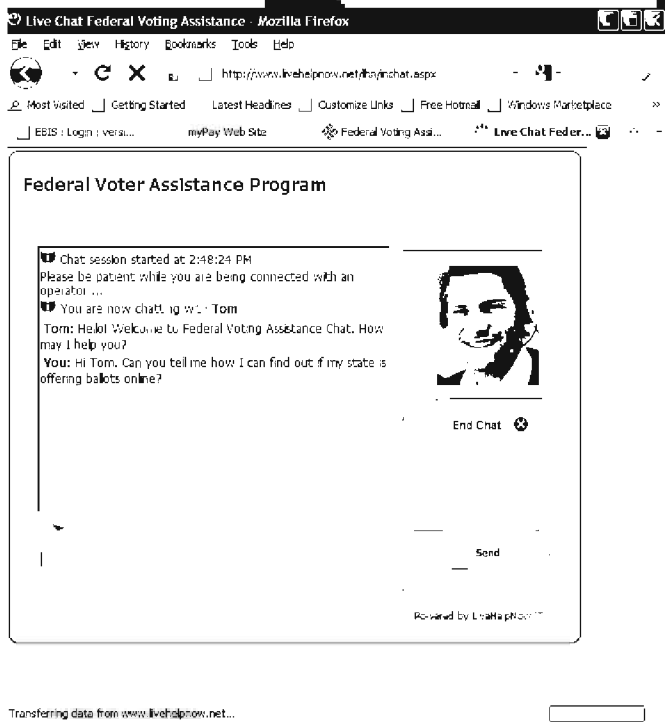
Training and Assist Visits

- IVAO Training Handbook
 - Specific step-by-step voting assistance decision trees
 - Military and civilian
- Draft Instructions
- In person training
 - 36 military concentration areas; ~250 installations
 - July & August 2010

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 support:**
 - \$550K FY09 and FY10 for mail barcode scanners
 - FVAP will advertise in September-October ads and 30 day emails
 - Integration with States' requirement to track receipt





➤ Call Centers & Assistance

- Online chat capability
- 24/7 availability
- Direct assistance from FVAP

➤ Compliance Consulting

- MOVE Act compliance
- Registration and absentee ballot applications
- FWABs

➤ Ease Burdens

- Allow linking to FVAP tools
- Combine surveys with EAC

Election Official Outreach

Engagement & Empowerment

- Involve State election officials in all FVAP publications
 - Voting Assistance Guide
 - Legislative Initiatives
 - State-by-State index
- Outreach to Professional Associations
 - NASS MOVE Act Day
 - Military Panels

Accountability

- State-by-State index
- Work with State legislatures on Legislative Initiatives
- Uniform Law Commission Model Law

State Legislative Initiatives

Legislative Initiative	Uniformed Services Weighting	Overseas Citizens Weighting
45 Day Transit Time	30	30
Electronic Transmission	30	30
FWAB	20	20
Late Registration	7	4
Emergency Authority	7	5
Elimination of Notary/Witness	4	8
Never Resided in U.S.	2	3
Uniform Law Commission	0*	0*

FVAP would score itself as successful for States:

- 45-day prior ballot delivery,
- email/online transmission of blank ballots,
- allows the FWAB for all elections

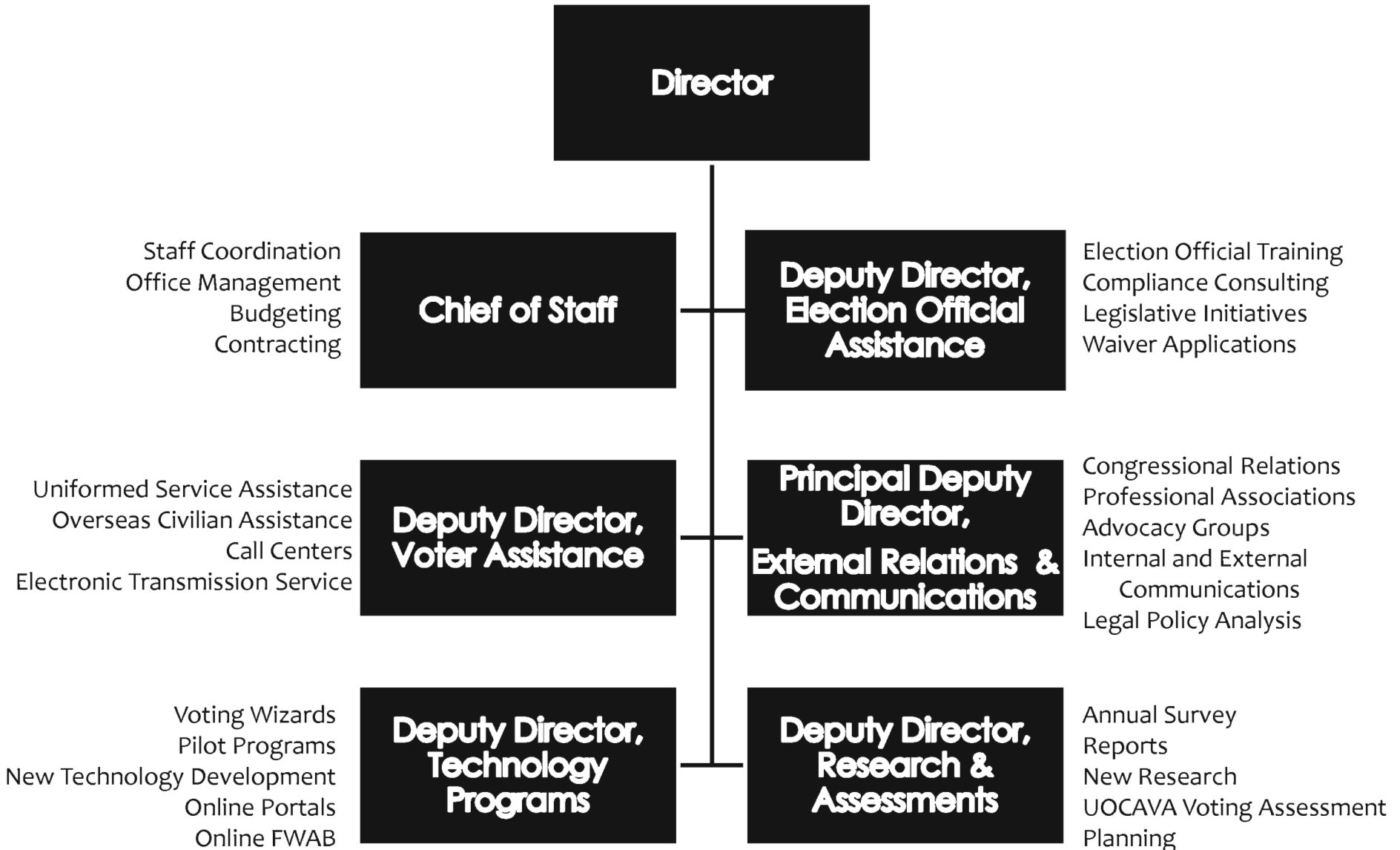
➤ State-by-State Index

- 0-100 scale
- Measures FVAP success in convincing States to adopt Legislative Initiatives
 - **0-50 – Unsuccessful**
 - 50-75 – *Unsure*
 - **75-100 – Successful**
 - **National Average = 53%**

➤ Scores weighted on Where Voting Failure Occurs

- Greatest Scores given to areas with greatest impact on most significant failure
- 45-day prior = 30 points
- Email/online = 30 points
- Universal FWAB = 20 points

FVAP Reorganization



Demonstration & Pilot Projects

- **DoD required by law to conduct electronic absentee voting demonstration project**
 - 42 USC 1073ff note; 2002 and 2005 NDAA's
 - Mandates
 - Cast Ballots through electronic voting system
 - Only Uniformed services voters specified
 - States must agree to participate
 - Report afterwards

- **DoD allowed to wait for EAC certified guidelines**
 - EAC establishes guidelines
 - EAC also certifies it will assist in project
 - Different requirement than MOVE Act
 - DoD may further delay implementation

How Electronic Standards Development Should Be Framed

GAO Guidance

- FVAP & EAC need detailed plans
- Necessary plan elements:
 - results-oriented action plan
 - goals, tasks, milestones, time frames, and contingencies
- FVAP-EAC Memorandum of Understanding
- EAC-NIST Interagency Agreement
- MOVE Act also requires EAC to develop detailed timeline for development of electronic absentee ballot guidelines

Risk = % x impact

- Acceptable risk level policy decision already made
 - It **IS** the current voting system
 - Accepts 1/3 of absentee ballots never returned
- We should accept equivalent risk in new UOCAVA systems
 - May have different probability or impact
 - Can reduce probability and/or mitigate impact
 - Goal is to keep risk level at least the same, if not better

Path Forward

Define the Risk

- Use the EAC Risk Assessment Tool & NIST IT Risk Assessment Tools
- Evaluate the postal mail UOCAVA absentee ballot system as the baseline
- Develop comparable measures for other voting systems

Establish Properties

- What “properties” are necessary for an electronic absentee voting system?
- To achieve the same level of risk as current system
- Even if DON’T believe Properties are technologically feasible

Establish Interim Pilots

- Integrate current work
- **Also examine national level threat risks**
- Develop decision points for iterative development
- If possible, attach dates for those decision points and milestones

Technology Development

<u>Initiative</u>	<u>Current FY11 Request</u>	<u>Proposed House NDAA</u>
Electronic Voting Support Wizard: - Evaluation of 2010 Deployment - 2011-12 System Revisions and Deployment	\$16.2M	\$6.24M
Electronic Absentee Voting System Property Development: - Computer Science Principles Integration - Analysis of Current Technological Feasibility	\$ 2.0M	\$0.0M
National Level Threat Analysis Testing: - Kiosk-Based System - Remote-PC Based System - CAC-Card Based System over DISN	\$ 6.5M	\$0.0M
Common Data Format Development - Data Migration Tools - Data Standards	\$ 0.7 M	\$0.0M
Wounded Warrior - Kiosk-Based System Testing Analysis - Remote-PC Based System Testing Analysis	\$1.0M	\$0.0M
MOVE Act Technology Development Subtotal	<u>\$26.4M</u>	<u>\$6.24M</u>

Research

<u>Initiative</u>	<u>Current FY11 Request</u>	<u>Proposed House NDAA</u>
Current UOCAVA Voting System Analysis - Threat - Vulnerability - Fraud - Timeliness	\$ 1.0M	\$1.0M
Analysis of State Internet Voting Projects - West Virginia Analysis - Hawaii Analysis - Overseas Analysis (\$0.5M is base and \$0.4M is new request)	\$ 0.9M	\$0.9M
Overseas Citizens Definition - Foreign Government Tracking of US Citizens - Extrapolation of Foreign Residence from Voting Patterns	\$ 3.8M	\$2.3M
Logistical Analysis - Kiosk-Based Systems - Remote-PC Based Systems	\$3.34M	\$0.0M
Evaluation and Updating of Previous Data - 1980-2004 FVAP Survey Adjustments - Time Series Analysis from Previous Survey Adjustments - Integration of DoD Inspector General Reports	\$ 1.35M	\$1.35M
Analysis of 2010 Waivers/Mail Delivery Time Analysis - Foreign Mail Systems - Expedited Ballot Return for Overseas Military Personnel - Domestic Mail through MPSA	\$ 0.25M	\$0.25M
MOVE Act Research Subtotal	<u>\$12.64M</u>	<u>\$7.8M</u>



Federal Voting Assistance Program Department of Defense

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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.**

Federal Voting Assistance Program 2010 Election Cycle Initiatives and Lessons Learned

February 10, 2011

What is the Key Election System Issue

- **Military Voter Registration Not the Problem**
 - 71% = General Electorate
 - 77% = Military voters
- **Voter Participation Rates not the problem**
 - 62% = General Electorate
 - 53% = Military voters
 - 71% = Adjusted military voters
- **Overwhelming voting failure is in ballot delivery and return times**
- **Absentee Ballot Return Rates:**
 - 91% = General Population
 - 67% = UOCAVA voters
 - 62% = Military Voters

2008 Election		
Stage of voting process	Number of additional failures over general voting population	% of total failure
Registration Failure	4,783	1.3%
Ballot Delivery Failure	23,548	6.4%
Ballot Return Failure	296,759	81.1%
Ballot Casting Failure	41,012	11.2%
Total	366,102	

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?

FVAP 2010 Key Initiatives

➤ Provide Direct to the Voter Assistance

- Make the process easy, quick, intuitive and seamless
- Reduce the reliance on Voting Assistance Officers
- Provide online wizards, including FPCA and FWAB
- **FVAP as a portal, not a service provider**
- **Requires extensive voter education**

➤ Get the Ballots To and From the Voters Quicker

- Online ballot download
- Express Mail Return of voted ballots

➤ Expanded Assistance for Election Officials

- Develop tools that voters will use and **States will adopt**
- Specifications to State election requirements, not federal contract rules
- Assist States change laws to comply with MOVE Act
- Assist States in compliance with MOVE Act

To Vote Absentee, Start By Telling Us Who You Are



I am a uniformed service member or a family member.

For active-duty members of the Armed Forces, Merchant Marine, Public Health Service, NOAA, and their family members.

[Get Started](#)



I am a citizen living outside the U.S.

For United States citizens who are living outside the U.S. for work, school or other reasons.

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If neither of these choices apply to you, please visit www.canivote.org

Election Countdown

35 Days

Join us on Facebook & remind your friends to vote!

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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.



What would you like to do?

Register to Vote and/or Request Ballot

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Address



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Register to Vote and/or Request Ballot

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

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](#)

Request Ballot Screen

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Register to Vote and/or Request Ballot

Use Arizona's automated assistant to automatically register to vote and/or request an absentee ballot.

or

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

Important Dates for UOCAVA citizens

General Election: 11/06/2012
Register by: TBD
Request ballot by: TBD
Return ballot by: TBD

Resources:

[Arizona Absentee Voting Guidelines](#)
[Arizona State Election website](#)

Would you rather fill out the form by hand?

[Registration and Ballot Request](#)

Linking to FVAP Wizard instead of Blank FPCA Form will make it easier for UOCAVA voters

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

Get My Ballot Now

Use Washington's automated assistants to get a complete State ballot.

or

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

Election Deadlines

General Election: 11/06/2012

Register by: TBD

Request ballot by: TBD

Return ballot by: TBD

Resources:

[Washington Absentee Voting Guidelines](#)

[Washington State Election website](#)

Would you rather fill out the form by hand?

[Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot](#)

Track Ballot Screen



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Check Status of Your Ballot

Under the federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA) of 2002, every voter who casts a provisional ballot is entitled to find out from his/her **county elections official** if the ballot was counted and if not, the reason why it was not counted.

Under California **Elections Code section 3017**, a voter who casts a vote-by-mail ballot can find out if the ballot arrived at his/her **county elections office**. Some county elections officials also tell voters if the vote-by-mail ballot was counted and if it wasn't, the reasons why it was not counted.

Each county elections official allows voters to check the status of his/her vote-by-mail and provisional ballot either through the county website, by telephone, or both.

To find out if your vote-by-mail ballot was received by your county elections official or if your provisional ballot was counted, please click on the appropriate link below or call the phone number listed for the county elections office. For further information about the elections services provided in your county, visit our **County Elections offices** page.

County	Check Vote-By-Mail Ballot Status	Check Provisional Ballot Status
Alameda	Alameda - Vote-By-Mail	(800) 834-6454
Alpine	(530) 694-2281	(530) 694-2281
Amador	Amador - Vote-By-Mail	(209) 223-6465
Butte	Butte - Vote-By-Mail	(800) 894-7761
Calaveras	(209) 754-6376	(209) 754-6376
Colusa	Colusa - Vote-By-Mail	(877) 458-0501
Contra Costa	Contra Costa - Vote-By-Mail	Contra Costa - Provisional Voting Free Access
Del Norte	(707) 465-0383	(707) 465-0383

Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) for Absentee Ballot

Complete the Form

Uniformed Services Member > Washington > King

Eligibility

State

Jurisdiction

My Information

Voting Residence

Mailing Address

Method to Send Form

Method To Receive Ballot

Additional Information

Print and Finish

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) - - 1234 ↕

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

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Additional Information

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- 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.

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[Finish](#)



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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
 Ryan Harrison Case
 MAILING ONLY
 FPO AE 0204-019



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, review and correct before mailing. **WARNING:** Knowingly providing false information in this application could result in criminal sanctions.

2010 AE 0204-019-000

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

1. REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR ALL ELECTIONS IN WHICH YOU DESIRE TO VOTE AND (A.V. REFERS TO) ALL ELECTIONS FOR THE CURRENT YEAR OR ALL ELECTIONS FOR WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN REGISTERED TO VOTE OR (A.V. REFERS TO) ALL ELECTIONS FOR WHICH YOU ARE CURRENTLY REGISTERED TO VOTE OR (A.V. REFERS TO) ALL ELECTIONS FOR WHICH YOU ARE CURRENTLY REGISTERED TO VOTE

2. MY INFORMATION (Required):
 NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)
 Caryn Robin Harrison
 DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY)
 07/11/61
 SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER
 -- -- 1734
 STATE OF RESIDENCE (Two-letter code)
 WA
 ZIP CODE (Five-digit code)
 99483

3. MY VOTING RESIDENCE ADDRESS (Required) (Residential address only. Do not use a business or institutional address.)
 33 Mockingbird Lane
 State WA ZIP CODE 99483

4. WHERE TO SEND MY VOTING MATERIALS
 MAILING ADDRESS (Required) (Residential address only. Do not use a business or institutional address.)
 FAX (Optional) (Residential address only. Do not use a business or institutional address.)
 FPO AE 0204-019

5. I am the owner of a vehicle in the U.S. as shown on my driver's license No Yes Other

6. MY POLITICAL PARTY PREFERENCE (Optional, but may be required by state law) (Optional, but may be required by state law)

7. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Optional) (Optional, but may be required by state law) (Optional, but may be required by state law)

8. I am not registering, requesting a ballot, or voting in any other jurisdiction in the U.S. and
 a. My registration and ballot request have been completed, and
 b. The information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief and I understand that false information or failure to complete this document may constitute grounds for denial of my ballot.

9. I am not registering, requesting a ballot, or voting in any other jurisdiction in the U.S. and
 a. My registration and ballot request have been completed, and
 b. The information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief and I understand that false information or failure to complete this document may constitute grounds for denial of my ballot.

Signature _____ Date _____

The information contained hereon is for postal use only. Any unauthorized reuse of this information may be punishable by law.

POST

Online FWAB Tool

Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)

Complete the Form

My State
 Choose your state from the dropdown menu. The state is required.

State
 CA

Ballot Type
 Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot

Send FWAB

My Information

My Candidate
 A Donald Trump / Republican

My Party Affiliation
 A None / Other

My Candidate's Name
 A Mike Huckabee

Send to Me
 Do you see your ballot as Candidate?

My Ballot Information
 A Duck / Donald

Print and Finish

U.S. Representative/Delegate/Resident Commissioner

My Information

My Candidate
 A Miguel / NY

My Party Affiliation
 A Republican

Send to Me
 Do you see your ballot as Candidate?

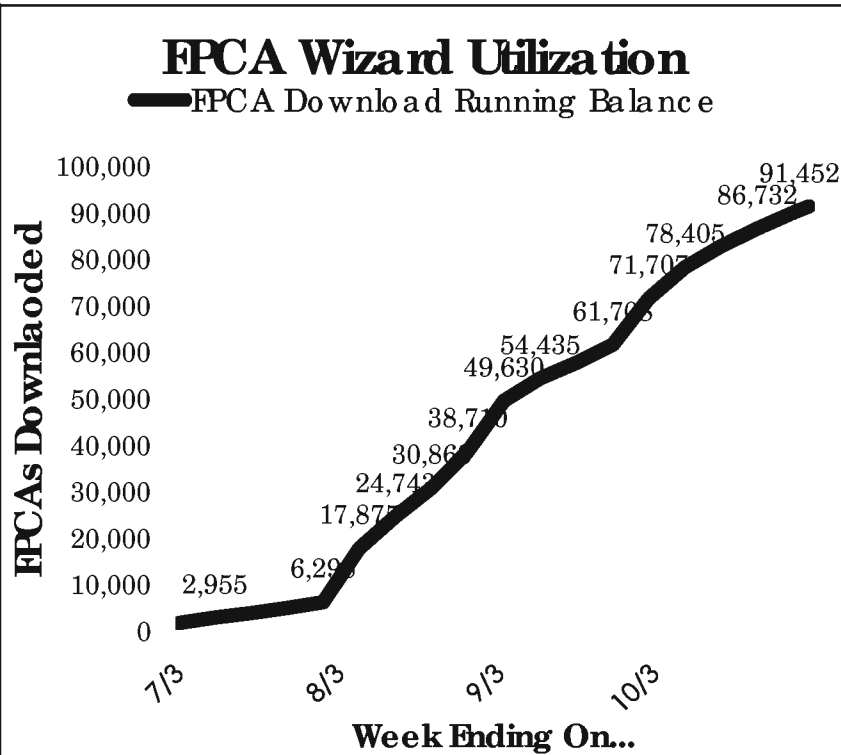
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 A Mouse / Micky

OFFICIAL FEDERAL WRITE-IN ABSENTEE BALLOT	
PRESIDENT/VICE PRESIDENT	
U.S. SENATOR*	
Donald Kaplan (Unaffiliated)	
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE/DELEGATE**/RESIDENT COMMISSIONER**	
Mark Grannis (Libertarian)	
<small>* Legal residents of the District of Columbia are only for President, Vice President and Judges. ** Legal residents of American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands may vote only for Delegate or Resident Commissioner of the Congress.</small>	
ADDENDUM	
Voters also allow the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot to be used to indicate and record a written vote on a ballot other than general election or on a ballot other than Federal election. To do so, you also refer to the Voting Procedures Guide on instructions that also apply to voters who are eligible to vote. Ballots are only for office positions other than your listed office. Please indicate on the space provided below the office for which you want to vote (for example, Governor, Attorney General, Mayor, State Senator, etc.) and the name and/or party affiliation in the available system you wish to vote.	
OFFICE	CANDIDATE NAME or PARTY AFFILIATION
<u>Governor</u>	<u>Mouse Mickey</u>
<u>LI. Governor</u>	<u>Independent</u>
<u>Attorney General</u>	<u>Duck Daffy</u>

2010 FPCA and FWAB Wizard Utilization

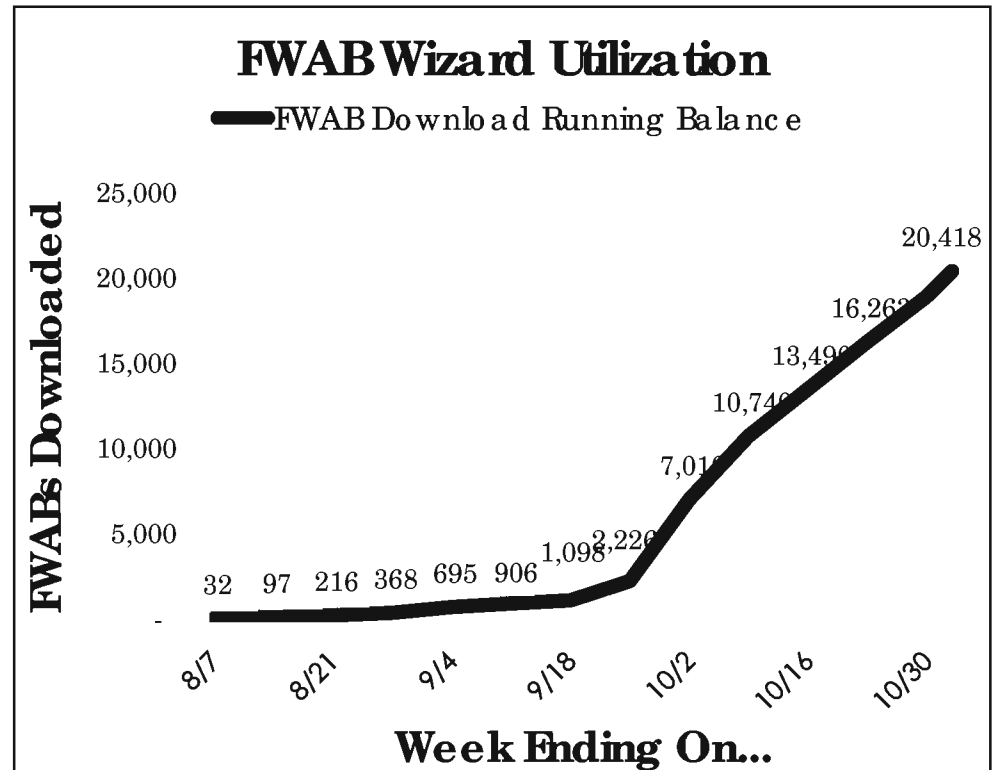
FPCA Wizard downloads:

- *National: 91,565*



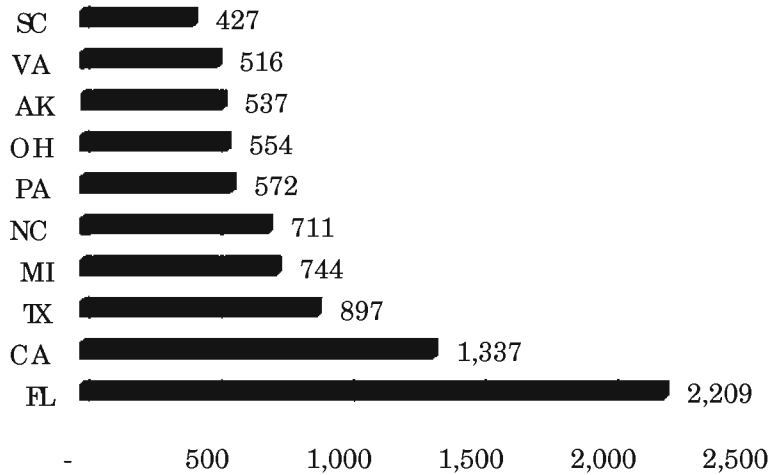
FWAB Wizard downloads:

- *National: 20,536*

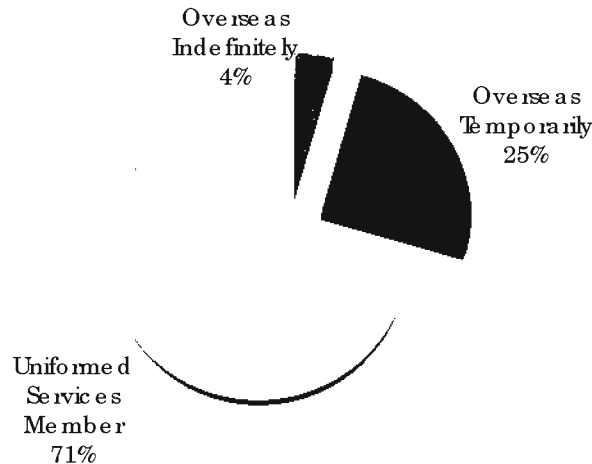
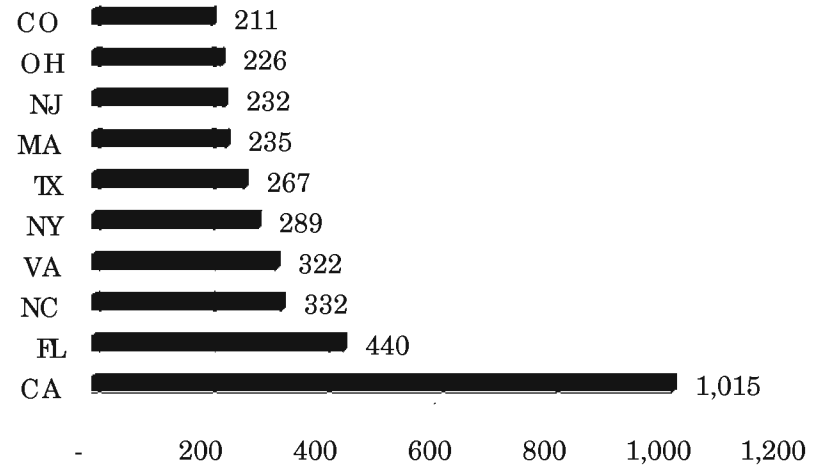


2010 FWAB Wizard Utilization

Uniformed Services FWABs Downloaded

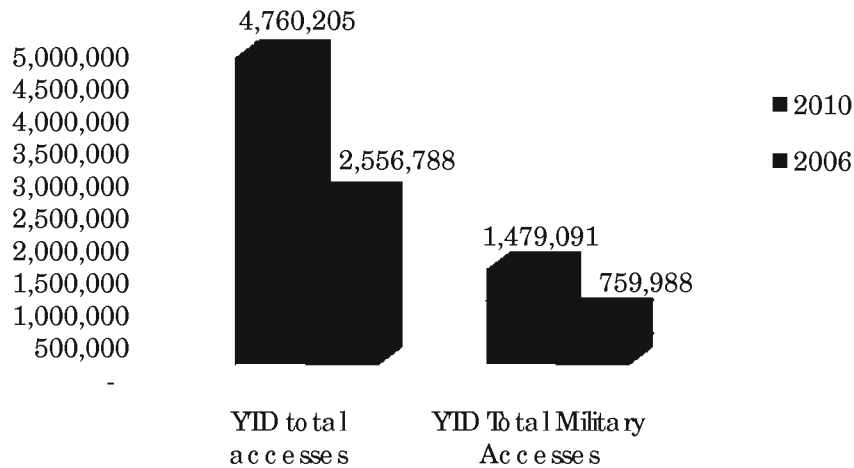


Total Overseas Citizen FWAB Downloads



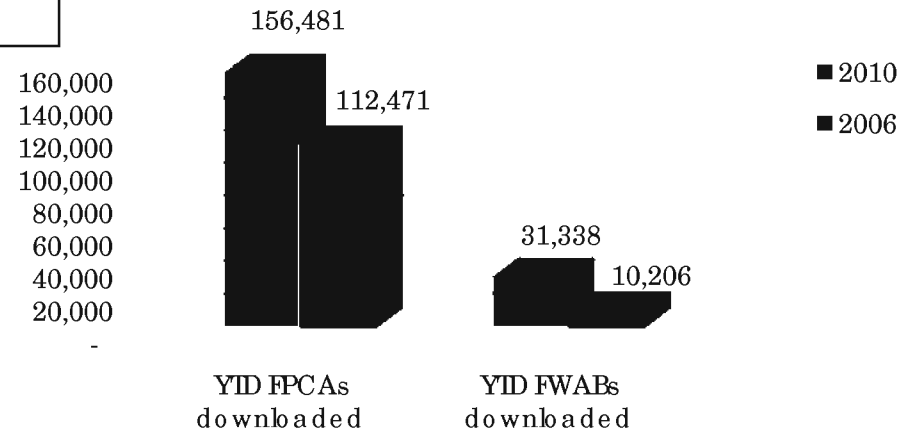
FVAP Website Utilization

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



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

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



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

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[Use Virginia's automated assistant to get a complete State ballot.](#)

or

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Important Dates for UOCAVA citizens

General Election: 11/02/2010
Uniformed Service members Register by: 10/26/2010
Overseas Citizens Register by: 10/12/2010
Request ballot by: 10/26/2010
Return ballot by: 11/02/2010

[Please See Important Notice to Virginia Users of Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot \(FWAB\)](#)

Resources:

[Virginia Absentee Voting Guidelines](#)
[Virginia State Election website](#)

ALERT: [Deadlines for Return of Voted Ballots from APO/FPOs](#)

Would you rather fill out the form by hand?
[Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot](#)

Future:

Planning a federal grant structured program for states and localities



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:

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

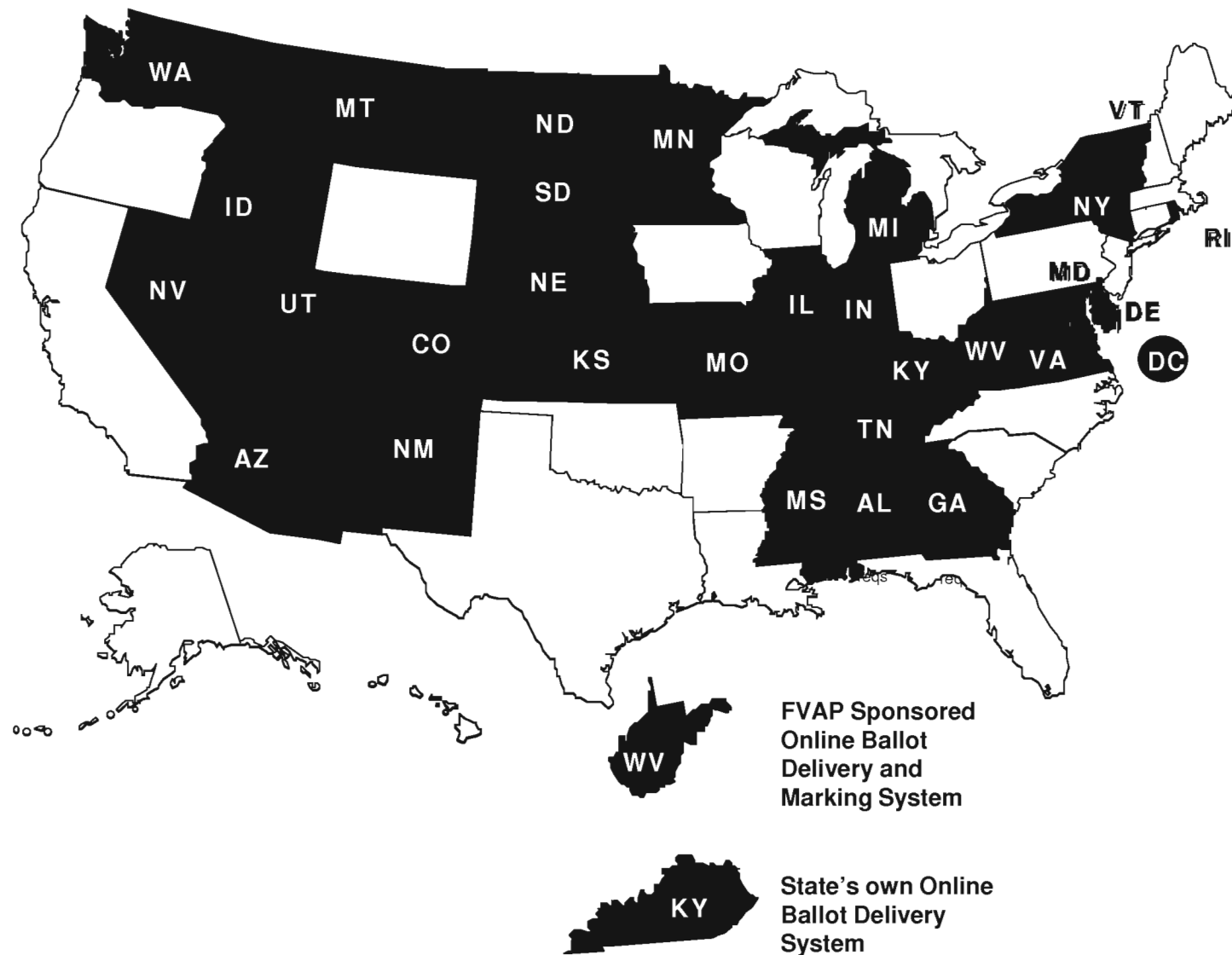
For technical issues with site availability only - (866) 257-2150

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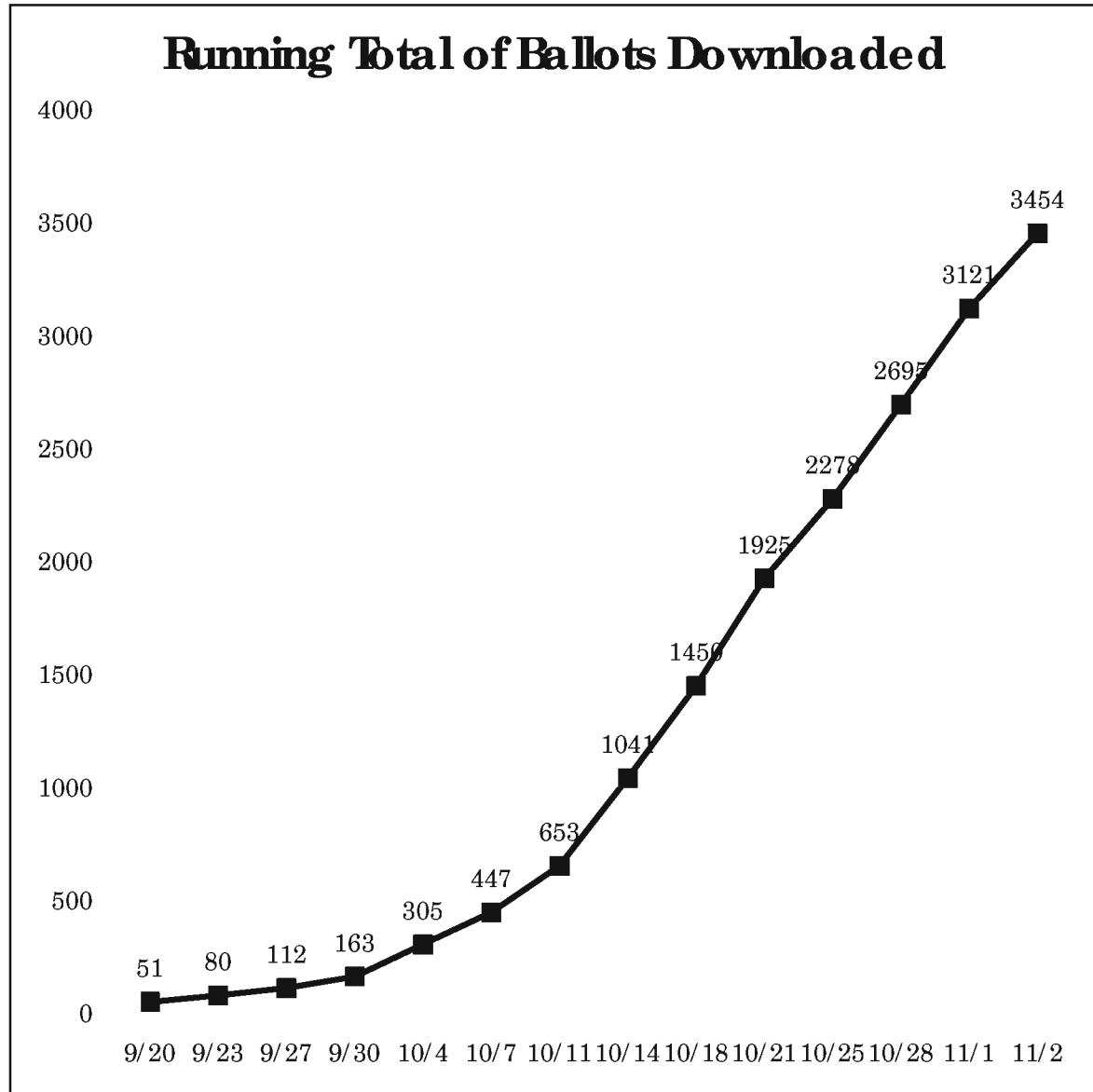
Online Ballot Wizards



- 31 States total
 - 17 FVAP supported
 - 14 Own
- DE sent out 1/2 of all ballots using online wizard
- WV also has 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



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
- ***Need to make voters aware of online ballot delivery instead of defaulting to FWAB***

➤ 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



<https://twitter.com/FVAP>



Following

Just in time for key voting week, FVAP launches online registration assistant to help ease the process - <http://tinyurl.com/23p9a8j>

Texas voters - give your input on pending voting rules - http://www.sos.state.tx.us/about/news/releases/2010/06/14/10_snr1

Kudos - DC is doing something very "unique" - <http://tinyurl.com/27rnc4z>

Next week is a key week for voting absentee. Are you registered? Go to www.fvap.gov to get registered. We're here for you!



Edit Page
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Suggest to Friends

DoD - Supporting military and overseas citizens absentee voting. We're here for you!

Honor the past, support the future - VOTE!

If you're looking for the official source of information

Name FVAP
Location Arlington, VA
Web <http://www.fvap.gov>
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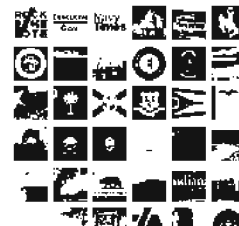
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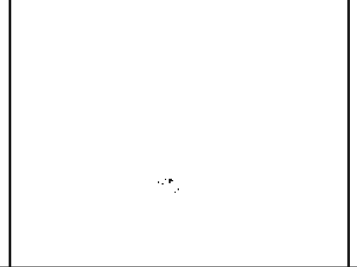
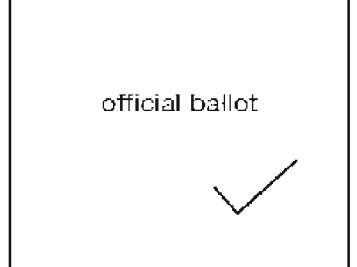


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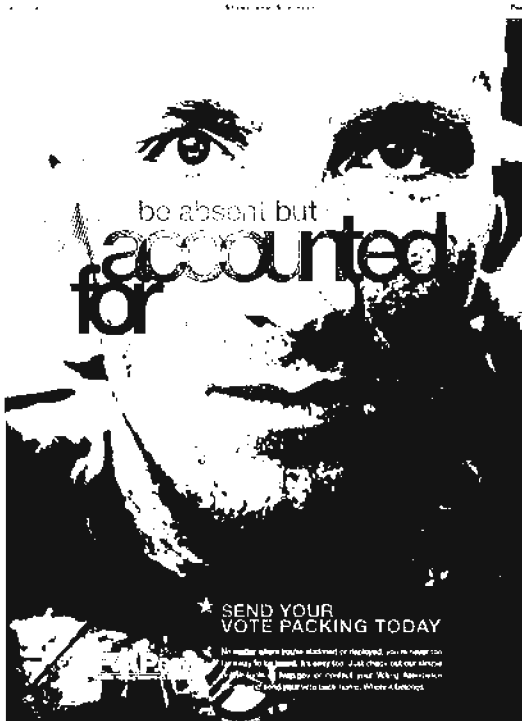
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 - VAOs
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 - Ballot Download
 - FWAB

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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 support:**
 - \$550K FY09 and FY10 for mail barcode scanners
 - FVAP advertised in September-October ads and 30 day emails
 - Extensive voter alerts and social media marketing



2010 Post-Election Survey

Surveys

- **Active Duty Military**
- **Military Dependents** – First time ever
- **Overseas Civilians**
 - Controlled sample based on State Department warden list emails
 - Convenience Sample
- **Voting Assistance Officers**
 - State Department
 - Military Units

Key Elements & Discoveries

- **Need quality data:**
 - Weight for voter population demographics
 - Weight for jurisdiction size
 - Weight for non-response
- **FVAP drives program to those results**
- **1/3 military voters vote in person**

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%

State Legislative Initiatives

Legislative Initiative	Uniformed Services Weighting	Overseas Citizens Weighting
45 Day Transit Time	30	30
Electronic Transmission	30	30
FWAB	20	20
Late Registration	7	4
Emergency Authority	7	5
Elimination of Notary/Witness	4	8
Never Resided in U.S.	2	3
Uniform Law Commission	0*	0*

FVAP would score itself as successful for States:

- 45-day prior ballot delivery,
- email/online transmission of blank ballots,
- allows the FWAB for all elections

- **State-by-State Index**
 - 0-100 scale
 - Measures FVAP success in convincing States to adopt Legislative Initiatives
 - **0-50 – Unsuccessful**
 - **50-75 – Mixed**
 - **75-100 – Successful**
- **National Average = 63%, up from 53% in Oct 09**
- **Scores weighted on Where Voting Failure Occurs**
 - Greatest Scores given to areas with greatest impact on most significant failure
 - 45-day prior =30 points
 - Email/online = 30 points
 - Universal FWAB = 20 points

Uniform State Laws

- **Uniform Military and Overseas Voter Act (UMOVA)**
- **Uniform Law Commission**
 - State-run organization
 - Uniform Laws for individual States
- **Standardize voting procedures for military and overseas voters**
 - Secretary of State Trip Report
 - 290 page VAG to 10-15 pages
- **Endorsements**
 - CSG
 - CSG-West
 - AMOVR
- **Adoption raises Index Score to 88%**



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.**

Voter Initiatives

- **Outreach**
 - Communications
 - Partnerships
 - Online training

- **Improve online Wizards**
 - Bar Codes
 - FWAB Candidate Data Improvements

- **FPCA/FWAB Redesign**

- **Wounded Warrior Research**
 - Catalogue disabilities and voting assistance requirements
 - Mock Election

- **Databases**
 - VAO
 - LEOs
 - Voting Laws and Regulations

Election Official Initiatives

- **Grant Research Program**

- **Legislative Initiatives/
UMOVA/Index Scores**

- **LEO Training:**
 - In-person
 - CERA
 - Online

Technology Initiatives

- **Security Research**
 - Blank Ballot Delivery
 - National Level Threats
 - DISN-only systems (TGDC)

- **Website Architecture**

- **System Tests against EAC Pilot
Testing Requirements**

2012 Grant Program

- **Maximize research potential:**
 - Needs maximum State adoption
 - Shift from federal contract to grants
 - **Not a State compliance assistance grant**; it's a research grant

- **Possible Focus Programs:**
 - Online Registration
 - Online Absentee Ballot Request
 - Online and Expedited Blank Ballot Delivery
 - Online Voted Ballot Tracking
 - Website improvement

- **Possible Grant Considerations:**
 - Research results and data provided
 - # of Voters Assisted
 - Projected Improvement in UOCAVA Voting Success
 - ROI and program life



HOME FIND CHALLENGES

All Federal Government Challenges matching "fvap"

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Newest



Absentee Voting Slogan Contest

Created by U.S. Department of Defense

The Federal Voting Assistance Program's 2011 Slogan Contest promotes absentee voting by the Uniformed Services, their families, and U.S. citizens residing outside the United States.

[View details](#)



Absentee Voting Poster Contest

Created by U.S. Department of Defense

The Federal Voting Assistance Program announces their Voting Poster Contest to promote absentee voting by Uniformed Services members, their families, and U.S. citizens living abroad.

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Internet Voting Mandate

➤ **2002 National Defense Authorization Act**

“The Secretary of Defense shall carry out a demonstration project under which ***absent uniformed services voters*** are permitted to ***cast ballots*** in the regularly scheduled general election ... through an ***electronic voting system***. The project shall be carried out with participation of sufficient numbers ... so that the results are ***statistically relevant***.”

➤ **2005 National Defense Authorization Act**

“...the Secretary may delay the implementation of such demonstration project until the Election Assistance Commission ... has established electronic absentee voting guidelines and certifies that it will assist the Secretary...”

Not the MOVE Act

2002 Committee Reports

➤ 2002 House Report

- "...testing of electronic voting systems that aim to solve the time and distance challenges that have plagued military voters, particularly those residing at overseas duty locations."
- "The Committee expects the Secretary ... to expand the demonstration project to reach **as many military voters as possible.**"
- "The committee believes that the method for absentee voting that holds the most promise for protecting the voting rights of military members in the future is **electronic voting using computers.**"

➤ 2002 Senate Report

- "In the committee's view, the Federal Voting Assistance Program's Voting Over the Internet (VOI) Pilot Project ... demonstrated that ***a remote internet registration and voting system can provide electoral process integrity;***"
- "[The VOI project] provided insight into issues that must be considered for ***broader use of remote registration and voting via the internet.***"
- "The committee encourages ... a judicious and methodical progression from the current by-mail process to a ***secure, easy-to-use, and expedient remote internet registration and voting system.***"

2005 Committee Reports

➤ 2005 Senate Report

- The committee recognizes the effort by the Department of Defense, working in concert with state, county and federal election officials, to bring the **SERVE program** to fruition, and urges continued examination of feasible means to **carry out secure electronic voting**.

➤ 2005 Conference Report

- “***The House bill ... would repeal the requirement ... for the Secretary of Defense to conduct a demonstration project to permit absentee uniformed service voters to cast their ballots through an electronic voting system. The Senate amendment ... would authorize delay in carrying out an electronic voting demonstration project until November 2006. The House recedes with an amendment that would delay the electronic voting demonstration project...***”
- “***The Department of Defense's Secure Electronic Registration and Voting Experiment (SERVE) was an important prototype for electronic voting that should not be abandoned.***”

2007 Laws & GAO

2007 National Defense Authorization Act

- “the Secretary of Defense shall [report] to the Congress ... in ***detail plans for expanding the use of electronic voting technology*** for individuals covered under the [UOCAVA].”
- “...[The GAO shall report to] Congress...the assessment of ...The ***progress of [DoD] and the [EAC] in developing a secure, deployable system for Internet-based electronic voting*** pursuant to [the 2005 NDAA].”

2007 GAO Report

- [DoD should c]reate an ***integrated, comprehensive, long-term, results-oriented plan for future electronic voting programs*** that specifies, ... the goals to be achieved along with tasks including identifying safeguards for the security and privacy of all DOD’s voting ***systems—both electronic and Internet.***
- The plan should also ***specify milestones, time frames, and contingencies;***
- ***Synchronize them with planned development of the Commission’s guidelines for Internet voting;***

FVAP Ideas on Path Forward

Define the Measures

- Acceptable risk level ***policy decision has already been made***
 - It ***IS*** the current voting system
 - Accepts 1/3 of absentee ballots never returned
- ***We should accept equivalent risk in new UOCAVA systems***
 - May have different probability or impact
 - Can reduce probability and/or mitigate impact
 - Goal is to keep risk level at least the same, if not better

Measure Systems

- Use the EAC Risk Assessment Tool & NIST IT Risk Assessment Tools?
- Evaluate the postal mail UOCAVA absentee ballot system as the baseline
- Develop comparable measures for other voting systems and measure them
- **Also examine national level threat risks**

Establish Properties

- What “properties” are necessary for an electronic absentee voting system?
- To achieve the same level of risk as current system
- Even if DON’T believe Properties are technologically feasible

Can You Make the “Washington Declaration”?

Federal Voting Assistance Program: Looking Forward and Looking Back



Pennsylvania County Election Officials Conference

August 23, 2011

What is the Key Election System Issue

- **Military Voter Registration Not the Problem**
 - 71% = General Electorate
 - 77% = Military voters
- **Voter Participation Rates not the problem**
 - 62% = General Electorate
 - 53% = Military voters
 - 71% = Adjusted military voters
- **Overwhelming voting failure is in ballot delivery and return times**
- **Absentee Ballot Return Rates:**
 - 91% = General Population
 - 67% = UOCAVA voters
 - 62% = Military Voters

2008 Election		
Stage of voting process	Number of additional failures over general voting population	% of total failure
Registration Failure	4,783	1.3%
Ballot Delivery Failure	23,548	6.4%
Ballot Return Failure	296,759	81.1%
Ballot Casting Failure	41,012	11.2%
Total	366,102	

MOVE Act: Federal Requirements

➤ **More online tools**

- FWAB
 - Federal Candidate list
 - Requires States accept for LEOs?
- State UOCAVA Election Official and Electronic Communications Address Database
- Online Voter Portals

➤ **Expedited ballot return**

- Overseas Uniformed Services Personnel
- Sent NLT 7 days prior to election; Free
- Working with MPSA to coordinate with tracking system and possibly integrate with State requirements

➤ **Expanded voter outreach**

- Installation Voting Assistance Offices
- Advertising and communications
 - Online FWAB
 - 30, 60, 90 day prior notices

➤ **Improved data collection**

- Coordinate with States and EAC
- Covers Election Day Survey info
- Online repository

➤ **Reports**

- Voting Assistance Program analysis and plan
- MOVE Act implementation
- Annual survey and overall effectiveness
- DOJ on enforcement
- EAC and NIST on Internet Voting Standards

MOVE Act: State Requirements

- **Transmit ballots 45 days prior to election**
 - Waivers allowed by Secretary of Defense, ICW Attorney General
 - Not perpetual – apply every election
 - Need to show adequate time available for voters
- **Transmit ballots electronically**
 - Does not define electronically
 - Fax alone provides little help to military voters
- **Accept Federal Write-In Absentee Ballots for all federal elections**
 - Continued usefulness of SWABs?
 - FVAP encourages universal adoption of FWAB
- **Free Online Ballot Receipt System**
- **Cannot require notary**

➤ **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 to have that 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 2010 Key Initiatives

➤ Provide Direct to the Voter Assistance

- Make the process easy, quick, intuitive and seamless
- Reduce the reliance on Voting Assistance Officers
- Provide online wizards, including FPCA and FWAB
- **FVAP as a portal, not a service provider**
- **Requires extensive voter education**

➤ Get the Ballots To and From the Voters Quicker

- Online ballot download
- Express Mail Return of voted ballots

➤ Expanded Assistance for Election Officials

- Develop tools that voters will use and **States will adopt**
- Specifications to State election requirements, not federal contract rules
- Assist States change laws to comply with MOVE Act
- Assist States in compliance with MOVE Act

To Vote Absentee, Start By Telling Us Who You Are



I am a uniformed service member or a family member.

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I am a citizen living outside the U.S.

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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.





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

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](#)

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Use Arizona's automated assistant to automatically register to vote and/or request an absentee ballot.

or

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

Important Dates for UOCAVA citizens

General Election: 11/06/2012
Register by: TBD
Request ballot by: TBD
Return ballot by: TBD

Resources:

[Arizona Absentee Voting Guidelines](#)
[Arizona State Election website](#)


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Registration and Ballot Request

Linking to automated form, instead of static fill-able PDF FPCA, eases the process

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Absentee Ballot Application

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When and How to Apply for an Official Absentee Ballot

Uniformed and Overseas Civilian Absentee Voters click [here](#) to apply for an absentee ballot.

All others please click [here](#) to download the Application for Absentee Ballot.

If you wish to apply to vote permanently via absentee ballot, click [here](#) to download the Application for Absentee Ballot and the Affidavit of Illness or Permanent Physical Disability and Physician's Certificate.

After you have submitted your absentee ballot request to your county Voter Registration Office, you can check its status by [logging in](#) to the SURE Public portal and clicking the Absentee Ballot Status link. Please allow 48 hours from date of receipt for absentee ballot processing.

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First Name (required)

Telephone ↕

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Last Name (required)

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Suffix ↕

Gender

Previous Name

Date of Birth (required)

Political Party ↕

Social Security Number (required) - - 1234 ↕

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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Print and Finish

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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](#)

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Instructions for Washington

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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)
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1. REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR ALL ELECTIONS IN WHICH IT IS DESIRABLE TO VOTE AND IT IS NECESSARY: YES

YES (PLEASE CHECK THE ONE CATEGORY THAT BEST DESCRIBES YOUR STATUS. YOU MAY CHECK MORE THAN ONE CATEGORY.)
 MILITARY OR NAVAL VESSEL (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)
 OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

2. MY INFORMATION (Required):

NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE INITIAL) Cary, Robert Harrison		CITY/TOWN/VILLAGE/POST OFFICE J.C.	STATE WA	ZIP CODE (5-DIGIT) 99483
DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY) 07/11/61	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER -- -- 1734	MILITARY OR NAVAL VESSEL (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) 01 388 8118		

3. MY VOTING RESIDENCE ADDRESS (Required) (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) (MAY BE A DIFFERENT ADDRESS FROM THE ABOVE)
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4. WHERE TO SEND MY VOTING MATERIALS
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5. I AM A MEMBER OF THE FOLLOWING PARTY (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)
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6. MY POLITICAL PARTY PREFERENCE (Optional) (MAY BE REQUIRED BY STATE)
 (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

7. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Optional) (Specify the period for which you wish to receive ballots and instructions for how to request them during the voting assistance period for other appropriate purposes.)
 (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

8. CERTIFICATION (Required)
 I hereby certify, under penalty of perjury, that:
 1. I am a member of the Uniformed Services of Former Members of the Armed Forces or dependent of such a member of the U.S. Armed Forces who is entitled to receive ballots in this program; 2. I am mailing outside the U.S.; and
 3. I am at least 18 years of age, or will be by the day of the election, eligible to vote in the requested election; and 4. I have not been convicted of a felony or other disqualifying offense or been adjudicated mentally incompetent or have voting rights that have been restricted; and
 5. I am not requesting registration as a ballot collector in any other jurisdiction in the U.S.; and
 6. My signature and date below indicate I completed this document; and
 7. The information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.
 I understand that a false statement of fact in completion of this document may constitute grounds for denial of my ballot.

Signature _____ Date _____

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Serial _____ Date _____

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Absentee Ballot Application

The links below will take you to the appropriate absentee ballot request form. Print the form, complete it, sign it, and mail it to your county voter registration office.

When and How to Apply for an Official Absentee Ballot

Uniformed and Overseas Civilian Absentee Voters click [here](#) to apply for an absentee ballot.

All others please click [here](#) to download the Application for Absentee Ballot.

If you wish to apply to vote permanently via absentee ballot, click [here](#) to download the Application for Absentee Ballot and the Affidavit of Illness or Permanent Physical Disability and Physician's Certificate.

After you have submitted your absentee ballot request to your county Voter Registration Office, you can check its status by [logging in](#) to the SURE Public portal and clicking the Absentee Ballot Status link. Please allow 48 hours from date of receipt for absentee ballot processing.

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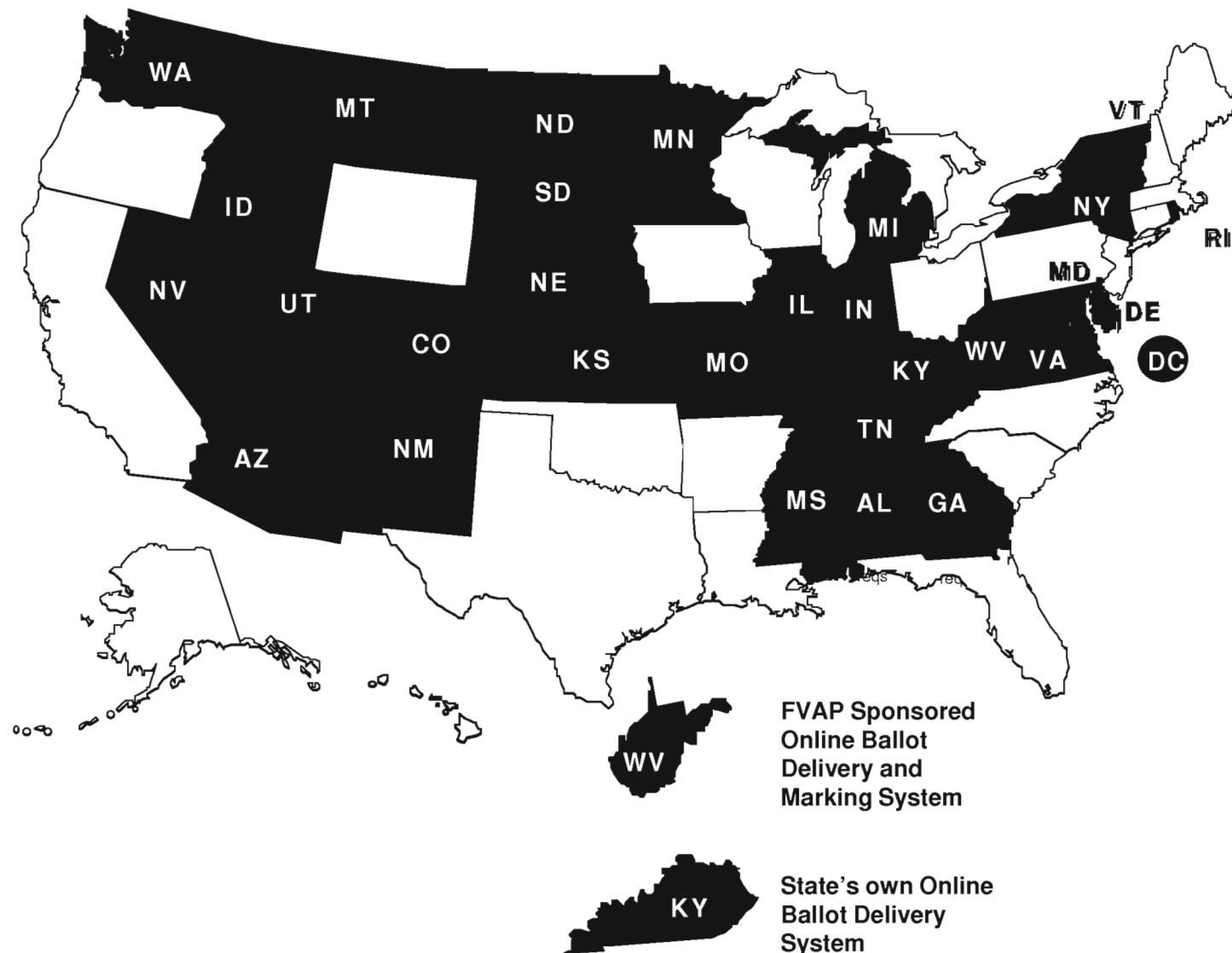


Portal de SURE

[Tom Corbett Governor](#)

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Online Ballot Wizards



- 31 States total
 - 17 FVAP supported
 - 14 Own
- DE sent out 1/2 of all ballots using online wizard
- WV also has 5 Counties with full internet voting
- WA, CO also had additional, non-FVAP, systems

2012 Grant Program

- **Maximize research potential:**
 - Needs maximum State adoption
 - Shift from federal contract to grants
 - **Not a State compliance assistance grant; it's a research grant**

- **Possible Focus Programs:**
 - Online Registration
 - Online Absentee Ballot Request
 - Online and Expedited Blank Ballot Delivery
 - Online Voted Ballot Tracking
 - Website improvement

- **Possible Grant Considerations:**
 - Research results and data provided
 - # of Voters Assisted
 - Projected Improvement in UOCAVA Voting Success
 - ROI and program life

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
- ***Need to make voters aware of online ballot delivery instead of defaulting to FWAB***

➤ **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



<https://twitter.com/FVAP>



Following

Just in time for key voting week, FVAP launches online registration assistant to help ease the process - <http://tinyurl.com/23p9a8j>

Texas voters - give your input on pending voting rules - <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/about/news/releases/2010/06/14/10-shr1>

Kudos - DC is doing something very "unique" - <http://tinyurl.com/27r9e4z>

Next week is a key week for voting absentee. Are you registered? Go to www.fvap.gov to get registered. We're here for you!



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DoD - Supporting military and overseas citizens absentee voting. We're here for you!

Honor the past, support the future - VOTE!

If you're looking for the official source of information

Name FVAP
Location Arlington, VA
Web <http://www.fvap.gov>
Bio The Department of Defense Federal Voting Assistance Program - Supporting and facilitating military and overseas absentee voting.

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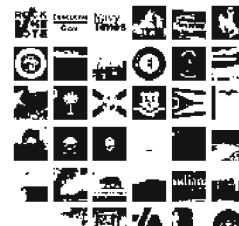
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Wall Info Photos Discussions Boxes Video >> +

What's on your mind?

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Online program helps military families vote absentee
What is Defense Services The new app is

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Feature - Voting- it does a country good

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OPINIONS

Where's the Change?

Milbank: David Axelrod, leaving Washington in defeat.
 Gerson: Hate Washington
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BOB WOODWARD: OBAMA'S WARS

President was cautioned that strategy faced risks

For months the vice president kept the pressure on, urging against a dramatic war escalation; 'It's not the number, it's the strategy,' he said.

» Bob Woodward

- Obama: 'We are stronger' | Interview transcript
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POSTPOLITICS 2010 ELECTIONS

Obama: 'A Christian by choice'

At a backyard chat in N.M., the president offers rare personal comments about his religious faith.

» Anne E. Kornblut and William Branigin 4:07 p.m. ET

A White House rescue mission

THE TAKE At tonight's Wisconsin rally, Dems count on Obama to lead charge to bring out vote.

» Dan Balz

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Court eyes corporate privacy

In batch of new cases, justices also revisit tangled legal history of Playboy model, Anna Nicole Smith.

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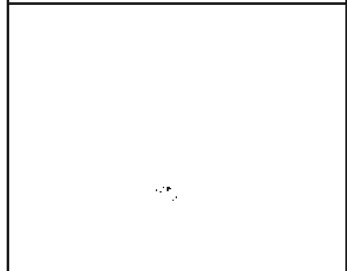
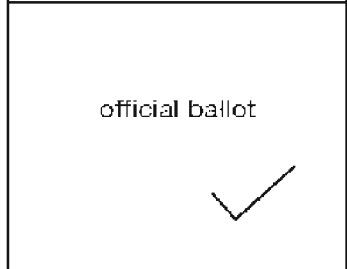
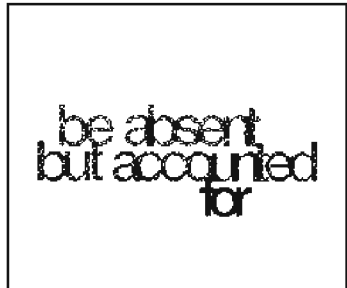


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TOP SECRET AMERICA

| Washington Post Investigates

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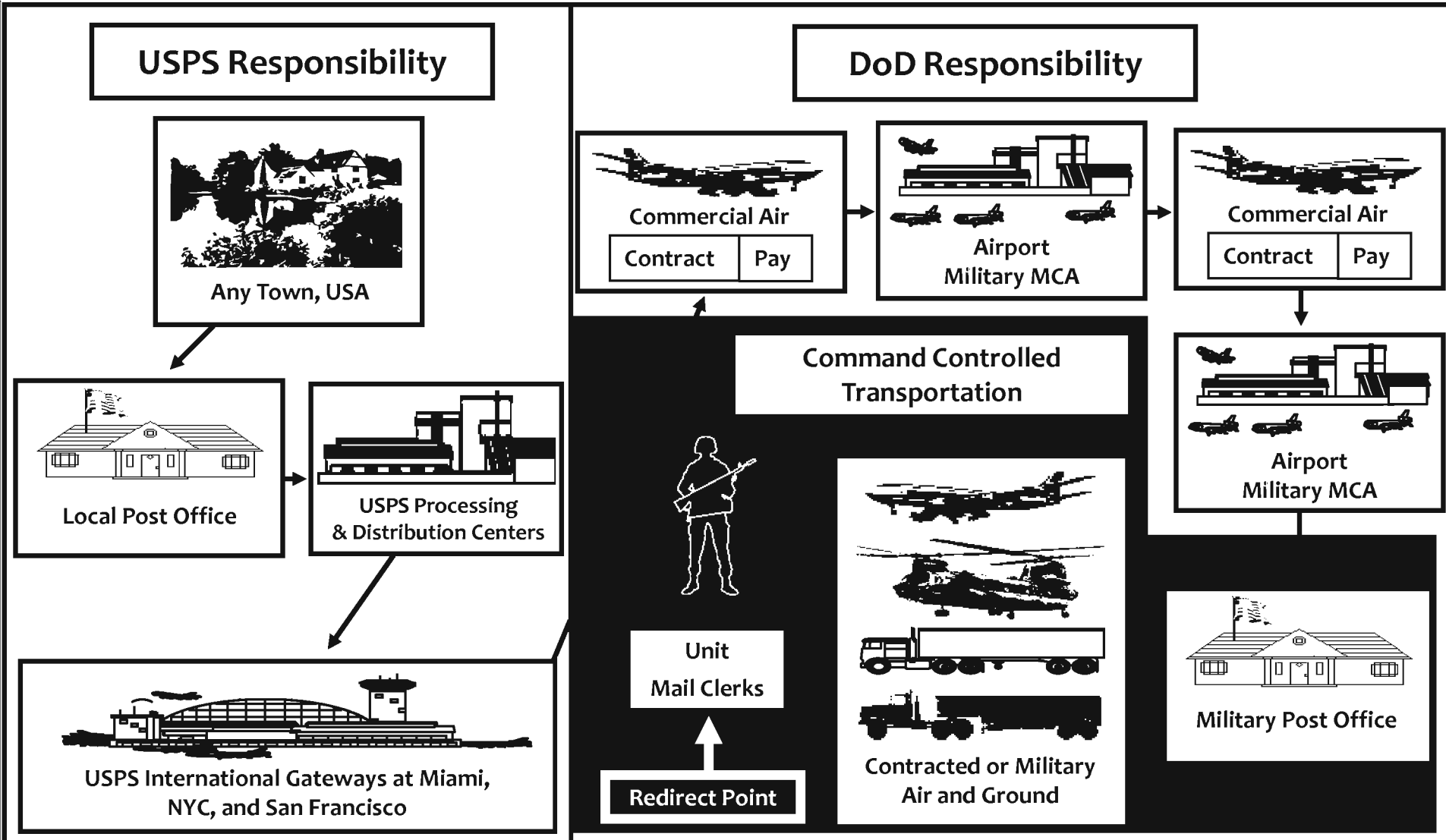
Postal Delivery Realities

- **2008 Data: Still Long One Way Delivery Times**
 - September 2008 Priority Delivery
 - USS IWO JIMA – 30.58 days
 - USS THEADORE ROOSEVELT – 28.76 days
 - USS LINCOLN – 22.77 days
 - October 2008 Priority Delivery
 - USS WASP – 28.50 days
 - USS IWO JIMA – 27.50 days
 - USMC CAMP TAQADDUM – 23.74 days
 - **And this is to MPO, not to delivery points down range**

- **MPSA 2008 Ballot Delivery Recommendations Parallel Data**
 - OIF/OEF – 28 days
 - Other overseas – 21 days
 - **These are RETURN recommendations**

- **Unfair to Expect Faster Delivery**
 - The problem is the States haven't sent out the ballots early enough
 - MOVE Act hopefully will address much of this

How Ballots Move To & From Ground Forces



How Ballots Move To & From Deployed Navy Sailors

Vertical on Deck



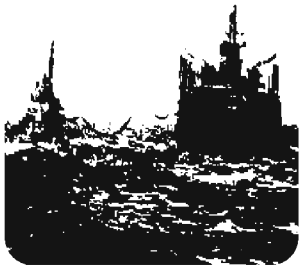
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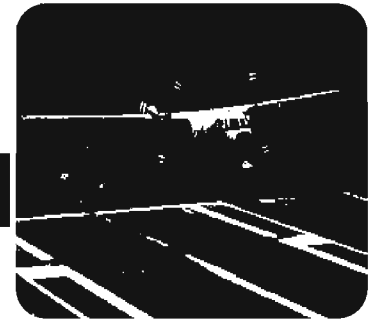
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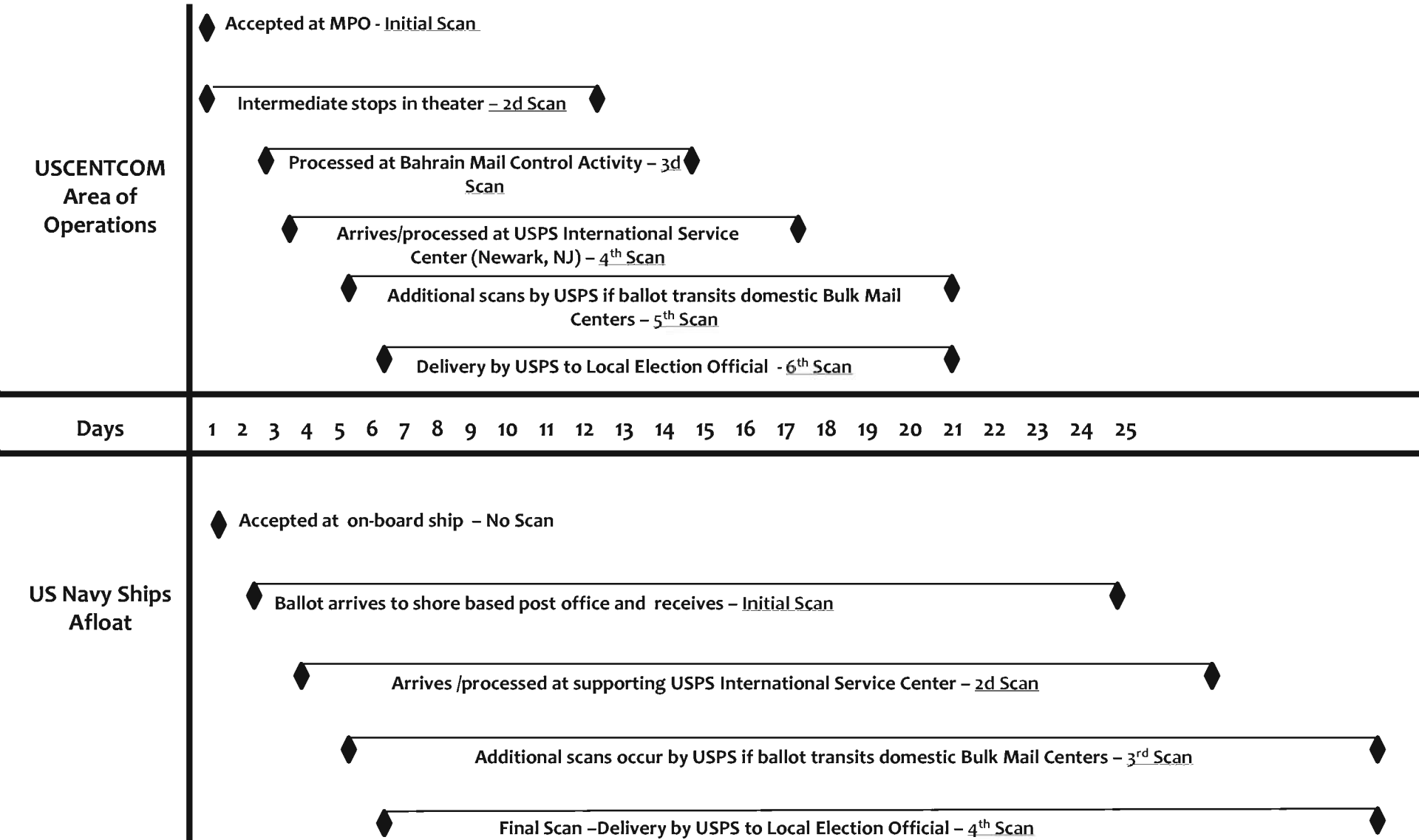


Military Sealift



Carrier On Deck

Projected Ballot Timeline



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 support:**
 - \$550K FY09 and FY10 for mail barcode scanners
 - FVAP advertised in September-October ads and 30 day emails
 - Extensive voter alerts and social media marketing



AMPS Automated Military Postal System MSC GRACE JOHNSON

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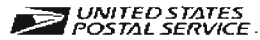
EMMS Ballots Report

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 Postage
1	096459998	03/03/2010 16:21	ES 990246565 US	N	39502	MS	0 lb 1 oz	21.05	14.96
2	963069998	03/05/2010 14:32	ES 990964951 US	N	63143	MO	0 lb 1 oz	21.85	14.96
3	963069998	03/22/2010 15:17	ES 990964951 US	N	64051	MO	0 lb 1 oz	21.85	14.96
4	963389998	05/18/2010 15:41	EH 990106367 US	A	96814	HI	0 lb 14 oz	15.70	14.96
5	963709998	02/16/2010 13:19	ES 990841991 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 990838973 US	N	72601	AR	0 lb 3 oz	21.85	14.96
8	963709998	03/08/2010 13:40	ES 9908358987 US	N	72601	AR	0 lb 2 oz	18.30	14.96
9	963709998	03/08/2010 09:29	ES 990858995 US	N	78621	TX	0 lb 1 oz	21.85	14.96
TOTAL								186.15	134.64
USPS owes DoD									51.51



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Track & Confirm FAQs

Track & Confirm

Search Results

Label/Receipt Number: **ES99 0246 665U 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:

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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 USC ENTICOM)
 - 7 @ over 30 days (All originated in USC ENTICOM)
 - US Navy Ships Ballots Averaged 8 Days (From shore based MPOs to election office)

2010 Post-Election Survey

Surveys

- **Active Duty Military**
- **Military Dependents** – First time ever
- **Overseas Civilians**
 - Controlled sample based on State Department warden list emails
 - Convenience Sample
- **Voting Assistance Officers**
 - State Department
 - Military Units

Key Elements & Discoveries

- **Need quality data:**
 - Weight for voter population demographics
 - Weight for jurisdiction size
 - Weight for non-response
- **FVAP drives program to those results**
- **1/3 military voters vote in person**

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 Goals

- **Improve voter success rates to meet or exceed the general absentee population voter success rates by 2014.**
 - Absentee ballot cast rate
 - Counted rate of those cast
 - FWAB utilization/success rate

- **Bring State Legislative Initiative Scores to 75% by 2014.**

- **Quantify the overseas civilian population by 2012.**
 - Geographic Distribution
 - Demographics

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

Voter Initiatives

- **Outreach**
 - Communications
 - Partnerships
 - Online training

- **Improve online Wizards**
 - Bar Codes
 - FWAB Candidate Data Improvements

- **FPCA/FWAB Redesign**

- **Wounded Warrior Research**
 - Catalogue disabilities and voting assistance requirements
 - Mock Election

- **Databases**
 - VAO
 - LEOs
 - Voting Laws and Regulations

Election Official Initiatives

- **Grant Research Program**

- **Legislative Initiatives/
UMOVA/Index Scores**

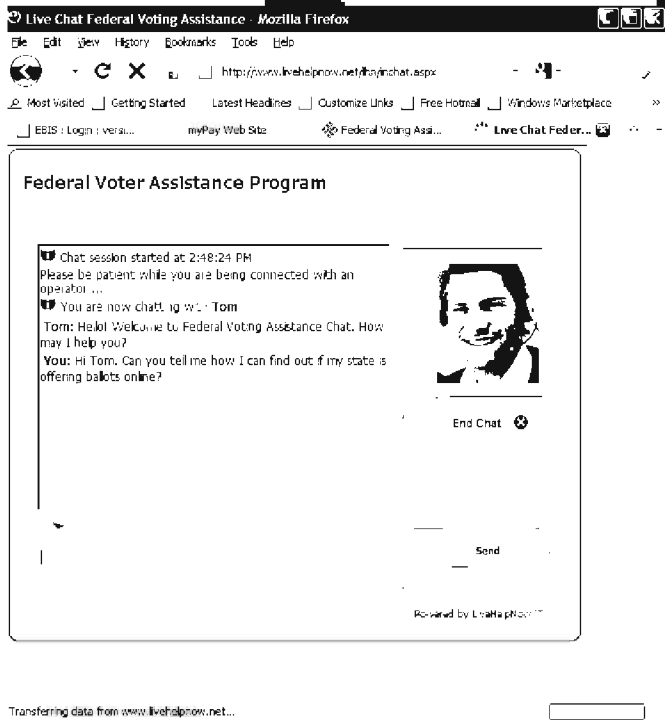
- **LEO Training:**
 - In-person
 - CERA
 - Online

Technology Initiatives

- **Security Research**
 - Blank Ballot Delivery
 - National Level Threats
 - DISN-only systems (TGDC)

- **Website Architecture**

- **System Tests against EAC Pilot
Testing Requirements**



➤ Call Centers & Assistance

- Online chat capability
- 24/7 availability
- Direct assistance from FVAP

➤ Compliance Consulting

- MOVE Act compliance
- Registration and absentee ballot applications
- FWABs

➤ Ease Burdens

- Allow linking to FVAP tools
- Combine surveys with EAC

Uniform State Laws

- **Uniform Military and Overseas Voter Act (UMOVA)**
- **Uniform Law Commission**
 - State-run organization
 - Uniform Laws for individual States
- **Standardize voting procedures for military and overseas voters**
 - Secretary of State Trip Report
 - 290 page VAG to 10-15 pages
- **Endorsements**
 - CSG
 - CSG-West
 - AMOVR
- **Adoption raises Index Score to 88%**



State Legislative Initiatives

Legislative Initiative	Uniformed Services Weighting	Overseas Citizens Weighting
45 Day Transit Time	30	30
Electronic Transmission	30	30
FWAB	20	20
Late Registration	7	4
Emergency Authority	7	5
Elimination of Notary/Witness	4	8
Never Resided in U.S.	2	3
Uniform Law Commission	0*	0*

FVAP would score itself as successful for States:

- 45-day prior ballot delivery,
- email/online transmission of blank ballots,
- allows the FWAB for all elections

- **State-by-State Index**
 - 0-100 scale
 - Measures FVAP success in convincing States to adopt Legislative Initiatives
 - **0-50 – Unsuccessful**
 - **50-75 – Mixed**
 - **75-100 – Successful**
- **Scores weighted on Where Voting Failure Occurs**
 - Greatest Scores given to areas with greatest impact on most significant failure
 - 45-day prior =30 points
 - Email/online = 30 points
 - Universal FWAB = 20 points



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Federal Voting Assistance Program: Looking Forward and Looking Back

**The Registrars of Voters Association of
Connecticut
(ROVAC)**

September 21, 2011

What is the Key Election System Issue

- **Military Voter Registration Not the Problem**
 - 71% = General Electorate
 - 77% = Military voters
- **Voter Participation Rates not the problem**
 - 62% = General Electorate
 - 53% = Military voters
 - 71% = Adjusted military voters
- **Overwhelming voting failure is in ballot delivery and return times**
- **Absentee Ballot Return Rates:**
 - 91% = General Population
 - 67% = UOCAVA voters
 - 62% = Military Voters

2008 Election		
Stage of voting process	Number of additional failures over general voting population	% of total failure
Registration Failure	4,783	1.3%
Ballot Delivery Failure	23,548	6.4%
Ballot Return Failure	296,759	81.1%
Ballot Casting Failure	41,012	11.2%
Total	366,102	

UOCAVA as Amended by MOVE Act

Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act

- **Director, FVAP administers on behalf of Presidential designee, Secretary of Defense**
- **Ensure military members, spouse and dependents and civilians residing overseas opportunity to successfully vote in Federal elections.**
- **UOCAVA covers:**
 - **2 to 3 million overseas citizens**
 - **1.4 million members of the uniformed services**
 - **1.3 million spouses and voting-age dependents**

UOCAVA as Amended by MOVE Act: Federal Requirements

➤ **More online tools**

- FWAB
 - Federal Candidate list
- State UOCAVA Election Official and Electronic Communications Address Database
- Online Voter Portals

➤ **Expedited ballot return**

- Overseas Uniformed Services Personnel
- Sent NLT 7 days prior to election; Free
- Working with MPSA to coordinate with tracking system and possibly integrate with State requirements

➤ **Expanded voter outreach**

- Installation Voting Assistance Offices
- Advertising and communications
 - Online FWAB
 - 30, 60, 90 day prior notices

➤ **Improved data collection**

- Coordinate with States and EAC
- Covers Election Day Survey info
- Online repository

➤ **Reports**

- Voting Assistance Program analysis and plan
- MOVE Act implementation
- Annual survey and overall effectiveness
- DOJ on enforcement
- EAC and NIST on Internet Voting Standards

UOCAVA as Amended by MOVE Act: State Requirements

- **Transmit ballots 45 days prior to election**
 - **Recommend codify into State law**
- **Transmit ballots electronically**
 - **Email/online**
 - **Fax alone provides little help to military voters**
- **Accept Federal Write-In Absentee Ballots for all federal elections**
 - **FVAP encourages universal adoption of FWAB**
- **Free Online Ballot Receipt System**
- **Cannot require notary**

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 to have that 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 2010 Key Initiatives

➤ Provide Direct to the Voter Assistance

- Make the process easy, quick, intuitive and seamless
- Reduce the reliance on Voting Assistance Officers
- Provide online wizards, including FPCA and FWAB
- **FVAP as a portal, not a service provider**
- **Requires extensive voter education**

➤ Get the Ballots To and From the Voters Quicker

- Online ballot download
- Express Mail Return of voted ballots

➤ Expanded Assistance for Election Officials

- Develop tools that voters will use and **States will adopt**
- Specifications to State election requirements, not federal contract rules
- Assist States change laws to comply with MOVE Act
- Assist States in compliance with MOVE Act



To Vote Absentee, Start By Telling Us Who You Are



I am a uniformed service member or a family member.

For active-duty members of the Armed Forces, Merchant Marine, Public Health Service, NOAA, and their family members.



I am a citizen living outside the U.S.

For United States citizens who are living outside the U.S. for work, school or other reasons.

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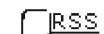
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[FVAP Announces New Funding Available to Adminster Focus Groups](#)

FVAP Employment

There are no job opportunities at this time.

Voting Updates



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.





FEDERAL VOTING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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

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What would you like to do?

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Register to Vote and/or Request Ballot

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

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](#)

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Register to Vote and/or Request Ballot

Use Arizona's automated assistant to automatically register to vote and/or request an absentee ballot.

or

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

Important Dates for UOCAVA citizens

General Election: 11/06/2012
Register by: TBD
Request ballot by: TBD
Return ballot by: TBD

Resources:

[Arizona Absentee Voting Guidelines](#)
[Arizona State Election website](#)

Would you rather fill out the form by hand?
Registration and Ballot Request

Linking to automated form, instead of static fill-able PDF FPCA, eases the process



Registered Voters: 4,320,818

Welcome

Welcome to IndianaVoters.com, your Indiana Statewide Voter Registration System (SVRS) Public Information Site. Since January 2006, the State of Indiana has maintained a single, uniform electronic database containing the voter registration records for all of Indiana's 92 counties. The SVRS is linked to the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles database and the Social Security Administration database to help verify voter registration application. The system also exchanges data with the Indiana Department of Health and Department of Correction to assist local election officials in their efforts to remove deceased and incarcerated voters convicted of crimes. *The information each voter will view on this website is supplied and maintained at the county level. If this information is incorrect, you will need to notify your County Clerk or Board of Voter Registration.*

What Would You Like to Do?

[Confirm My Voter Registration](#)

[Register to Vote Online](#)

[Review Candidates on My Ballot](#)

Upcoming Elections

April 4, 2011 Voter Registration Deadline

May 3, 2011 Municipal Primary Election

May 3, 2011 Special Elections:

- North Adams Community School Corporation (Adams County);
- Oak Hill United School Corporation (Grant County and Miami County);
- Avon Community School Corporation (Hendricks County);
- Crown Point Community School Corporation (Lake County);
- LaPorte County Public Question (Cass Township, Dewey Township, and Prairie Township);
- Franklin Township Community

Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) for Absentee Ballot

Complete the Form

Uniformed Services Member > Washington > King

Eligibility

State

Jurisdiction

My Information

Voting Residence

Mailing Address

Method to Send Form

Method To Receive Ballot

Additional Information

Print and Finish

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) - - 1234 ↕

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

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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.

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

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
 Ryan Harrison Case
 MAILING ONLY
 FPO AE 0204-619



US POSTAGE PAID
 39 USC 3406

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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, review and correct before mailing. **WARNING:** Knowingly providing false information in this application could result in criminal sanctions.

ISSUE DATE: 10/16/10 10:00 AM

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

1. REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR ALL ELECTIONS IN WHICH IT IS DESIRABLE TO VOTE AND IT IS NECESSARY

I AM ABSENT FROM THE UNITED STATES FOR A SIGNIFICANT PERIOD OF TIME AND I AM UNABLE TO RETURN TO MY HOME JURISDICTION TO VOTE

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2. MY INFORMATION (Required)

3. MY VOTING RESIDENCE ADDRESS (Required) (Residential and non-residential, including service, are eligible for this form)

4. WHERE TO SEND MY VOTING MATERIALS

5. MY POLITICAL PARTY PREFERENCE (Optional, but may be required by state)

6. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Optional) (Designate the period for which you want to receive ballots and instructions for how to designate it during the voting assistance period for other appropriate purposes.)

7. I AM NOT REGISTERED TO VOTE IN THIS JURISDICTION (Required) YES NO BOTH

8. ATTENTION (Required)

I hereby affirm, under penalty of perjury, that:

- I am a member of the Uniformed Services of the United States or an eligible spouse or dependent of such a member of the U.S. who is currently serving outside the U.S. or
- I am a U.S. citizen or a U.S. citizen of age 18 or older who is the spouse of a person eligible to vote in the requested jurisdiction, and I have not been convicted of a felony or other disqualifying offense or been so judicially mandated; or
- I am not registering, requesting a ballot, or voting in any other jurisdiction in the U.S. and
- I am providing and will provide postal fees to cover the cost, and
- The information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

I understand that a false statement of fact in completion of this document may constitute grounds for denial of my ballot.

SIGNATURE

 Date: _____

This information obtained from a First-Class Mail only. Any unauthorized reuse of this information may be punishable by law.

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Online FWAB Tool

Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)

Complete the Form

My State
 Choose your state from the dropdown menu. The state is required.
 State:

Ballot Type
 Ballot type of the ballot to be printed.
 General FWAB

My Information
 My Information:

My Candidates
 My Candidates:

My Party Affiliation
 My Party Affiliation:

My Ballot Details
 My Ballot Details:

Ballot Instructions
 Ballot Instructions:

Print and Finish

U.S. Senator
 U.S. Senator:

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


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

U.S. Senator
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U.S. Representative/Delegate/President Commissioner****
 U.S. Representative/Delegate**/President Commissioner*:

OFFICIAL FEDERAL WRITE-IN ABSENTEE BALLOT	
PRESIDENT/VICE PRESIDENT	
U.S. SENATOR*	
Donald Trump (Republican)	
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE/DELEGATE**/PRESIDENT COMMISSIONER**	
Mark Grannis (Libertarian)	
<small>* Legal numbers of the Bureau of Citizenship are only for President, Vice President and Congress. ** Legal numbers of American Council on Education and the U.S. Voting Assistance Program are only for Delegates or Resident Commissioners of the Congress.</small>	
ADDENDUM	
Some states allow the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot to be used to indicate and receive a ballot return on election day or otherwise other than general elections or on election day. If you are using this ballot on election day, please refer to the Voting Assistance Guide for instructions on how to use the ballot on election day. Please refer to the instructions on the ballot for more information on which you may use the ballot on election day, and the name and address of the state election authority.	
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<input type="text" value="Lt. Governor"/>	<input type="text" value="Independent"/>
<input type="text" value="Attorney General"/>	<input type="text" value="Duck Daffy"/>
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Absentee Voting by Military and Citizens Overseas

Useful Information

- Find your Election Officials on [711code](#)
- FVA-P Voting Assistance Program [www.fvap.gov](#)
- Service Voting Action Officers [www.fvap.gov/votingactionofficers.htm](#)
- Directory of United States Embassies [http://usembassy.gov](#)
- Voter Registration and Absentee Ballot Status [FOIA Request Table](#)

Absentee Voting Eligibility

The absentee ballot is an important way that registered voters may cast their vote if they are unable to appear at the polling place on the day of a primary, election or referendum due to one or more of the following reasons:

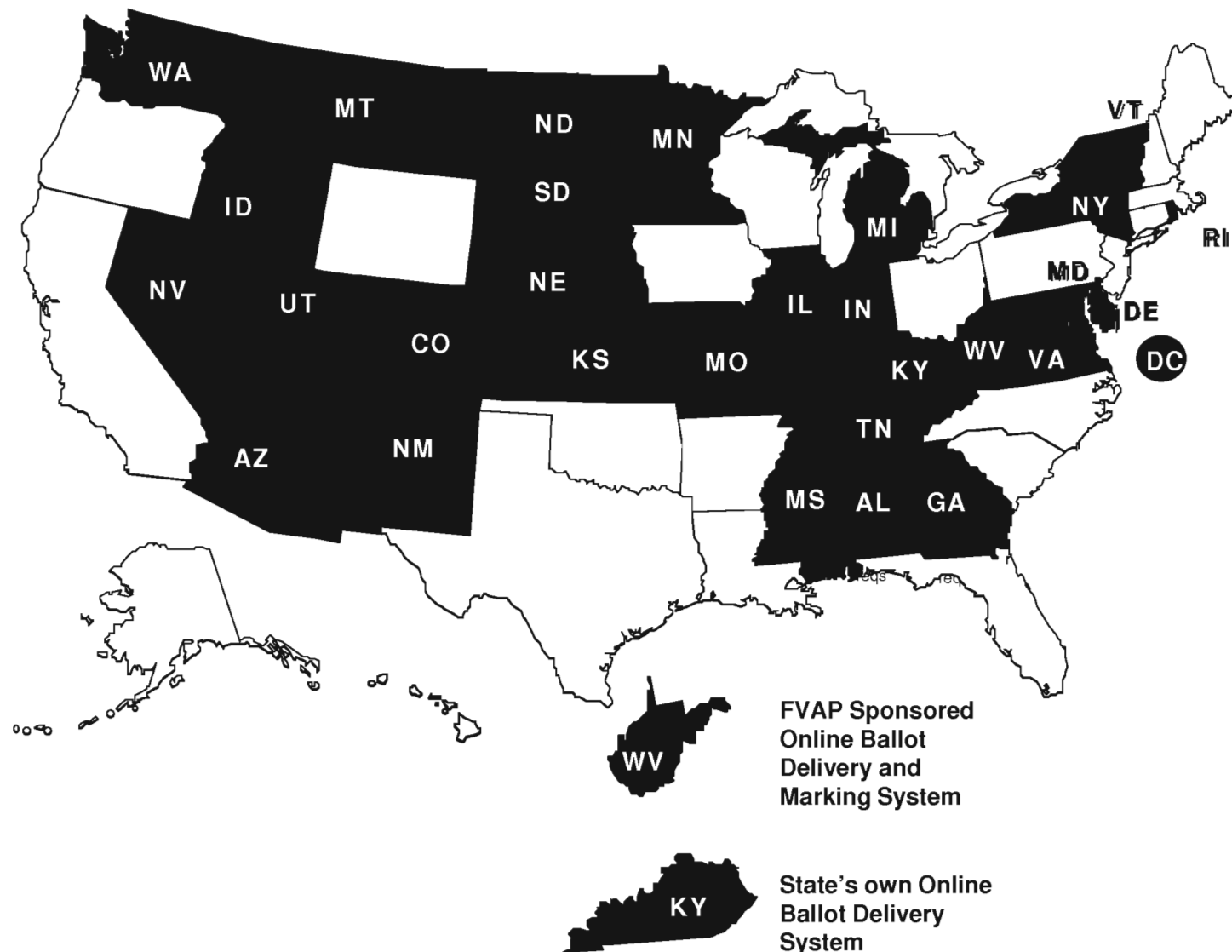
1. active service in the U.S. Armed Forces;
2. absence from town during all the hours of voting;
3. illness;
4. physical disability;
5. his or her religion forbids secular activity on that day;
6. his or her required performance of duties as a primary, referendum, or election official at a polling place other than his or her own during all the hours on that day.

Requesting an Absentee Ballot

Military and overseas voters can request an absentee ballot by using:

- 1) The State of Connecticut's Absentee Ballot Application
- 2) English Language Application for Absentee Ballot Form

Online Ballot Wizards



- 31 States total
 - 17 FVAP supported
 - 14 Own
- DE sent out 1/2 of all ballots using online wizard
- WV also has 5 Counties with full internet voting
- WA, CO also had additional, non-FVAP, systems

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
- ***Need to make voters aware of online ballot delivery instead of defaulting to FWAB***

➤ 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



<https://twitter.com/FVAP>



Following

Just in time for key voting week, FVAP launches online registration assistant to help ease the process - <http://tinyurl.com/23p9a8j>

Texas voters - give your input on pending voting rules - <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/about/news/releases/2010/06/14/10-shr1>

Kudos - DC is doing something very "unique" - <http://tinyurl.com/27r9e4z>

Next week is a key week for voting absentee. Are you registered? Go to www.fvap.gov to get registered. We're here for you!



Edit Page
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DoD - Supporting military and overseas citizens absentee voting. We're here for you!

Honor the past, support the future - VOTE!

If you're looking for the official source of information

Name FVAP
Location Arlington, VA
Web <http://www.fvap.gov>
Bio The Department of Defense Federal Voting Assistance Program - Supporting and facilitating military and overseas absentee voting.

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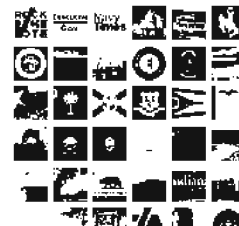
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Following



Federal Voting Assistance Program, DoD Do you think there is a problem with absentee voting? What do you think it is? Ballot receipt? Registration regulations are too complex? Laws? Tell us what you think.

Wall Info Photos Discussions Boxes Video >> +

What's on your mind?

Attach:

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Options



Federal Voting Assistance Program, DoD Do you think there is a problem with absentee voting? What do you think it is? Ballot receipt? Registration regulations are too complex? Laws? Tell us what you think. [absentee-voting](#) Comment Like View Feedback (1) Promote

Federal Voting Assistance Program, DoD Kudos to McGuire-Jix-Lakehurst joint publication for helping to get the word out <http://www2.jointbasemdl.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123212348>

Online program helps military families vote absentee
What is Defense Services The new app is

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Federal Voting Assistance Program, DoD Sweet article by Airman McFadden (Hurlburt Field, FL) - <http://www2.hurlburt.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123212450>



Feature - Voting- it does a country good

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Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Markets: DJIA -0.43% NASDAQ -0.41% S&P 500 -0.49%

PostOpinion Eric Holder: A confirmation crisis in our courts



(Photo: AP)

A tearful Karzai appeals for peace

President weeps in speech, says he worries his son might not be able to grow up in Afghanistan.
 • Video: A call for faster Afghan peace talks

OPINIONS

Where's the Change?

Milbank: David Axelrod, leaving Washington in defeat.
 Gerson: Hate Washington
 Sargent: How to handle 'whining'



- Capehart: Obama cracks whip on Democrats
- Holder: A confirmation crisis in our courts
- Robinson: Eddie Long 'like David against Goliath'
- Petri: Why Americans fall religion tests

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BOB WOODWARD: OBAMA'S WARS

President was cautioned that strategy faced risks

For months the vice president kept the pressure on, urging against a dramatic war escalation; 'It's not the number, it's the strategy,' he said.

» Bob Woodward

- Obama: 'We are stronger' | Interview transcript
- Part One | 365+ comments | Complete coverage

POSTPOLITICAL'S 2010 ELECTIONS

Obama: 'A Christian by choice'

At a backyard chat in N.M., the president offers rare personal comments about his religious faith.

» Anne E. Kornblut and William Branigin 4:07 p.m. ET

A White House rescue mission

THE TAKE At tonight's Wisconsin rally, Dems count on Obama to lead charge to bring out vote.

» Dan Balz

- Dems blast GOP on education issues | Media Notes
- Senate Republicans block outsourcing bill

Court eyes corporate privacy

In batch of new cases, justices also revisit tangled legal history of Playboy model, Anna Nicole Smith.

» Robert Barnes 4:48 p.m. ET

Network News MY PROFILE

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Login You need to be logged into Facebook to see your friends' activity.

wp Senate GOP blocks bill that would promote less outsourcing

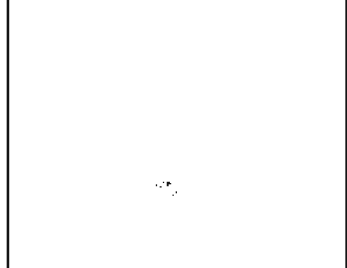
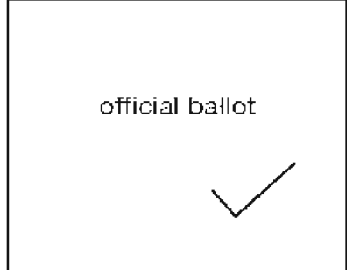


FEATURES & RESOURCES

TOP SECRET AMERICA

| Washington Post Investigates

Reporters Dana Priest and Bill Arkin spent two years investigating the top-secret world the U.S. government created in response to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.



Visit FVAP.gov to fill out your Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot before it's too late.

START NOW

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FEDERAL VOTING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Newspaper Ads

*Stars &
Stripes*

*Defense
Times*



- Full Page Ads
- 4th of July
 - Register
 - VAOs
- End of September
 - Send in Ballot
 - Ballot Download
 - FWAB

*Military
Spouse
Magazine*



*International
Herald
Tribune*

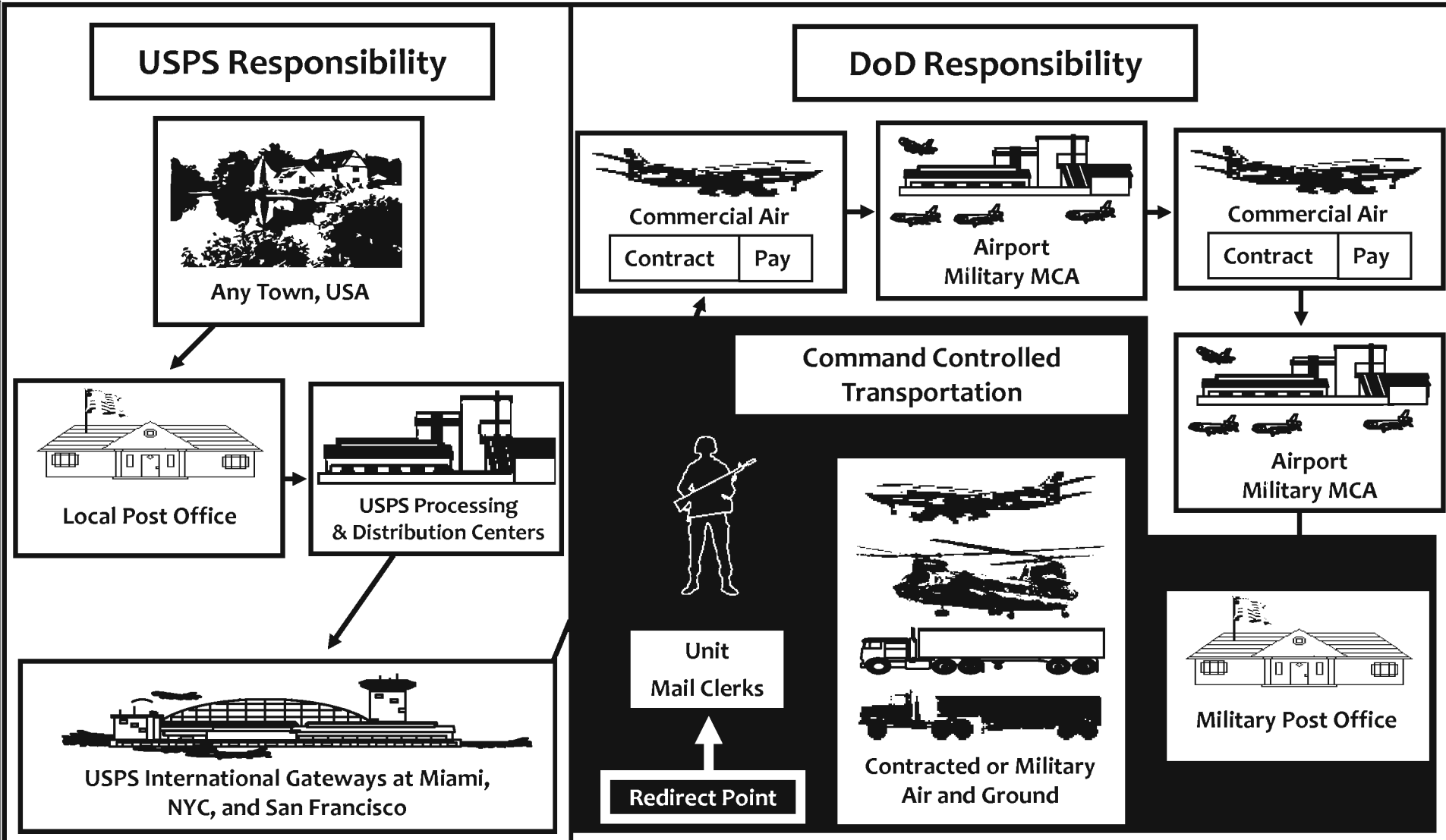
Postal Delivery Realities

- **2008 Data: Still Long One Way Delivery Times**
 - September 2008 Priority Delivery
 - USS IWO JIMA – 30.58 days
 - USS THEADORE ROOSEVELT – 28.76 days
 - USS LINCOLN – 22.77 days
 - October 2008 Priority Delivery
 - USS WASP – 28.50 days
 - USS IWO JIMA – 27.50 days
 - USMC CAMP TAQADDUM – 23.74 days
 - **And this is to MPO, not to delivery points down range**

- **MPSA 2008 Ballot Delivery Recommendations Parallel Data**
 - OIF/OEF – 28 days
 - Other overseas – 21 days
 - **These are RETURN recommendations**

- **Unfair to Expect Faster Delivery**
 - The problem is the States haven't sent out the ballots early enough
 - MOVE Act hopefully will address much of this

How Ballots Move To & From Ground Forces



How Ballots Move To & From Deployed Navy Sailors

Vertical on Deck



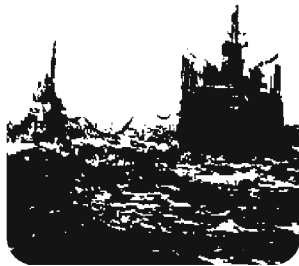
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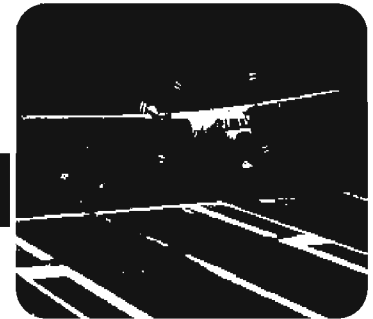
Vertical Replenishment



Pier-Side



Military Sealift



Carrier On Deck

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 support:**
 - \$550K FY09 and FY10 for mail barcode scanners
 - FVAP advertised in September-October ads and 30 day emails
 - Extensive voter alerts and social media marketing



AMPS Automated Military Postal System MSC GRACE JOHNSON

Change User Role | Log Out | Print

Home Internal Mail Operations **Transportation** Plans/Policy Knowledge Base 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 Postage
1	096459998	03/03/2010 16:21	ES 990246565 US	N	39502	MS	0 lb 1 oz	21.05	14.96
2	963069998	03/05/2010 14:32	ES 990964951 US	N	63143	MO	0 lb 1 oz	21.85	14.96
3	963069998	03/22/2010 15:17	ES 990964951 US	N	64051	MO	0 lb 1 oz	21.85	14.96
4	963389998	05/18/2010 15:41	EH 990106367 US	A	96814	HI	0 lb 14 oz	15.70	14.96
5	963709998	02/16/2010 13:19	ES 990841991 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 990839973 US	N	72601	AR	0 lb 3 oz	21.85	14.96
8	963709998	03/08/2010 13:40	ES 9908358987 US	N	72601	AR	0 lb 2 oz	18.30	14.96
9	963709998	03/08/2010 09:29	ES 990858995 US	N	78621	TX	0 lb 1 oz	21.85	14.96
TOTAL								186.15	134.64
USPS owes DoD									51.51



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Search Results

Label/Receipt Number: **ES99 0246 665U 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 >](#)

Delivery status and transit time from acceptance to delivery.

2010 Post-Election Survey

Surveys

- **Active Duty Military**
- **Military Dependents** – First time ever
- **Overseas Civilians**
 - Controlled sample based on State Department warden list emails
 - Convenience Sample
- **Voting Assistance Officers**
 - State Department
 - Military Units

Key Elements & Discoveries

- **Need quality data:**
 - Weight for voter population demographics
 - Weight for jurisdiction size
 - Weight for non-response
- **FVAP drives program to those results**
- **1/3 military voters vote in person**

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 Goals

- **Improve voter success rates to meet or exceed the general absentee population voter success rates by 2014.**
 - Absentee ballot cast rate
 - Counted rate of those cast
 - FWAB utilization/success rate

- **Bring State Legislative Initiative Scores to 75% by 2014.**

- **Quantify the overseas civilian population by 2012.**
 - Geographic Distribution
 - Demographics

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

Voter Initiatives

- **Outreach**
 - Communications
 - Partnerships
 - Online training

- **Improve online Wizards**
 - Bar Codes
 - FWAB Candidate Data Improvements

- **FPCA/FWAB Redesign**

- **Wounded Warrior Research**
 - Catalogue disabilities and voting assistance requirements
 - Mock Election

- **Databases**
 - VAO
 - LEOs
 - Voting Laws and Regulations

Election Official Initiatives

- **Grant Research Program**

- **Legislative Initiatives/ UMOVA**

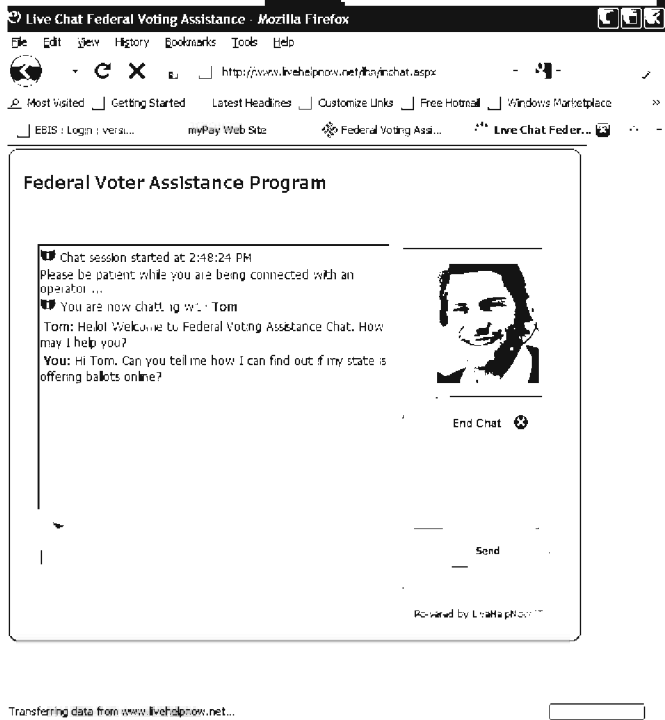
- **LEO Training:**
 - In-person
 - CERA
 - Online

Technology Initiatives

- **Security Research**
 - Blank Ballot Delivery
 - National Level Threats
 - DISN-only systems (TGDC)

- **Website Architecture**

- **System Tests against EAC Pilot Testing Requirements**



➤ Call Centers & Assistance

- Online chat capability
- 24/7 availability
- Direct assistance from FVAP

➤ Compliance Consulting

- MOVE Act compliance
- Registration and absentee ballot applications
- FWABs

➤ Ease Burdens

- Allow linking to FVAP tools
- Combine surveys with EAC

To Vote Absentee, Start By Telling Us Who You Are



I am a uniformed service member or a family member.

For active-duty members of the Armed Forces, Merchant Marine, Public Health Service, NOAA, and their family members.

[Get Started](#)



I am a citizen living outside the U.S.

For United States citizens who are living outside the U.S. for work, school or other reasons.

[Get Started](#)

If neither of these choices apply to you, please visit www.canivote.org

Join us on Facebook & remind your friends to vote!



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April 11, 2011

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For Election Officials



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Voting Alerts

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.

Uniform State Laws

- **Uniform Military and Overseas Voter Act (UMOVA)**
- **Uniform Law Commission**
 - State-run organization
 - Uniform Laws for individual States
- **Standardize voting procedures for military and overseas voters**
 - Secretary of State Trip Report
 - 290 page VAG to 10-15 pages
- **Endorsements**
 - CSG
 - CSG-West
 - AMOVR
- **Adoption gives State a passing grade**



State Legislative Initiatives

Legislative Initiative	Uniformed Services Weighting	Overseas Citizens Weighting
45 Day Transit Time	30	30
Electronic Transmission	30	30
FWAB	20	20
Late Registration	7	4
Emergency Authority	7	5
Elimination of Notary/Witness	4	8
Never Resided in U.S.	2	3
Uniform Law Commission	0*	0*

FVAP would score itself as successful for States:

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State-by-State Index

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California and the MOVE Act

**California Secretary of State Hearing
February 8th, 2010**

California Military and Overseas Voters

California Background

➤ **California UOCAVA Voters**

- 130,000 military
- 110,000 military dependents
- 451,000 overseas civilians

➤ **California 2008 Experience**

- 104,000 UOCAVA ballots transmitted
 - 51,000 military
 - 49,000 civilian
- 63% returned
- 42% 2008 CA VBM return rate

FVAP Recommendations

➤ **45 days prior**

- Actual ballot – not write-in
- Inherent postal mail delays

▪ **Universal use of FWAB**

- All elections
- Simultaneous registration and/or absentee ballot application
- Needs to be in CA law – subject to challenge
- SWAB is not helpful

2008 Election Results

➤ **Overwhelming voting failure is in ballot delivery and return times**

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FVAP Focus: Ballot Delivery and Return

- **Improve Ballot Delivery and Return**
 - Online Ballot Delivery and Marking Wizard
 - Expedited Ballot Return
 - Electronic Transmission Service

- **Expedited Ballot Delivery and Tracking**
 - Seven day return standard
 - All ballots sent by Express Mail
 - Open up Express Mail tracking system to States to meet Ballot Receipt Tracking System requirements?

- **Expanded Use of the FWAB**
 - Online FWAB Wizard
 - Increased emphasis on FWABs

FVAP Goals

- **1: UOCAVA voting success rates equal to or exceed general population rates**
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- **2: UOCAVA voter participation rate equal to or exceed general population (age and gender adjusted)**

- **3: UOCAVA voter registration rate equal to or exceeds general population (age and gender adjusted)**
 - Compared to general population
 - Compared to desire to vote

- **4: Define the actual overseas citizen population**

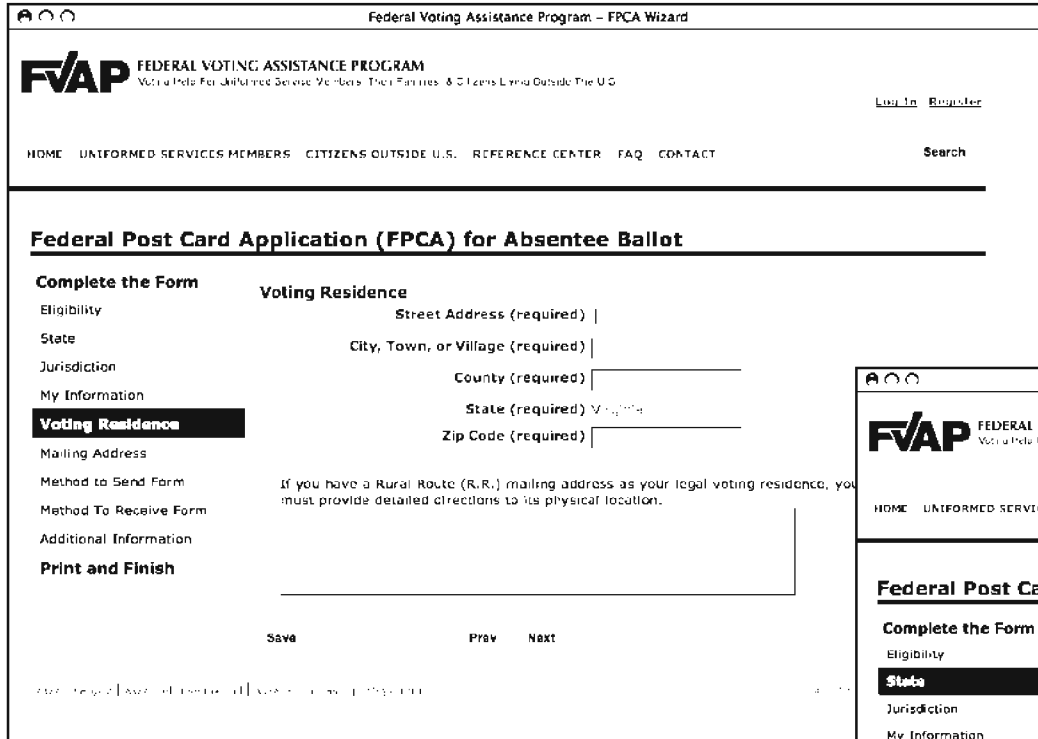
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FVAP Mission

- **Assistance:**
 - FVAP exists to help Uniformed Services personnel, their voting age dependents, and overseas civilian successfully exercise their right to vote in federal elections in order that they have an equal opportunity with the general population to vote and to have that 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.

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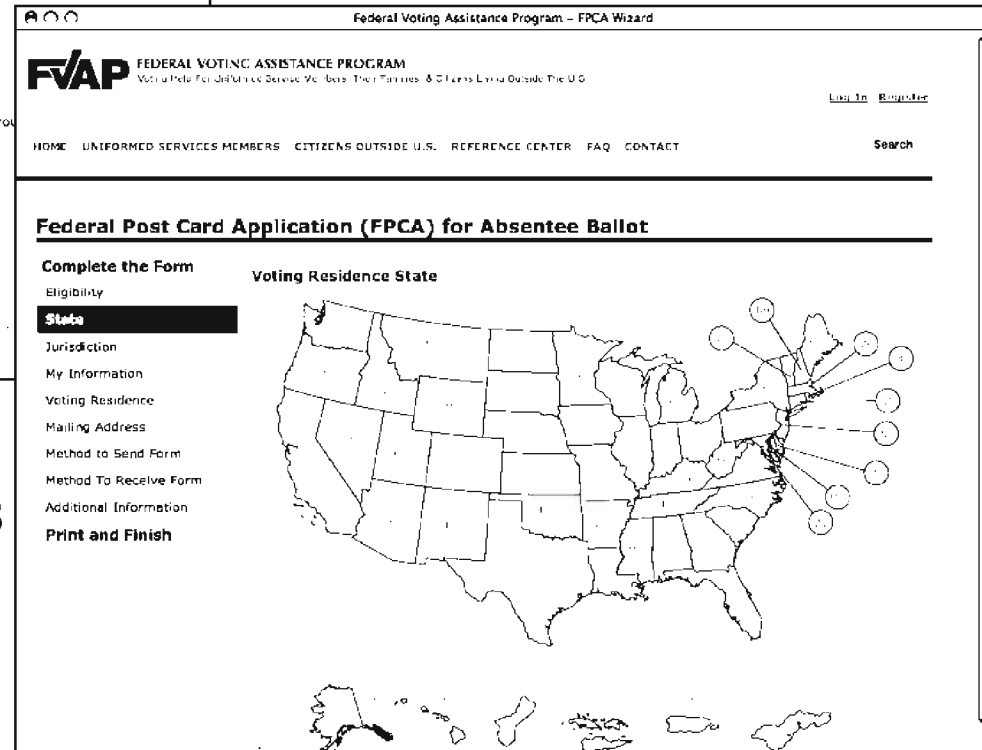
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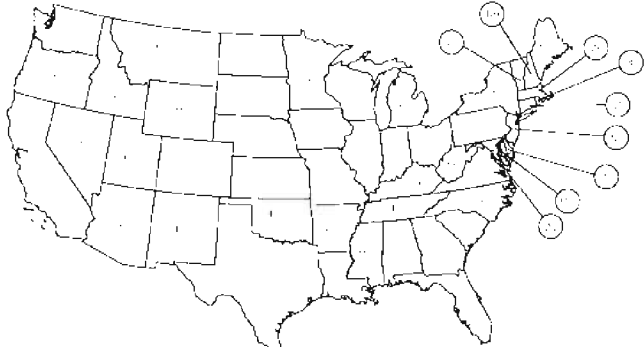
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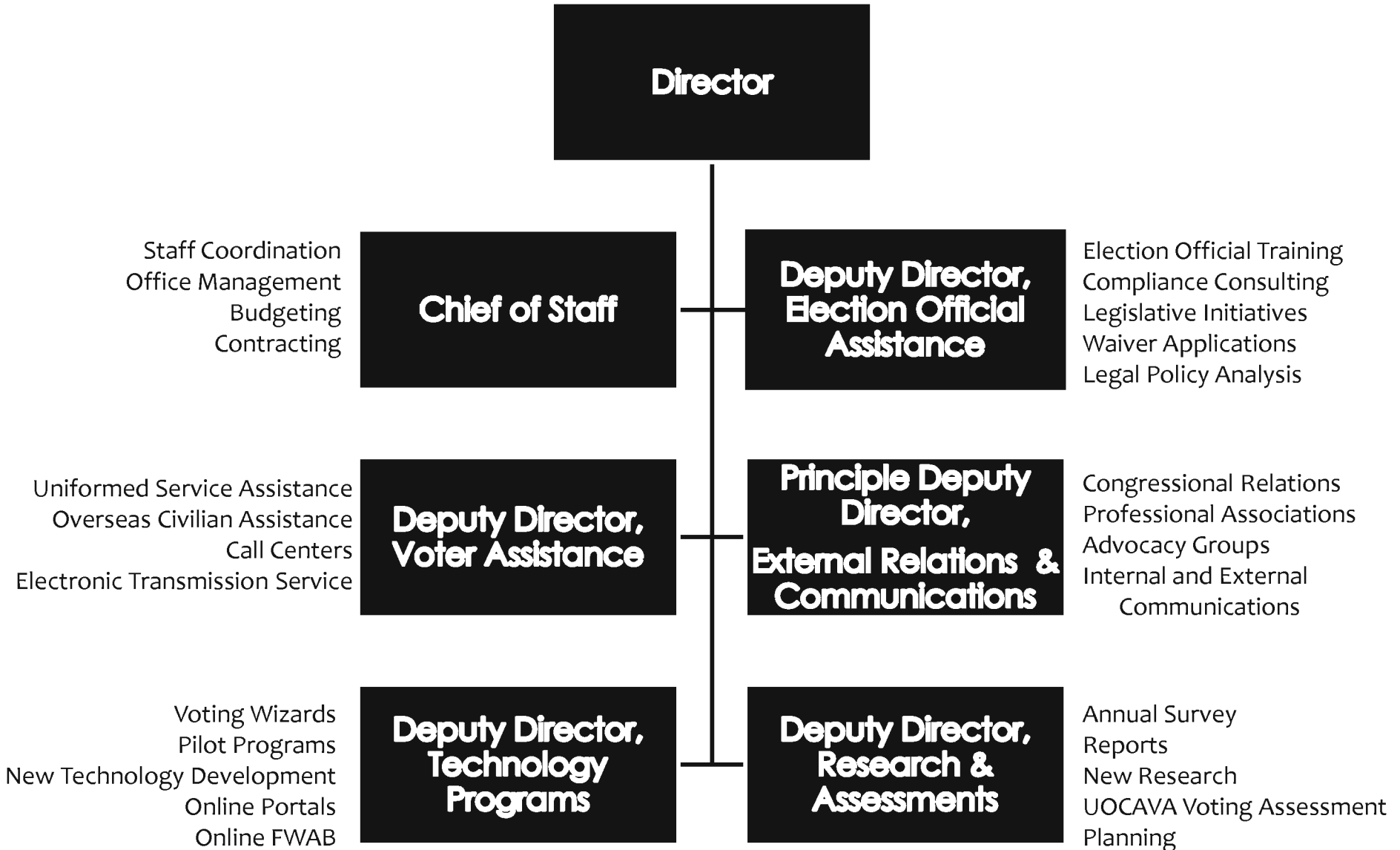
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- **Press Release, RFI on street**
 - Sent to all States
 - Requirements inputs
 - RFQ/RFP to follow

FVAP Reorganization



MOVE Act: State Requirements

- **Transmit ballots 45 days prior to election**
 - Waivers allowed by Secretary of Defense, ICW Attorney General
 - Not perpetual – apply every election
 - Need to show adequate time available for voters
- **Transmit ballots electronically**
 - Does not define electronically
 - Fax alone provides little help to military voters
- **Accept Federal Write-In Absentee Ballots for all federal elections**
 - Continued usefulness of SWABs?
 - FVAP encourages universal adoption of FWAB
- **Free Online Ballot Receipt System**
- **Cannot require notary**

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

- **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 2.2 to 2.5 million FPCAs per year.**



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FVAP Voter Assistance Tools

**Election Center
April 16, 2010**

The Problem is Ballot Return

➤ **Military enjoys higher traditional voter performance rates**

- **Voter Registration Rate**
 - General Electorate = 70%
 - Military Electorate = 86%
- **Voter Participation Rate**
 - General Electorate = 64%
 - Military Electorate = 70%

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FVAP Lines of Operation

Goals	Improve Voter Success Rates	Streamline the UOCAVA Voting Process	Define the Overseas Civilian Population	Bring State Legislative Initiative Scores > 75%
Lines of Operation				
Direct to the Voter Assistance	Greater consistency of assistance	Education postal realities	Better identify overseas civilian demographics	
Leverage Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make process easier • Reduce voter errors 	Reduce reliance on postal mail		Encourage State adoption of FVAP technologies
Greater Election Official Assistance	Reduce unjustified voting rejection			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education need • Assist with fixes
Better Data; Greater Transparency	Better identify actual problem causes		Correctly identify Overseas Civilian voting performance	Tie legislative initiatives to actual UOCAVA voting failure

➤ **Current Program**

- Unit and Embassy Voting Assistance Officers
- Collateral Duty
- Service-run
- FVAP Guidance and Support
 - Forms
 - Instructions
 - Training

➤ **Vision**

- “FVAP.gov” as the best VAO
- “TurboTax/TaxCut”® the voting process
- Reduce need/reliance on Voting Assistance Officers
- Call Center and Online Chat
- Social Media Outreach
- Focus on voter timelines and processes



➤ Focus

- Improve ballot delivery and return times
- Reduce voter error; easy voter use
- Tailor to State requirements
- All available through FVAP.gov

➤ Tools

- Online FPCA
 - Online FWAB
 - Online markable full ballot
 - Electronic Absentee Voting Demonstration & Pilot Programs
- } All use hard-copy print-out, wet signature, postal return

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- I am a U.S. citizen residing outside the U.S. or overseas.
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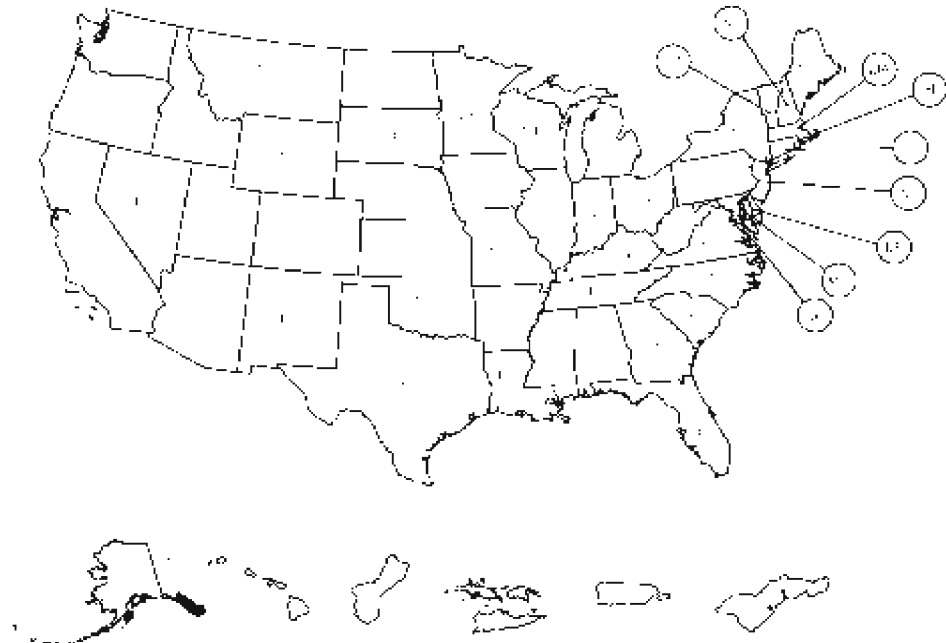
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Uniformed Services Member > Washington

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Select your voting jurisdiction for

Washington (required)

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Uniformed Services Member > Washington > King

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Telephone ↕

Jurisdiction

Middle Name (required)

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My Information

Voting Residence

Last Name (required)

E-Mail Address (required)

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Previous Name

Date of Birth (required) ↕

Method To Receive Ballot

Political Party ↕

Additional Information

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Social Security Number (required) - - 1234 ↕

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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Indicate how you would like to send the form to your local election office.

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Indicate how you would like to receive the blank ballot from your local election office.

Required 

Email

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Fax

State Write-in Ballot

I am unable to vote and return a regular absentee ballot by normal mail delivery within the time provided for regular absentee ballots. I request a special write-in absentee ballot.

Please specify the reason you are requesting a write-in ballot.

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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.

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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.

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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 (dependent on service)
- From Within the United States: 1 week before the election

- **Mail.** Mail the absentee Ballot Request form to your local election official at the following address:

King County Auditor
King County Elections Division
919 SW Grady Way
Renton, Washington 985072906

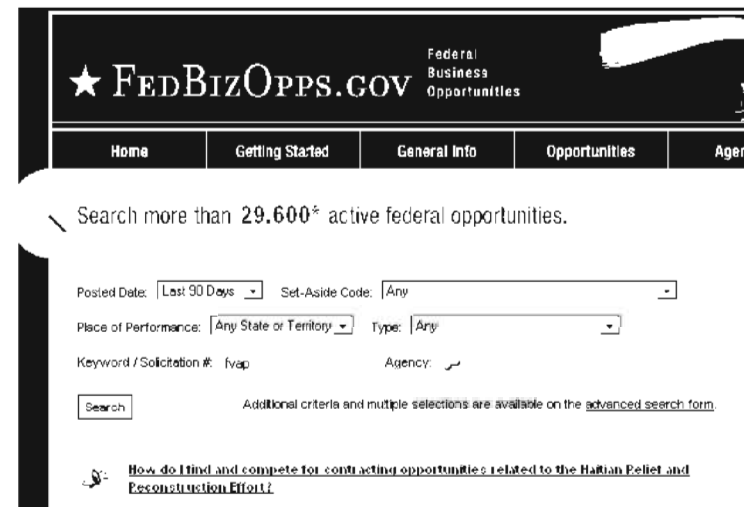
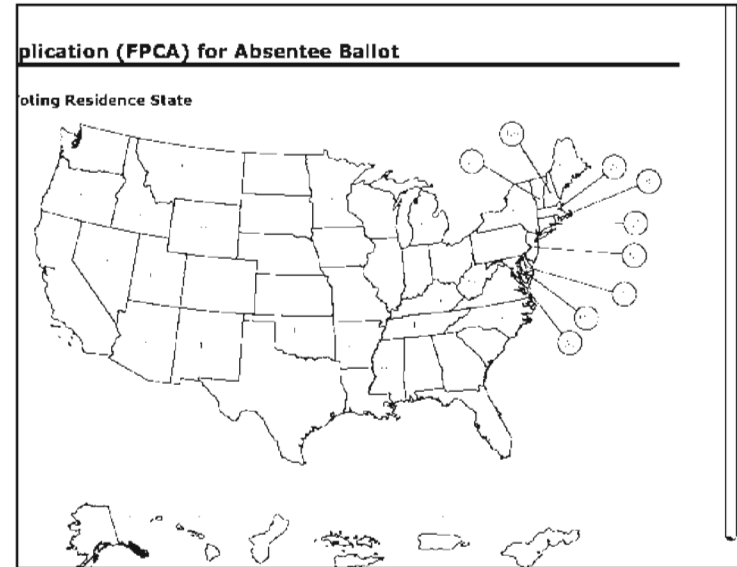
Note: If you are mailing the form in United States mail (including APO/FPO), you may use the envelope template available on <http://www.fvap.gov/resources/media/returnenvelope.pdf>.

If you do not receive your ballot at least thirty days before the general election in November, you should use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot. This ballot is available at <http://www.fvap.gov/resources/media/fwab.pdf> which can be completed online. Once completed, print the ballot and then mail it to address listed above.

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- **RFQ Issued 16 March 2010**



Blanket Purchase Agreement

- FVAP and the DoD Business Transformation Agency (BTA) have competitively selected qualified vendors
 - A
 - B
 - C
 - D
- *The se vendors will compete to fulfill State -de fined requirements to support UOCAVA voters*



Business Transformation Agency

- Performance monitoring
 - FVAP and BTA will actively monitor vendor performance with support from the State
- Contract support
 - BTA will provide all contract support
 - Contracting Officer Representative
 - Pam Forbes

Checklist for States

- States must submit technical requirements by May 7th, 2010
 - Checklist of common requirements provided in EVSW State Requirements Workbook
 - FVAP available to answer questions
- Requirements will be converted into “Request for Bids”
 - Vendors in Blanket Purchase Orders will submit bids
 - BIA/ FVAP will hold source selection for “best value”
 - States will be invited to participate as expert advisors
- Work will commence upon contract award
 - Vendors will work directly with the States
 - FVAP will monitor

Requirements Template

Electronic Voting Support Wizard

State Requirements

Version 1.0

Prepared during FVAP Workshop April 2010

7-9 April 2010

- What to do
- What not to do

Electronic Absentee Voting Guideline Roadmap (1)

GAO Guidance

- FVAP & EAC need detailed plans
- Necessary plan elements:
 - results-oriented action plan
 - goals, tasks, milestones, time frames, and contingencies
- FVAP-EAC Memorandum of Understanding
- EAC-NIST Interagency Agreement
- MOVE Act also requires EAC to develop detailed timeline for development of electronic absentee ballot guidelines

Risk = % x impact

- Acceptable risk level policy decision already made
 - It **IS** the current voting system
 - Accepts 1/3 of absentee ballots never returned
- We should accept equivalent risk in new UOCAVA systems
 - May have different probability or impact
 - Can reduce probability and/or mitigate impact
 - Goal is to keep risk level at least the same, if not better

Electronic Absentee Voting Guideline Roadmap (2)

Define the Risk

- Use the EAC Risk Assessment Tool
- Evaluate the postal mail UOCAVA absentee ballot system as the baseline

Establish Properties

- What “properties” are necessary for an electronic absentee voting system?
- To achieve the same level of risk as current system
- Even if DON’T believe Properties are technologically feasible

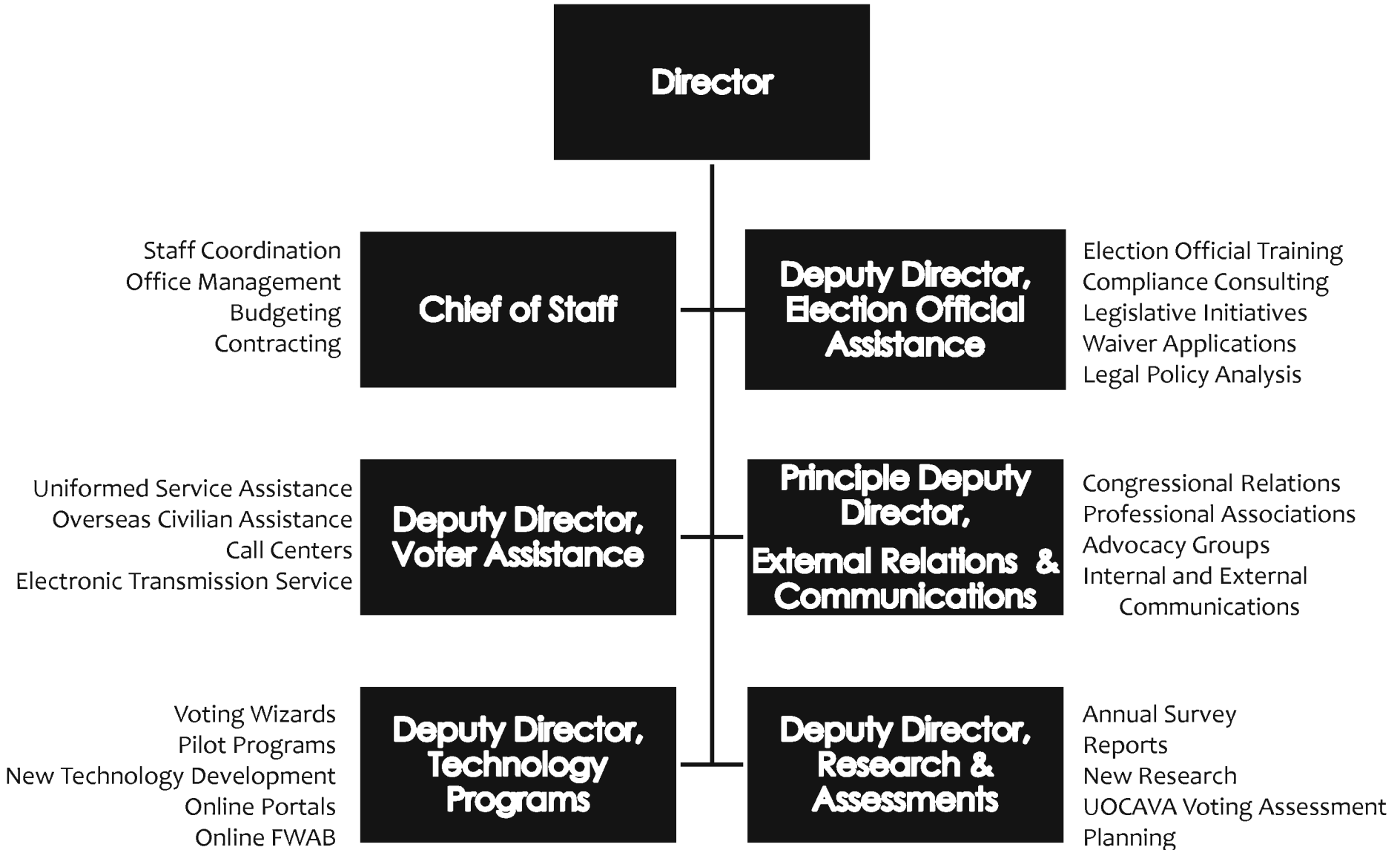
Establish Interim Pilots

- Integrate current work
- **Failure is probative**
- Develop decision points for iterative development
- If possible, attach dates for those decision points and milestones

- **Election Officials are an FVAP Customer too**
 - Voters need election officials to accept FVAP tools and recommendations
 - Small population, high cost, exceptional visibility

- **Specific Assistance Initiatives**
 - Legislative Initiatives
 - Recommendations
 - Legislative assistance
 - State-by-State Index
 - Direct training
 - Compliance assistance
 - Interpretive memos
 - Access to call center, help desk, and FVAP trouble shooting
 - Tools
 - Wizard is tailored State tailorable
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Legislative Initiative	Uniformed Services Weighting	Overseas Citizens Weighting
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Electronic Transmission	30	30
FWAB	20	20
Late Registration	7	4
Emergency Authority	7	5
Elimination of Notary/Witness	4	8
Never Resided in U.S.	2	3
Uniform Law Commission	0*	0*

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➤ **FVAP Post-Election Survey Improvements**

- Status of Forces Survey methodology
- Develop trust in our methodology
- Conduct every election cycle, not just Presidential
- Integrate with EAC Post-Election Survey

➤ **More Research**

- Attempt to define the overseas civilian population
 - Inside out?
 - Build from known populations
 - Partner with overseas American groups
- Specify the UOCAVA voter distribution
 - ~85% of UOCAVA ballots transmitted by 100,000+ LEOs
 - Specify by municipality
- Adjust prior year surveys



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Federal Voting Assistance Program Voting Initiatives and MOVE Act

**House Committee on Armed Services
March 5th, 2010**

FVAP Customers

Uniformed Services Voters

➤ **Both Military Personnel and their Dependents**

- All five Armed Services, USPHS, NOAA, Merchant Marine
- Dependents
- 1.5M members, 1.1M dependents

➤ **Both Domestic and Overseas**

- 75% of members domestic
- 85% of dependents domestic

Overseas Citizens

➤ **US Citizens Residing Abroad**

- 2 – 4 million
- Difficulty estimating actual numbers

➤ **Permanent vs. Temporary Residence**

- Permanent = federal only
- Temporary = all races; tax liability

➤ **Issues of advocacy groups**

- Never domiciled children issue
- Representativeness

2/3 of the known UOCAVA voters are uniformed service voters

Voting Assistance Program

➤ Current Program

- Unit and Embassy Voting Assistance Officers
- Collateral Duty
- Service-run
- FVAP Guidance and Support
 - Forms
 - Instructions
 - Training

➤ Vision

- Direct to the Voter Online Assistance
- “TurboTax” the Voting Assistance Process
- Focus personal voting assistance on contingency operations and special needs



UOCAVA & MOVE Act

UOCAVA

- **Uniformed and Overseas Citizen Absentee Voting Act of 1986**
 - 42 USC 1973ff *et. seq.*
 - Also 10 USC 1566 for voting assistance requirements

- **Baseline Law for Military and Overseas Voting**
 - Guarantees right to vote in federal elections
 - Mandated federal forms:
 - Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)
 - Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot (FWAB)
 - FVAP Assistance
 - DoJ Enforcement

MOVE Act

- **Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act of 2009**
 - Mostly amended UOCAVA
 - Also amended voting assistance requirements

- **Key Requirements:**
 - States
 - Send ballots 45 days prior and electronically
 - Accept FWAB for all federal elections
 - DoD
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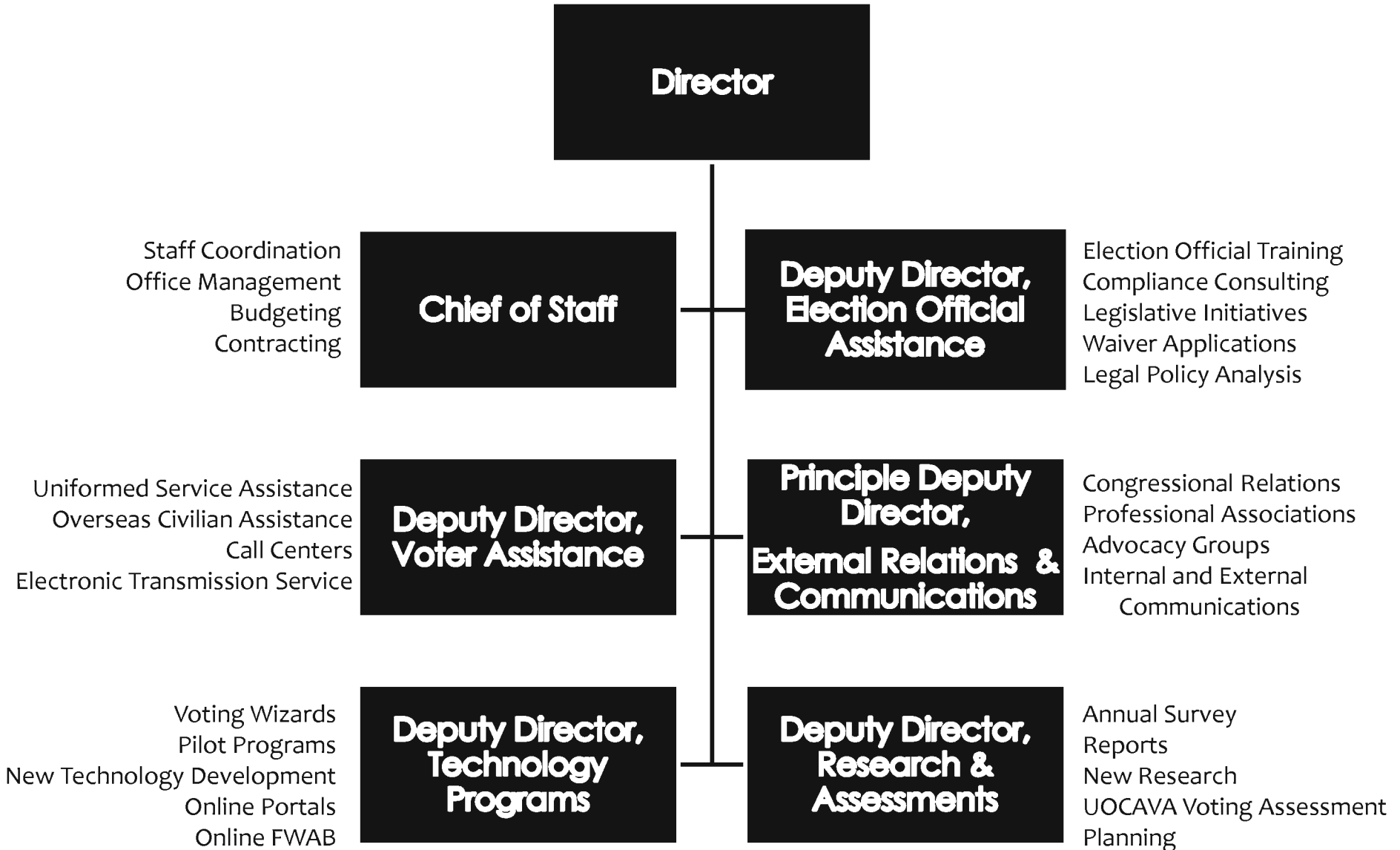
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**House Committee on Armed Services
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- **Uniformed and Overseas Citizen Absentee Voting Act of 1986**
 - 42 USC 1973ff *et. seq.*
 - Also 10 USC 1566 for voting assistance requirements

- **Baseline Law for Military and Overseas Voting**
 - Guarantees right to vote in federal elections
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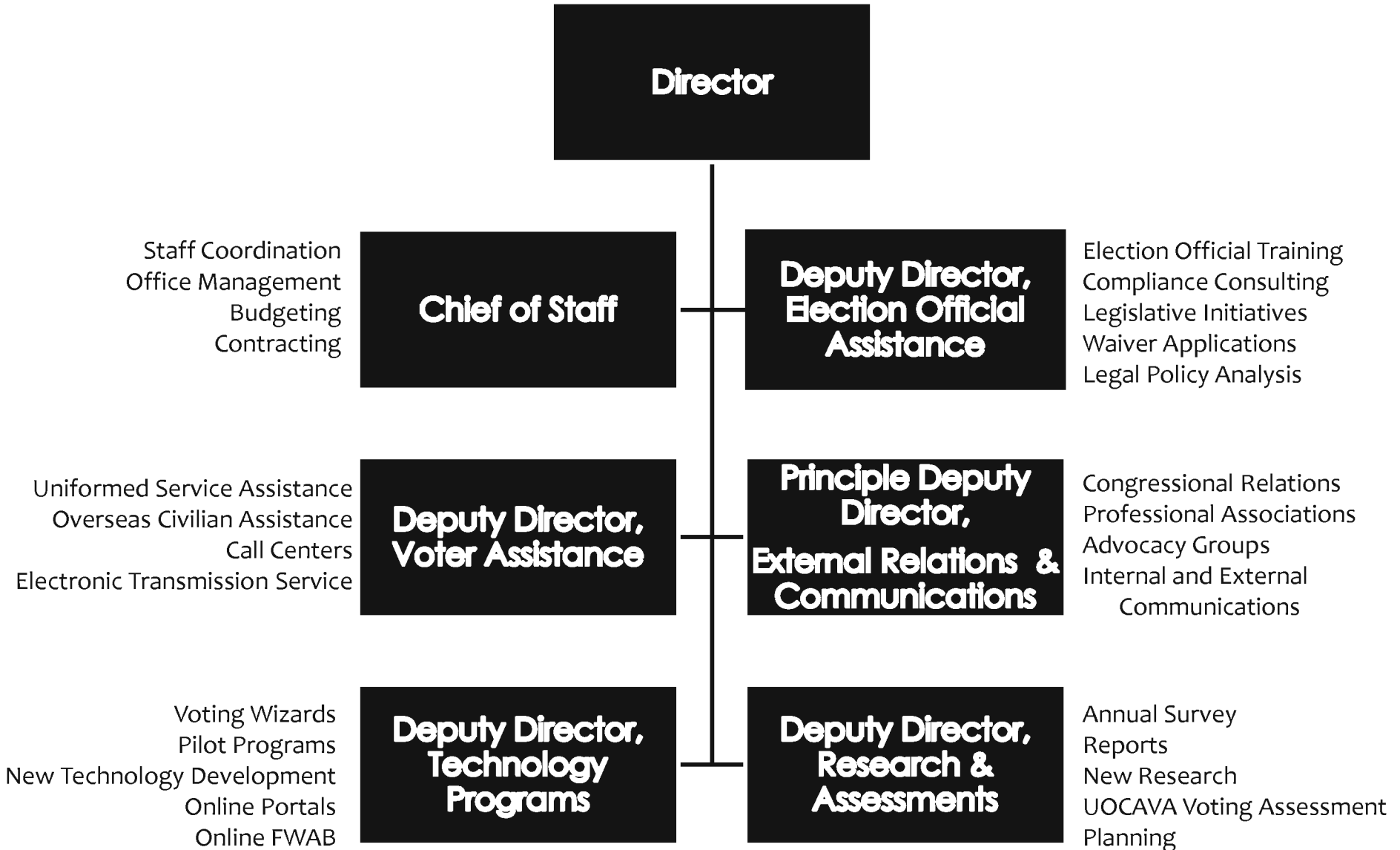
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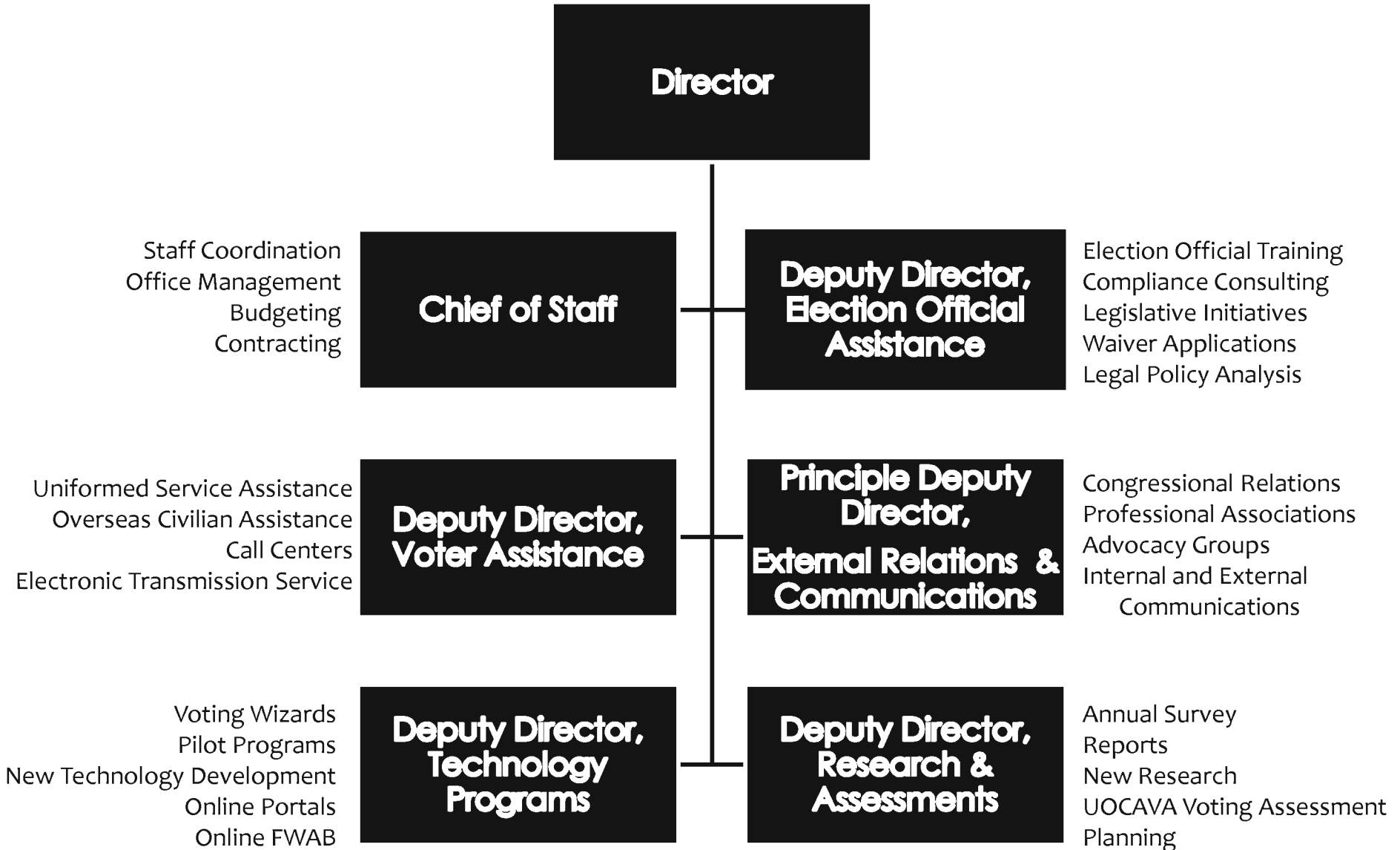
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Leverage Technology

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 - <7 days back from voter
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- Automatically completes all forms
- Provides complete instructions, pre-addressed envelopes
- Print out, sign, send in by mail

Full Ballot Wizard

- 20 States
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 - Test June, July, August
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Eligibility

State

Jurisdiction

My Information

Voting Residence

Mailing Address

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Additional Information

Print and Finish

Absentee Ballot Eligibility

- I am a member of the uniformed services or merchant marine on active duty, or an eligible spouse or dependent living either in the U.S. or overseas.
- I am a U.S. citizen residing outside the U.S. or overseas.
- I am a U.S. citizen residing outside the U.S. indefinitely and my intent to remain may not be certain.

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Voting Assistance For Uniformed Services Members, Their Families, & Civilians Living Outside The U.S.

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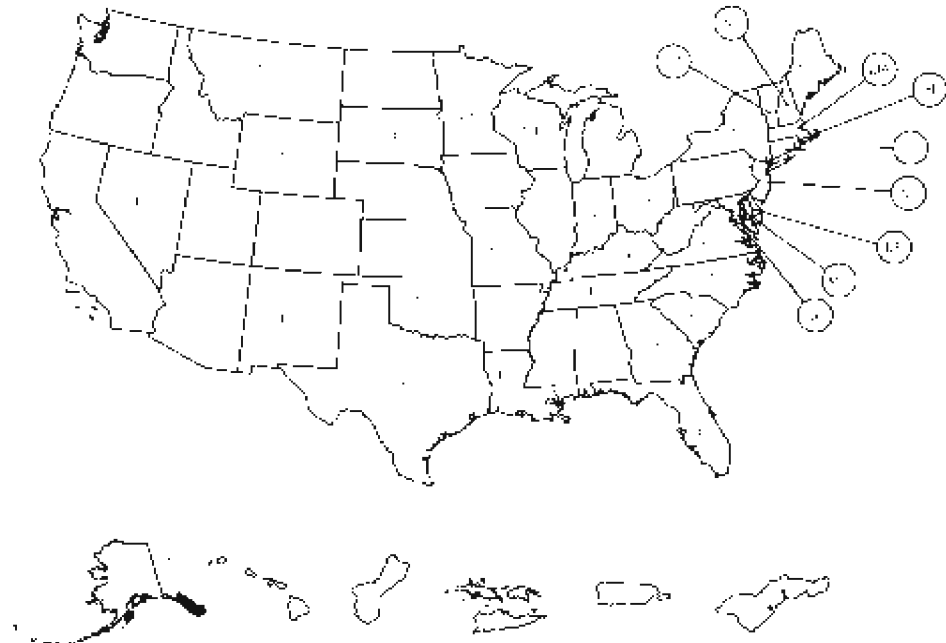
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Uniformed Services Member

Voting Residence State

State (required):



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Eligibility

Jurisdiction

State

Select your voting jurisdiction for

Washington (selected)

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You can find help in determining your jurisdiction by visiting the [Washington Election Website](#).

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State-specific election dates / info

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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) - - 1234 ↕

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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Indicate how you would like to send the form to your local election office.

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Method to Receive Ballot

Indicate how you would like to receive the blank ballot from your local election office.

Selected 



Email



Mail



Fax



State Write-in Ballot

I am unable to vote and return a regular absentee ballot by normal mail delivery within the time provided for regular absentee ballots. I request a special write-in absentee ballot.

Please specify the reason you are requesting a write-in ballot.

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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.

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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:

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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 Case
 NAVCENT FPC
 FPO AE 6924-618



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 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, please make and seal before mailing. **WARNING:** Knowingly providing false information in this application could result in criminal sanctions.

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

1. I REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR ALL ELECTIONS IN WHICH AM ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AND AM REGISTERED AS:

I am a member of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS) and am a member of the USUHS community.

I am a member of the United States Armed Forces and am a member of the community.

I am a member of the United States Armed Forces and am a member of the community.

2. MY INFORMATION (Required):

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) Casey Robert Harrison	DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY) 02/21/1961	CITY/TOWN/VILLAGE Renton	STATE WA	ZIP CODE 98058
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3. MY VOTING RESIDENCE ADDRESS (Required):

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)
Casey Robert Harrison

ADDRESS (Street, Apt., Box, PO, etc.)
919 SW Grady Way

CITY/TOWN/VILLAGE
Renton

STATE
WA

ZIP CODE
98058

4. WHERE TO SEND MY VOTING MATERIALS:

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)
Casey Robert Harrison

ADDRESS (Street, Apt., Box, PO, etc.)
919 SW Grady Way

CITY/TOWN/VILLAGE
Renton

STATE
WA

ZIP CODE
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5. MY POLITICAL PARTY PREFERENCE (Optional):

None Dem Rep Other

6. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Optional):

7. ATTENTION (Required):

I am a member of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS) and am a member of the USUHS community.

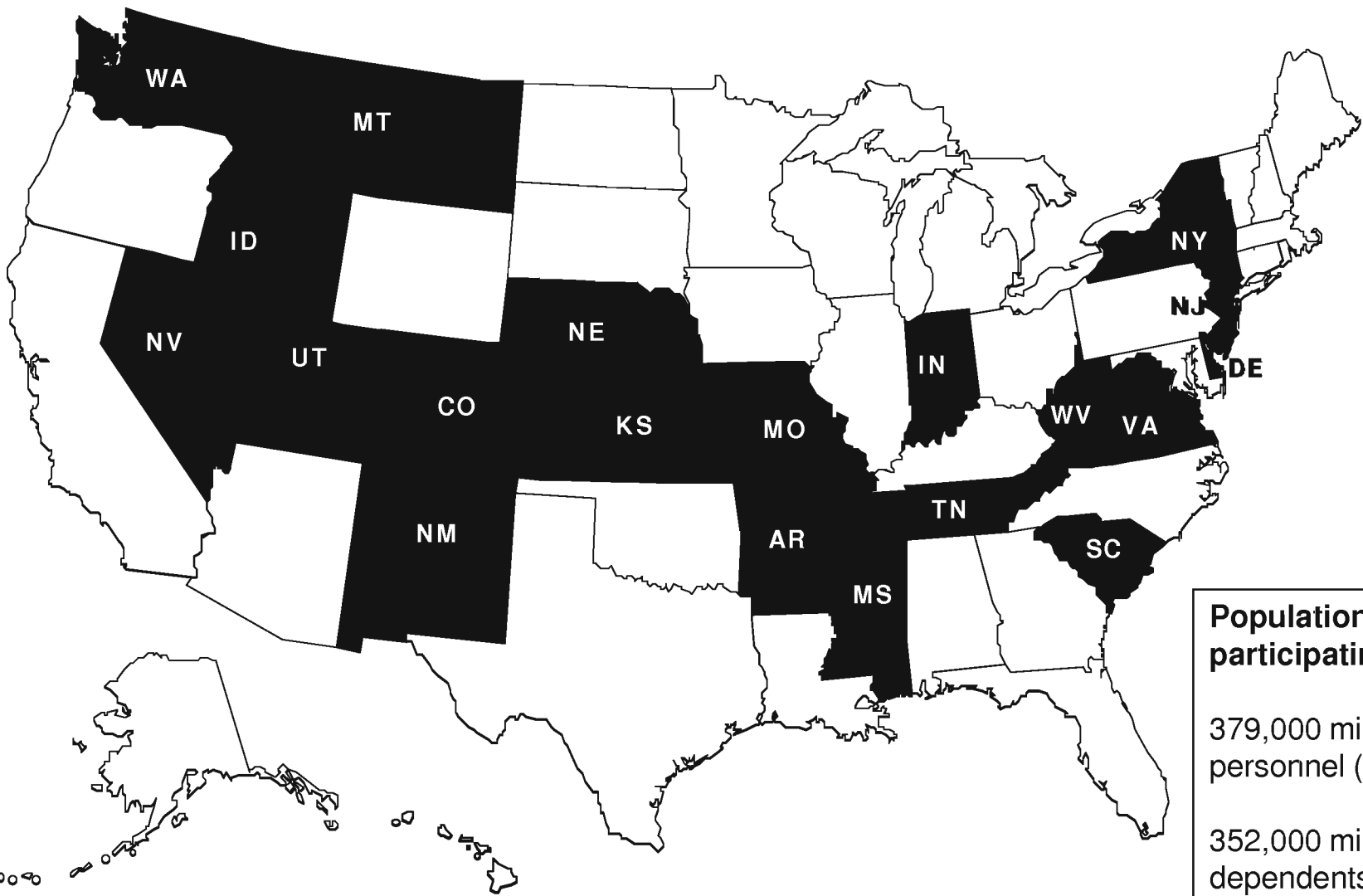
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8. SIGNATURE (Required):

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Online Full Ballot Wizard



Qualified Vendors
Aquilent
Credence Mgmt Solutions
Everyone Counts
Konnect
Scytel
Vexcel

Population of 20 participating States:

379,000 military personnel (26%)

352,000 military dependents (34%)

Communications Strategy

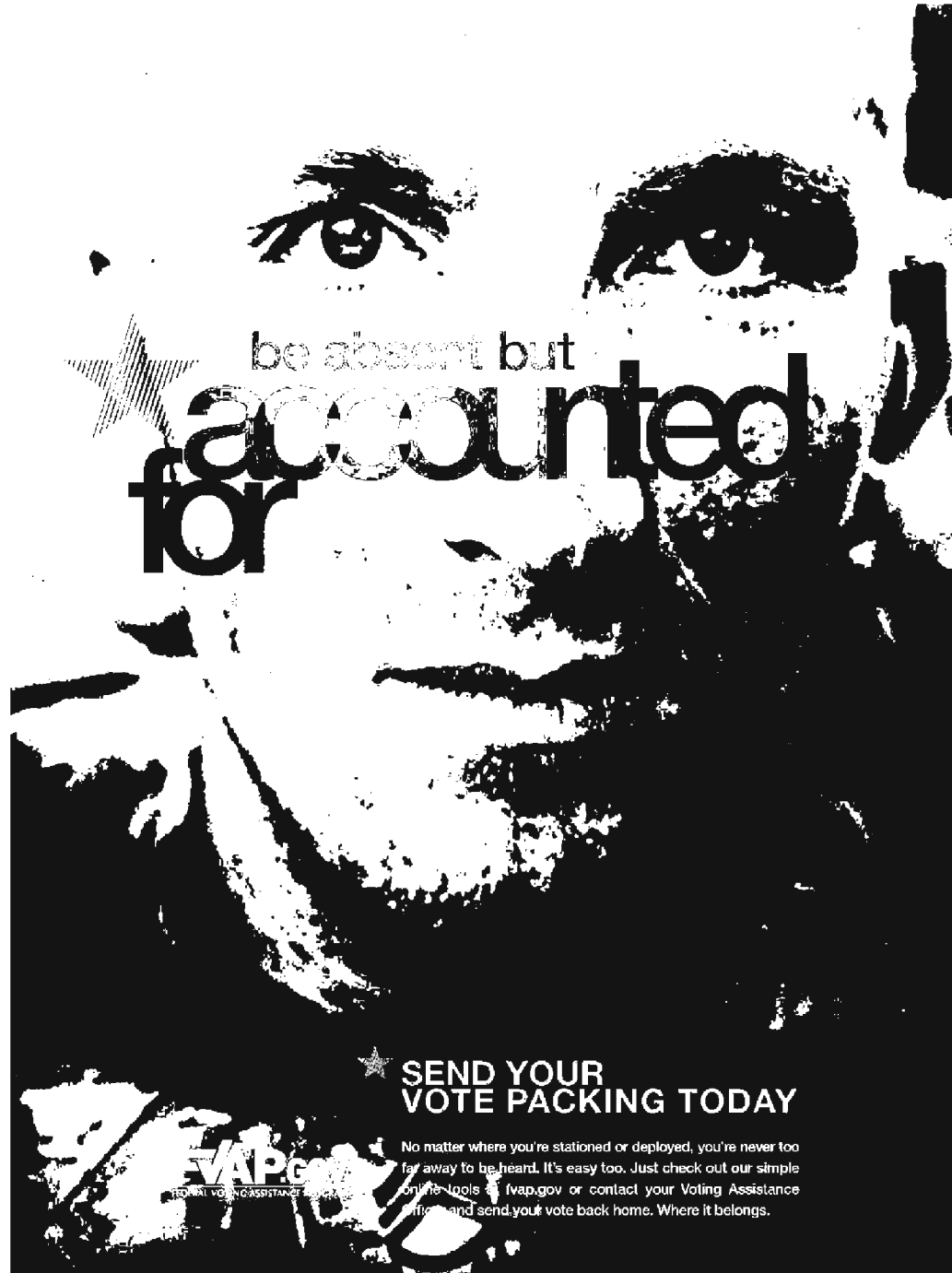
- **Drive voters to FVAP.gov**
 - Stress direct-to-voter focus to reduce reliance on Voting Assistance Officers
 - Use online tools, especially ballot delivery tools
- **Focus on critical path to voter success**
 - Ensure voters understand need for early action
 - Ensure voters understand time delays
 - 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

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Military

Text:

No matter where you're stationed or deployed, you're never too far away to be heard. It's easy too. Just check out our simple online tools at fvap.gov or contact your Voting Assistance Office and send your vote back home. Where it belongs.



be absent but
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★ **SEND YOUR VOTE PACKING TODAY**

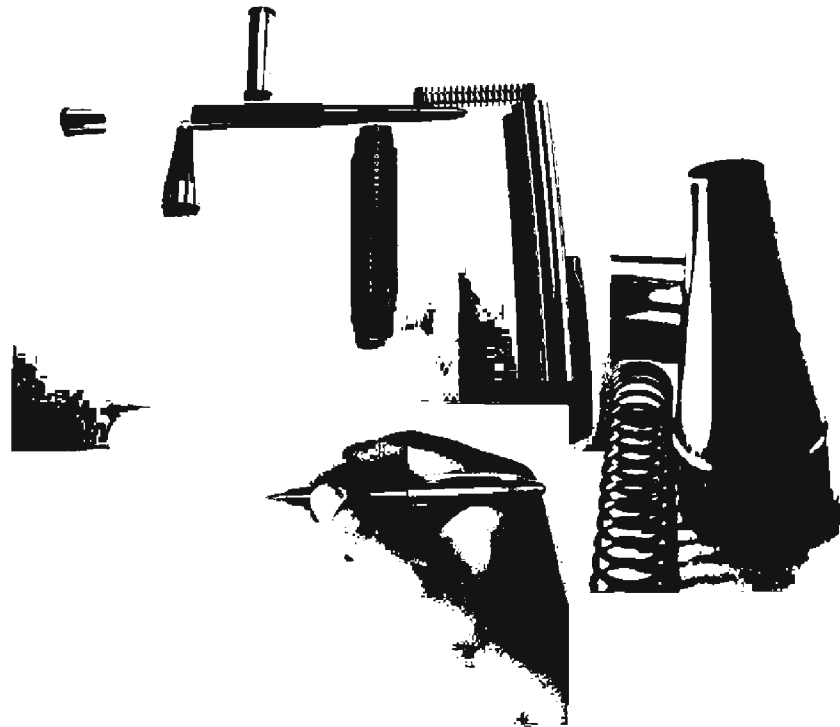
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Military TV spot

:30 TV

“Pen/Gun Assembly”



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**BE ABSENT BUT
ACCOUNTED FOR.**

Overseas Civilian

Text:

No matter where you are in the world, you're never too far away to be heard. It's easy too.

Just check out our simple online tools at fvap.gov or contact your U.S. Embassy or Consulate and send your vote back home. Where it belongs.



Civilian/Spouse TV spot



:30 TV

“Ballot/Paper Airplane”



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**BE ABSENT BUT
ACCOUNTED FOR.**

UOCAVA Voter Outreach

- Email alerts/RSS Feed
- Facebook
- Twitter
- LinkedIn
- MeetUp
- Earned Media

Federal Voting Assistance Program

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Absentee Voting Overview

To Vote Absentee, Start By Telling Us Who You Are

Election Countdown
228 Days

Voting Updates

Quick Links



FVAP Social Media

<https://twitter.com/FVAP>



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Just in time for key voting week, FVAP launches online registration assistant to help ease the process - <http://tinyurl.com/23p9a8j>

Texas voters - give your input on pending voting rules - http://www.sos.state.tx.us/about/newsreleases/2010/06/14/10_snr1

Kudos - DC is doing something very "unique" - <http://tinyurl.com/27r9e4z>

Next week is a key week for voting absentee. Are you registered? Go to www.fvap.gov to get registered. We're here for you!



Edit Page

Promote with an Ad

Suggest to Friends

DoD - Supporting military and overseas citizens absentee voting. We're here for you!

Name FVAP
 Location Arlington, VA
 Web <http://www.fvap.gov>
 Bio The Department of Defense Federal Voting Assistance Program - Supporting and facilitating military and overseas absentee voting.

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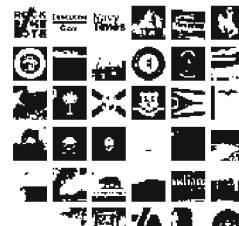
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Federal Voting Assistance Program, DoD Do you think there is a problem with absentee voting? What do you think it is? Ballot receipt? Registration regulations are too complex? Laws? Tell us what you think.

Wall Info Photos Discussions Boxes Video >> +

What's on your mind?

Attach:

Share

Options



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Federal Voting Assistance Program, DoD Kudos to McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst joint publication for helping to get the word out - <http://www.jointbasemdl.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123212348>
 Online program helps military families vote absentee

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Federal Voting Assistance Program, DoD Sweet article by Airman Joe McFadden (Hurlburt Field, FL) - <http://www2.hurlburt.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123212450>



Feature - Voting - it does a country good

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FVAP_DE

Name FVAP
Location Arlington, VA
Web <http://www.fvap.gov>
Bio Supporting and facilitating military and overseas

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 FPCAs: [http://
 /resources/m](http://resources/m)



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Name FVAP
Location Arlington, VA
Web <http://www.fvap.gov>
Bio California: Supporting and facilitating military and overseas absentee voting.

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Find out more: [http://ww](http://www)

Don't forget- Military must submit new
 FPCAs: [http://www.fvap.gov
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Find out more: <http://www.fvap.gov/usm/usmfoca/usmfoca-ca.htm>



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Helping FVAP:

- Understand what the voter wants & needs
- Develop strategy to maximize use of our services
- Define FVAP's "brand"



FVAP_Director

That's you!

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Name Bob Carey
 Web http://www.fvap.gov

133 following 83 followers 0 tweets

Tweets 2

Lists

Following



Web, a...

RSS feed of FVAP_Director's tweets

Talking to Military Postal Summit about importance of delivery to ballots getting counted. Incredible what MPSA does to get ballots back .

@petercanen thanks for the ==. Others there's also @FVAP and every State having it's own tweets like @FVAP_TY

needs 11 more people to reach 400!!! Help us reach 400 by the end of the week. Keep in mind there are over six ... only 367PV30

Kudos to West Virginia on their latest pilot program's success - ... only 883Y1

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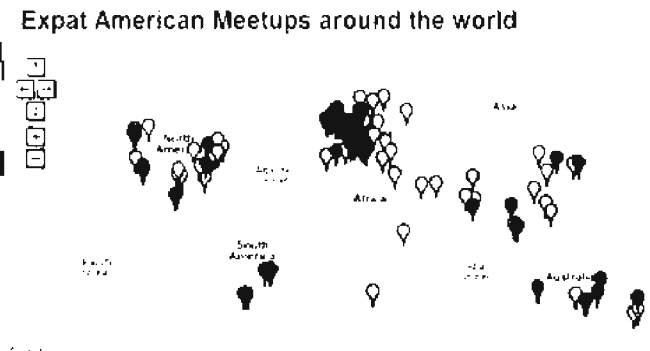
- **Digital/Online Media**

- Search engine ads
- Online gaming



- **Social Media (Voter & VAO Community Building)**

- Facebook
- Twitter
- MeetUp
- YouTube for spots and training videos



Installation Voting Assistance Offices

Requirements

- Voting Assistance at:
 - New duty station
 - Pre-deployment
 - Post-deployment
 - Change of address
 - On Demand
- Military and civilian
- Collect and send in forms
- Standard, high-traffic locations

Training and Assist Visits

- IVAO Training Handbook
 - Specific step-by-step voting assistance decision trees
 - Military and civilian
- Draft Instructions
- In person training
 - 36 military concentration areas
 - July & August 2010

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 support:**
 - \$550K FY09 and FY10 for mail barcode scanners
 - FVAP will advertise in September-October ads and 30 day emails
 - Integration with States' requirement to track receipt

Election Official Outreach

Engagement & Empowerment

- Involve State election officials in all FVAP publications
 - Voting Assistance Guide
 - Legislative Initiatives
 - State-by-State index
- Outreach to Professional Associations
 - NASS MOVE Act Day
 - Military Panels

Accountability

- State-by-State index
- Work with State legislatures on Legislative Initiatives
- Uniform Law Commission Model Law

Election Official Assistance



➤ Call Centers & Assistance

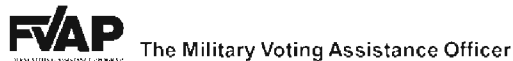
- Online chat capability
- 24/7 hours closer to election
- Direct assistance from FVAP

➤ Compliance Consulting

- MOVE Act compliance
- Registration and absentee ballot applications
- FWABs

➤ Ease Burdens

- Allow linking to FVAP tools
- Combine surveys with EAC

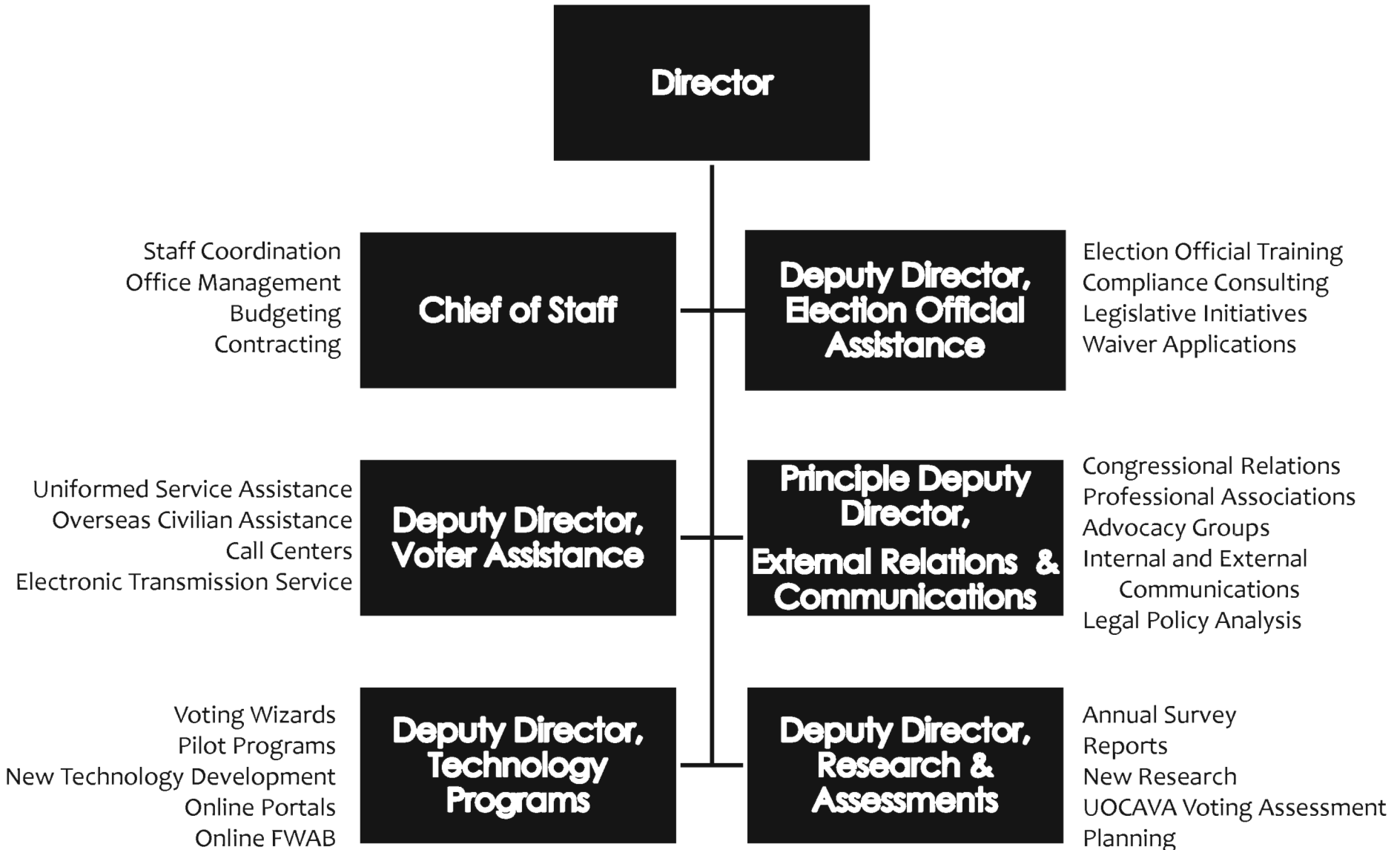


Creating an effective voting assistance plan:

- Display the 2010 Election Dates and motivational posters
- Reach out to younger citizens (18-24) who have statistically lower voter participation rates
- Include tenant organizations in your absentee voting activities, especially National Guard and Reserve Units



FVAP Reorganization



State Legislative Initiatives

➤ **State-by-State Index**

- 0-100 scale
- Measures FVAP success in convincing States to adopt Legislative Initiatives
 - **0-50 – Unsuccessful**
 - 50-75 – *Unsure*
 - **75-100 – Successful**
 - **National Average = 53%**

➤ **Scores weighted on Where Voting Failure Occurs**

- Greatest Scores given to areas with greatest impact on most significant failure
- 45-day prior = 30 points
- Email/online = 30 points
- Universal FWAB = 20 points

Legislative Initiative	Uniformed Services Weighting	Overseas Citizens Weighting
45 Day Transit Time	30	30
Electronic Transmission	30	30
FWAB	20	20
Late Registration	7	4
Emergency Authority	7	5
Elimination of Notary/Witness	4	8
Never Resided in U.S.	2	3
Uniform Law Commission	0*	0*

FVAP would score itself as successful for States:

- 45-day prior ballot delivery,
- email/online transmission of blank ballots,
- allows the FWAB for all elections

- **DoD required by law to conduct electronic absentee voting demonstration project**
 - 42 USC 1073ff note; 2002 and 2005 NDAA's
 - Mandates
 - Cast Ballots through electronic voting system
 - Only Uniformed services voters specified
 - States must agree to participate
 - Report afterwards

- **DoD allowed to wait for EAC certified guidelines**
 - EAC establishes guidelines
 - EAC also certifies it will assist in project
 - Different requirement than MOVE Act
 - DoD may further delay implementation

How Electronic Standards Development Should Be Framed

GAO Guidance

- FVAP & EAC need detailed plans
- Necessary plan elements:
 - results-oriented action plan
 - goals, tasks, milestones, time frames, and contingencies
- FVAP-EAC Memorandum of Understanding
- EAC-NIST Interagency Agreement
- MOVE Act also requires EAC to develop detailed timeline for development of electronic absentee ballot guidelines

Risk = % x impact

- Acceptable risk level policy decision already made
 - It **IS** the current voting system
 - Accepts 1/3 of absentee ballots never returned
- We should accept equivalent risk in new UOCAVA systems
 - May have different probability or impact
 - Can reduce probability and/or mitigate impact
 - Goal is to keep risk level at least the same, if not better

Path Forward

Define the Risk

- Use the EAC Risk Assessment Tool & NIST IT Risk Assessment Tools
- Evaluate the postal mail UOCAVA absentee ballot system as the baseline
- Develop comparable measures for other voting systems

Establish Properties

- What “properties” are necessary for an electronic absentee voting system?
- To achieve the same level of risk as current system
- Even if DON’T believe Properties are technologically feasible

Establish Interim Pilots

- Integrate current work
- **Also examine national level threat risks**
- Develop decision points for iterative development
- If possible, attach dates for those decision points and milestones



Federal Voting Assistance Program Department of Defense

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Arlington, VA 22209**

Phone: 703-588-8118

Fax: 703-696-1352

Email: Robert.Carey@fvap.gov

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.**

FVAP Plans & Initiatives

**International Association of County Recorders, Election
Officials and Treasurers (IACREOT)
Chicago, IL
July 2nd, 2010**

The Problem is Ballot Return

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

➤ **Absentee Ballot Return Rates:**

- 91% = General Population
- 67% = UOCAVA voters

▪ **Absentee Ballot Delivery Failure Also Problem**

- 9% military ballots misaddressed
- 6% returned as undeliverable
- 17% of military requesting absentee ballots never received it

2008 General Election Results – Military Voters		
Stage of voting process	Number of additional failures over general voting population	% of total failure
Registration Failure	3,936	1.4%
Ballot Delivery Failure	20,064	6.9%
Ballot Return Failure	213,779	74.0%
Ballot Casting Failure	51,283	17.7%
Total	289,062	

FVAP Key Initiatives

- **Direct to the Voter Assistance**
 - Eliminate much of the need for Voting Assistance Officers
 - Make the process easy, quick, intuitive and seamless
 - Communicate in effective terms and modes
- **Expanded Assistance for Election Officials:**
 - Provide voters tools that States will use
 - Assist in compliance
- **Transparency and Data-Driven Operations:**
 - Improve Post-Election Surveys to correct incorrect policies based on poor data
 - Post all data and methodology online
 - .Combine data collection with EAC

Online Tools

Registration Wizard

- All States
- Ready to Launch
- Online registration and absentee ballot request
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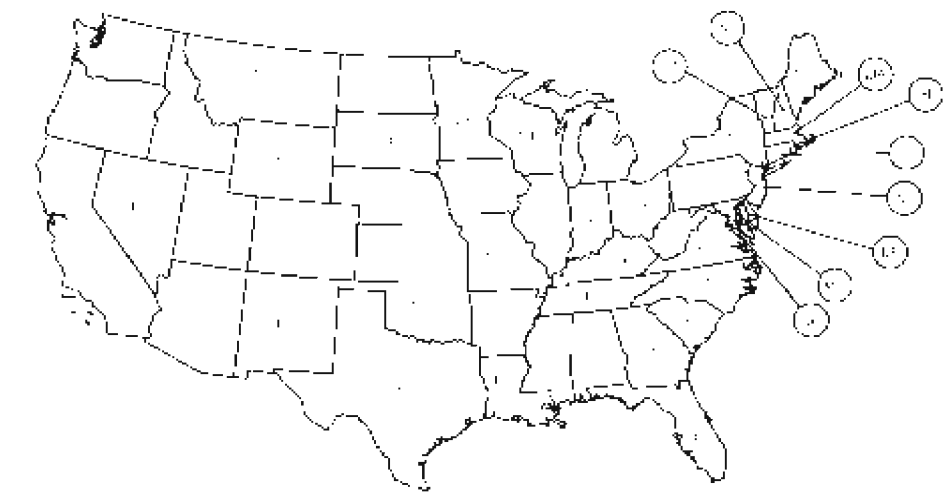
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Select your voting jurisdiction for

Washington (required)

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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) - - 1234

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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Indicate how you would like to send the form to your local election office.

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Indicate how you would like to receive the blank ballot from your local election office.

Selected 

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State Write-in Ballot

I am unable to vote and return a regular absentee ballot by normal mail delivery within the time provided for regular absentee ballots. I request a special write-in absentee ballot.

Please specify the reason you are requesting a write-in ballot.

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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.

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Instructions for Washington

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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 Case
 NAVYCENT FSC
 FPO AE 6924-6718



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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, please make and seal before mailing. **WARNING:** Knowingly providing false information in this application could result in criminal sanctions.

ISSUED BY: FEBRUARY 16, 2009

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

1. I REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR ALL ELECTIONS IN WHICH AM ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AND MY REQUEST IS:

I AM ABSENT FROM THE UNITED STATES OR AM DEPLOYED OR AM IN A MILITARY SERVICE AGENCY OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES.
 I AM ABSENT FROM THE UNITED STATES AND AM A U.S. RESIDENT.
 I AM ABSENT FROM THE UNITED STATES AND AM A U.S. CITIZEN.

2. MY IDENTIFICATION (Required):

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) Casey Robert Harrison	DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY) 02/21/1961	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (MM-SS-SSSS) -- -- 1734	STATE OF RESIDENCE (2-DIGIT) WA	PERMANENT RESIDENCE ADDRESS (Street, City, State, ZIP+4) 101 588 8118	POST OFFICE ADDRESS (Street, City, State, ZIP+4) 101 588 8118
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3. MY VOTING RESIDENCE ADDRESS (Required): (House and apartment numbers, school address, or average address if you do not have a permanent address.)

33 Rockingham Lane
 Seattle, WA 98143

4. WHERE TO SEND MY VOTING MATERIALS

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) MAXIMILIAN	ADDRESS (Street, City, State, ZIP+4) FPO AE 6924-6718
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5. MY POLITICAL PARTY PREFERENCE (Optional): (You may be required by order to register to vote in certain elections.)
 DEM REP OTHER

6. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: (I designate the person for which I request to receive ballots and instructions for how to designate. I declare the Voting Assistance Guide for other applicable procedures.)
 Return Ballots for all elections to the following:

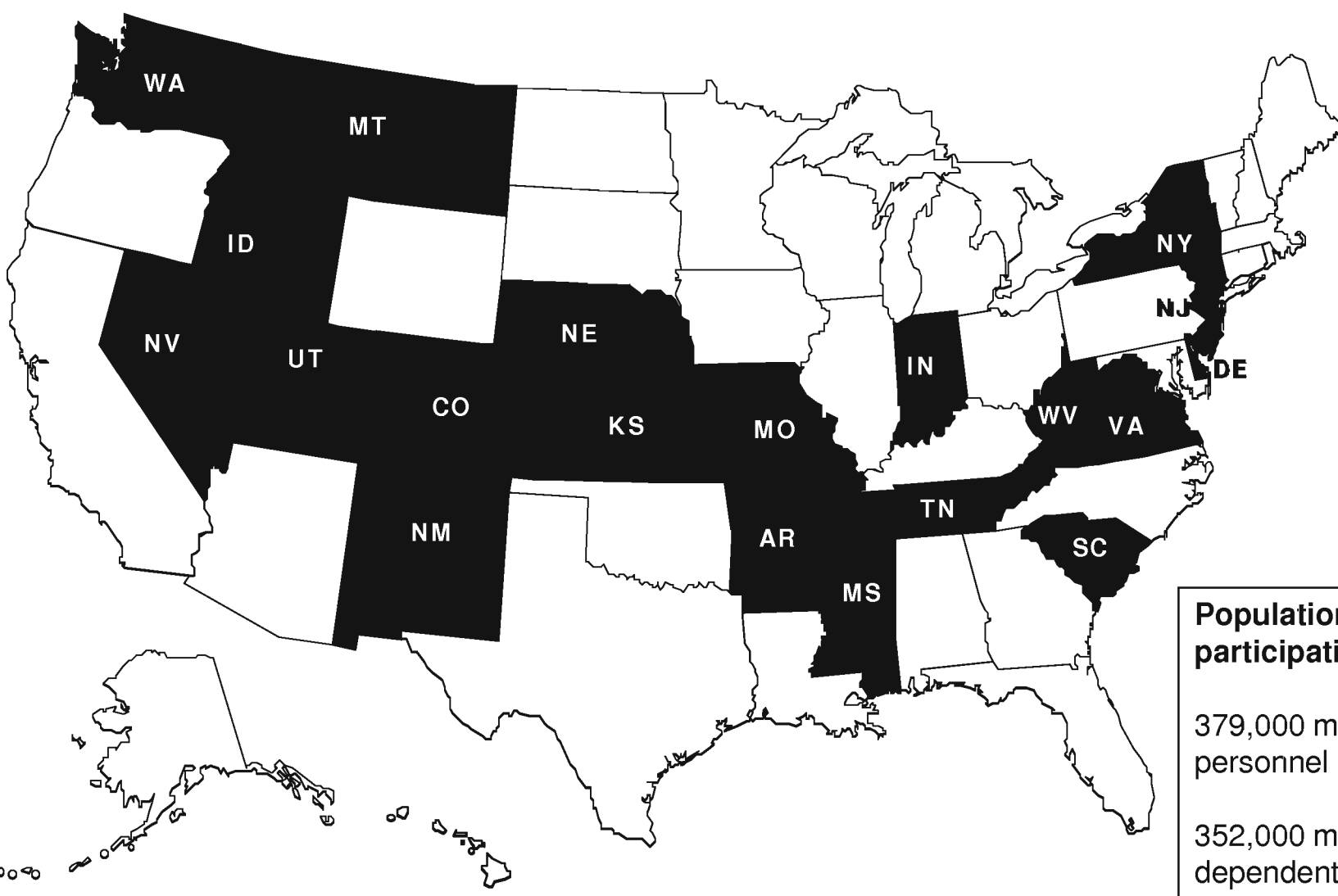
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 I hereby affirm, under penalty of perjury, that:
 1. I am a member of the Uniformed Services of the United States or a member of the United States Armed Forces or a member of the United States Coast Guard or a member of the United States Marine Corps or a member of the United States Navy or a member of the United States Air Force or a member of the United States Space Force or a member of the United States Coast Guard or a member of the United States Marine Corps or a member of the United States Navy or a member of the United States Air Force or a member of the United States Space Force;
 2. I am a U.S. citizen, at least 17 years of age, and I will be at least 18 years of age on the day of the election; and
 3. I have not been convicted of a felony or other disqualifying offense within the applicable state or federal jurisdiction; and
 4. I am not registering, receiving a ballot, or voting in any other jurisdiction in the U.S.; and
 5. My registration and date of my mailing 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 denial of my ballot.

8. SIGNATURE (Required):
 Signed: _____ Date: _____ Signed: _____ Date: _____

This information obtained from the Internet is for informational use only. Any unauthorized reuse of this information may be punishable by law.

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Online Full Ballot Wizard



Qualified Vendors
Aquilent
Credence Mgmt Solutions
Everyone Counts
Konnecth
Scytl
Vexcel

Population of 20 participating States:

379,000 military personnel (26%)

352,000 military dependents (34%)

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

Military

Text:

No matter where you're stationed or deployed, you're never too far away to be heard. It's easy too. Just check out our simple online tools at fvap.gov or contact your Voting Assistance Office and send your vote back home. Where it belongs.



be absent but
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Military TV spot

:30 TV

“Pen/Gun Assembly”



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**BE ABSENT BUT
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Overseas Civilian

Text:

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I'm not too far away to be absent but I'm too far away to not vote

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Civilian/Spouse TV spot



:30 TV

“Ballot/Paper Airplane”



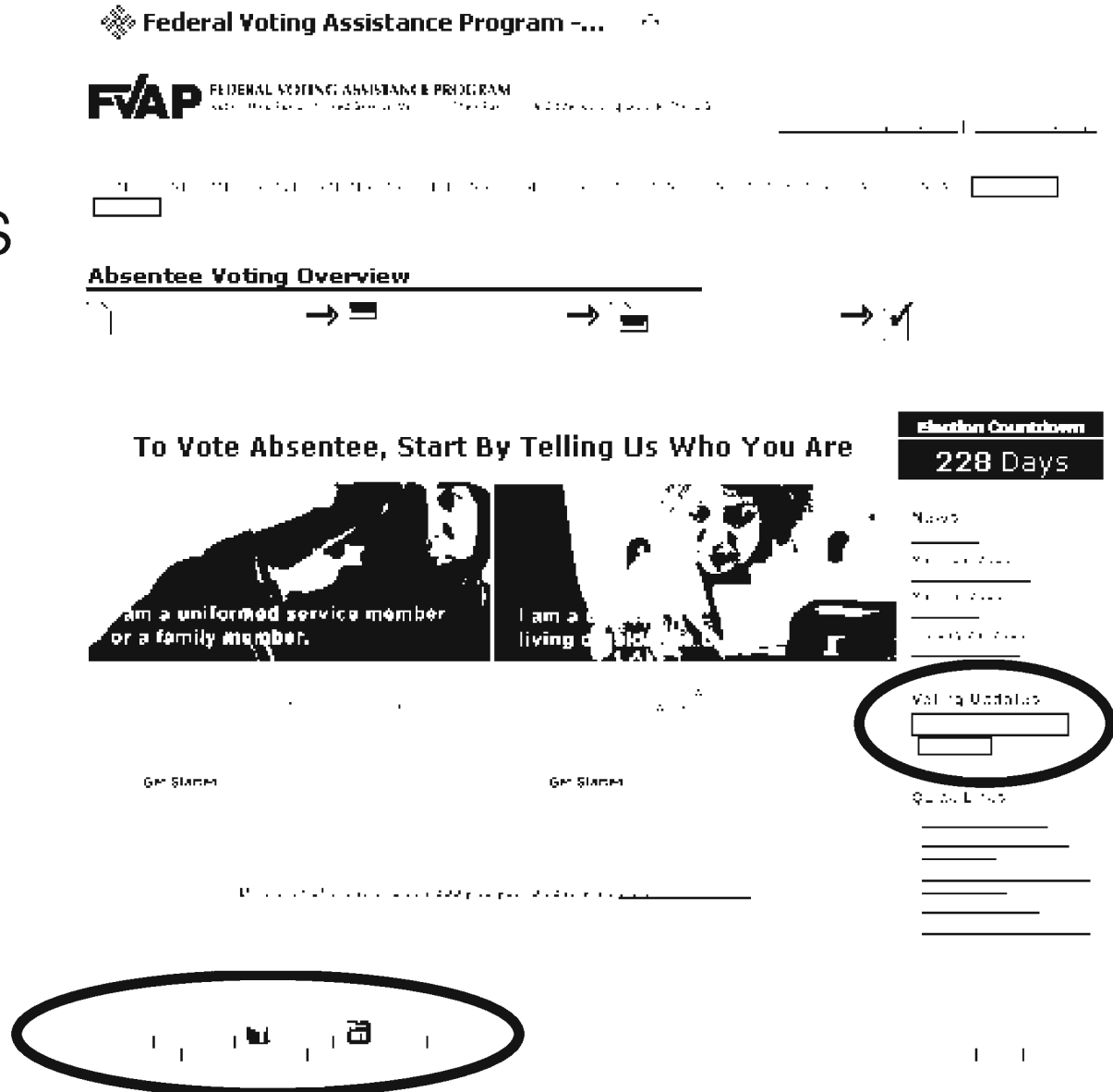
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DoD has new policy on social media? Talk to leadership if you're still having problems accessing it-<http://tinyurl.com/ybykbt>

facebook

Keep me logged in [Forgot](#)

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Don't forget- Military must submit new FPCAs: <http://www.fvap.gov/resources/media/miltimes1.pdf>

Find out more: <http://www.fvap.gov/ocit/ocitfpca/ocitfpca-de.html>



FVAP_FL

Following

Request your ballot NOW for Feb 2 special primary in Florida's 19th District: <http://www.fvap.gov/global/news/nr21-2009.html>

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RSS feed of FVAP_FL's tweets



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Helping FVAP:

- Understand what the voter wants & needs
- Develop strategy to maximize use of our services
- Define FVAP's "brand"



FVAP_Director

That's you!

Talking to Military Postal Summit about importance of delivery to ballots getting counted. Incredible what MPESA does to get ballots back .

@petercanen thanks for the ==. Others there's also @FVAP and every State having it's own tweets like @FVAP_TY

needs 11 more people to reach 400!!! Help us reach 400 by the end of the week. Keep in mind there are over six . http://t.co/y367Pv3c

Kudos to West Virginia on their latest pilot program's success - http://nyjournal.com/2009/03/http://t.co/y367Pv3c

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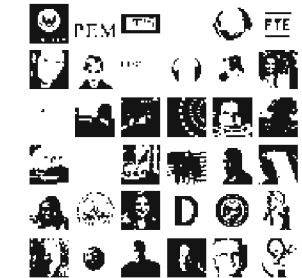
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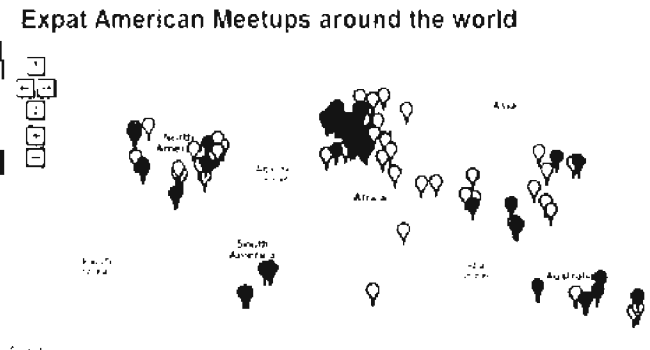
- **Digital/Online Media**

- Search engine ads
- Online gaming



- **Social Media (Voter & VAO Community Building)**

- Facebook
- Twitter
- MeetUp
- YouTube for spots and training videos





➤ Call Centers & Assistance

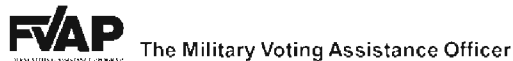
- Online chat capability
- 24/7 hours closer to election
- Direct assistance from FVAP

➤ Compliance Consulting

- MOVE Act compliance
- Registration and absentee ballot applications
- FWABs

➤ Ease Burdens

- Allow linking to FVAP tools
- Combine surveys with EAC

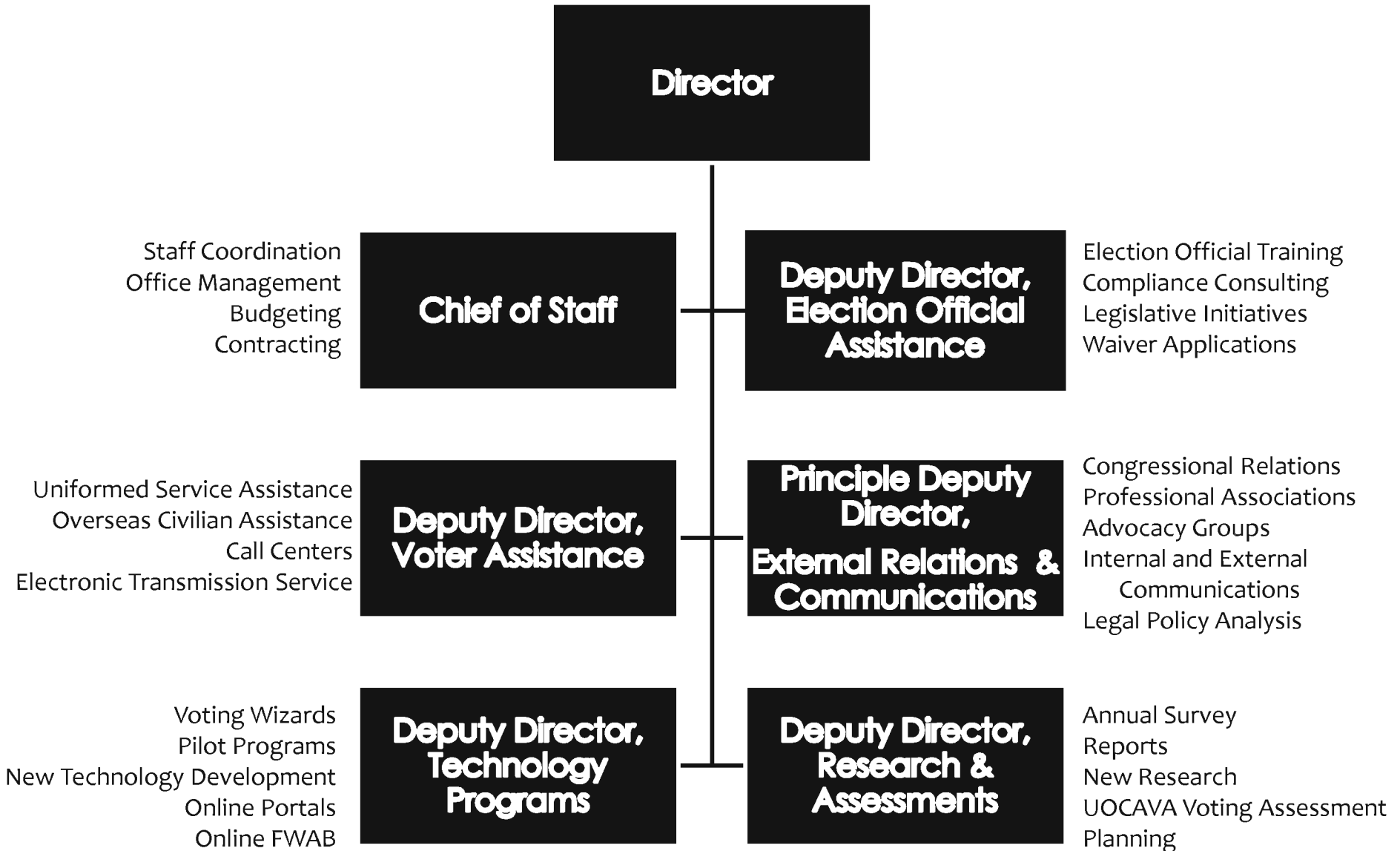


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FVAP Reorganization



State Legislative Initiatives

Legislative Initiative	Uniformed Services Weighting	Overseas Citizens Weighting
45 Day Transit Time	30	30
Electronic Transmission	30	30
FWAB	20	20
Late Registration	7	4
Emergency Authority	7	5
Elimination of Notary/Witness	4	8
Never Resided in U.S.	2	3
Uniform Law Commission	0*	0*

FVAP would score itself as successful for States:

- 45-day prior ballot delivery,
- email/online transmission of blank ballots,
- allows the FWAB for all elections

➤ State-by-State Index

- 0-100 scale
- Measures FVAP success in convincing States to adopt Legislative Initiatives
 - **0-50 – Unsuccessful**
 - 50-75 – *Unsure*
 - **75-100 – Successful**
 - **National Average = 53%**

➤ Scores weighted on Where Voting Failure Occurs

- Greatest Scores given to areas with greatest impact on most significant failure
- 45-day prior = 30 points
- Email/online = 30 points
- Universal FWAB = 20 points

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.**

Federal Voting Assistance Program Department of Defense

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MOVE Act: Federal Requirements

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- FWAB
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FVAP Plans & Initiatives

**U.S. Wardens in the United Kingdom
June 24th, 2010**

The Problem is Ballot Return

➤ **Military enjoys higher traditional voter performance rates**

- **Voter Registration Rate**
 - General Electorate = 70%
 - Military Electorate = 86%
- **Voter Participation Rate**
 - General Electorate = 64%
 - Military Electorate = 70%

➤ **Absentee Ballot Return Rates:**

- 91% = General Population
- 67% = UOCAVA voters

▪ **Absentee Ballot Delivery Failure Also Problem**

- 9% military ballots misaddressed
- 6% returned as undeliverable
- 17% of military requesting absentee ballots never received it

2008 General Election Results – UOCAVA Voters		
Stage of voting process	Number of additional failures over general voting population	% of total failure
Registration Failure	4,783	1.3%
Ballot Delivery Failure	23,548	6.4%
Ballot Return Failure	296,759	81.1%
Ballot Casting Failure	41,012	11.2%
Total	366,102	

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FVAP Goals

- **1: UOCAVA voting success rates equal to or exceed general population rates**
 - Absentee ballot cast rate
 - Counted rate of those cast
 - FWAB utilization/success rate

- **2: UOCAVA voter registration and participation rate equal to or exceed general population (age and gender adjusted)**

- **3: Improve Ballot Delivery and Return Processes to fit available times**

- **4: Define the actual overseas citizen population**

- **5: Bring all States' Legislative Initiative Scores to 75%**

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.
 - FVAP also helps election officials comply with federal law to provide that equal voting 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.

Direct Assistance



➤ Call Centers

- Links in Online Programs
- Online chat capability
- 24/7 hours closer to election
- UK Toll Free: 08-0002-88056
- UK Toll Free Fax: 08-0002-80262

➤ Interactive Training

- Voter Training
- Voting Assistance Officer Training
- 3Election Official Training
- “How-to” videos

FVAP The Military Voting Assistance Officer
FEDERAL VOTING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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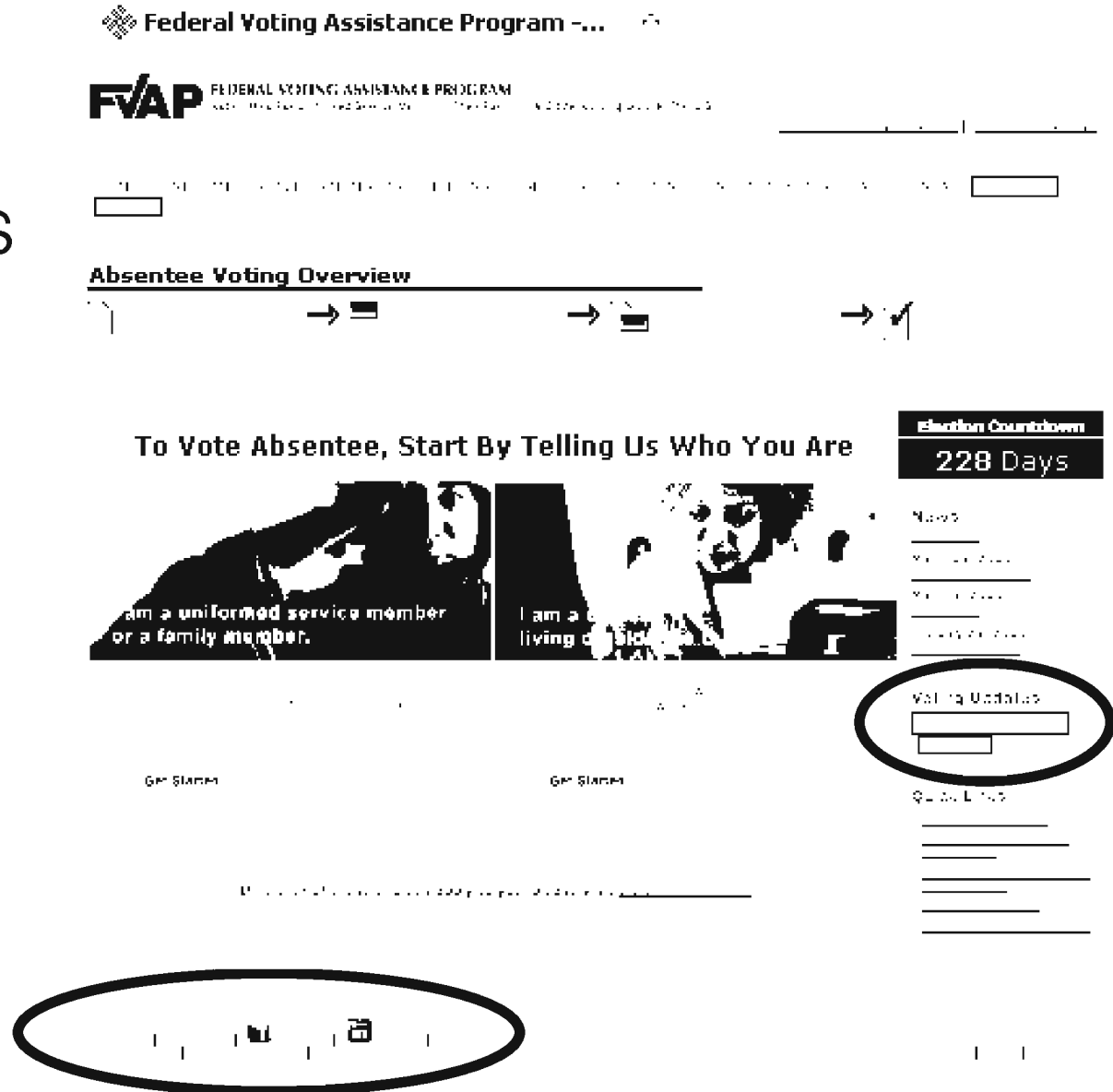


➤ Registration/Absentee Ballot Request Assistance

- Installation Voting Assistance Offices
- National Voter Registration Act designation
- Frequent FPCA assistance tied to career milestones
- Civilian assistance

UOCAVA Voter Outreach

- Email alerts/RSS Feed
- Facebook
- Twitter
- LinkedIn
- Earned Media



The screenshot shows the UOCAVA website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the FVAP logo and the text 'Federal Voting Assistance Program'. Below this is a search bar and a 'Voting Updates' section with a search input field. The main content area features a heading 'To Vote Absentee, Start By Telling Us Who You Are' and two columns of images with text: 'I am a uniformed service member or a family member.' and 'I am a citizen living overseas.' To the right of these images is a sidebar with an 'Election Countdown' showing '228 Days' and a 'Voting Updates' section with a search input field. At the bottom of the page, there is a footer with social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn, which are circled in red.

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- Improve ballot delivery and return times
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- Online FPCA
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Online Tools

Registration Wizard

- All States
- Ready to Launch
- Online registration and absentee ballot request
- Only have to know addresses and personal information
- Automatically completes all forms
- Provides complete instructions, pre-addressed envelopes
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Full Ballot Wizard

- 20 States
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 - Test June, July, August
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State

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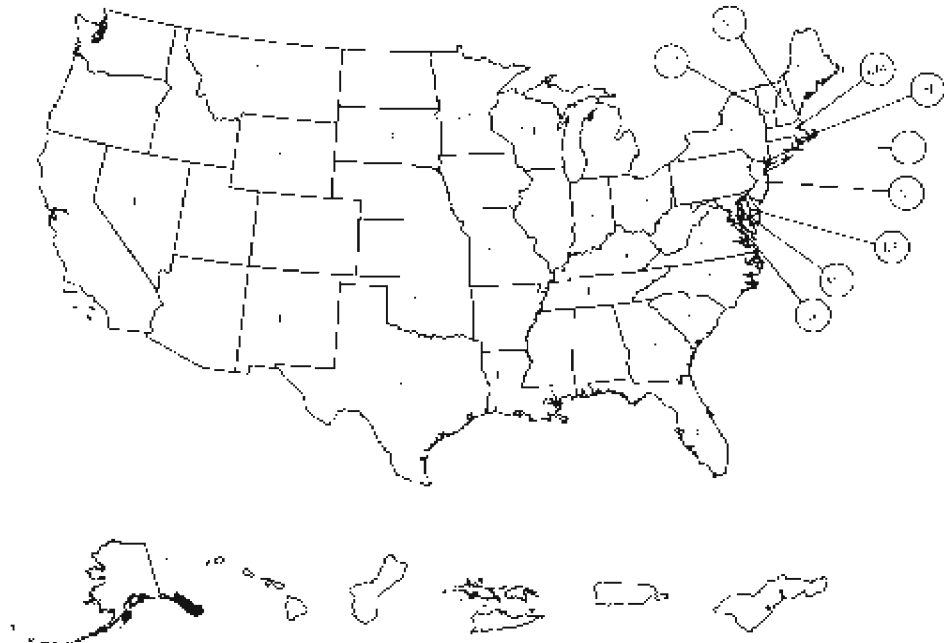
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State-specific election dates / info

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Uniformed Services Member > Washington > King

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First Name (required)

Telephone ↕

Jurisdiction

Middle Name (required)

Fax (required) ↕

My Information

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Last Name (required)

E-Mail Address (required)

Mailing Address

Suffix ↕

Gender ↕

Method to Send Form

Previous Name

Date of Birth (required) ↕

Method To Receive Ballot

Political Party ↕

Additional Information

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Social Security Number (required) - - 1234 ↕

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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Method to Receive Ballot

Indicate how you would like to receive the blank ballot from your local election office.

Required 

Email

Mail

Fax

State Write-in Ballot

I am unable to vote and return a regular absentee ballot by normal mail delivery within the time provided for regular absentee ballots. I request a special write-in absentee ballot.

Please specify the reason you are requesting a write-in ballot.

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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.

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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.

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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 (dependent on service)
- From Within the United States: 1 week before the election

- **Mail.** Mail the absentee Ballot Request form to your local election official at the following address:

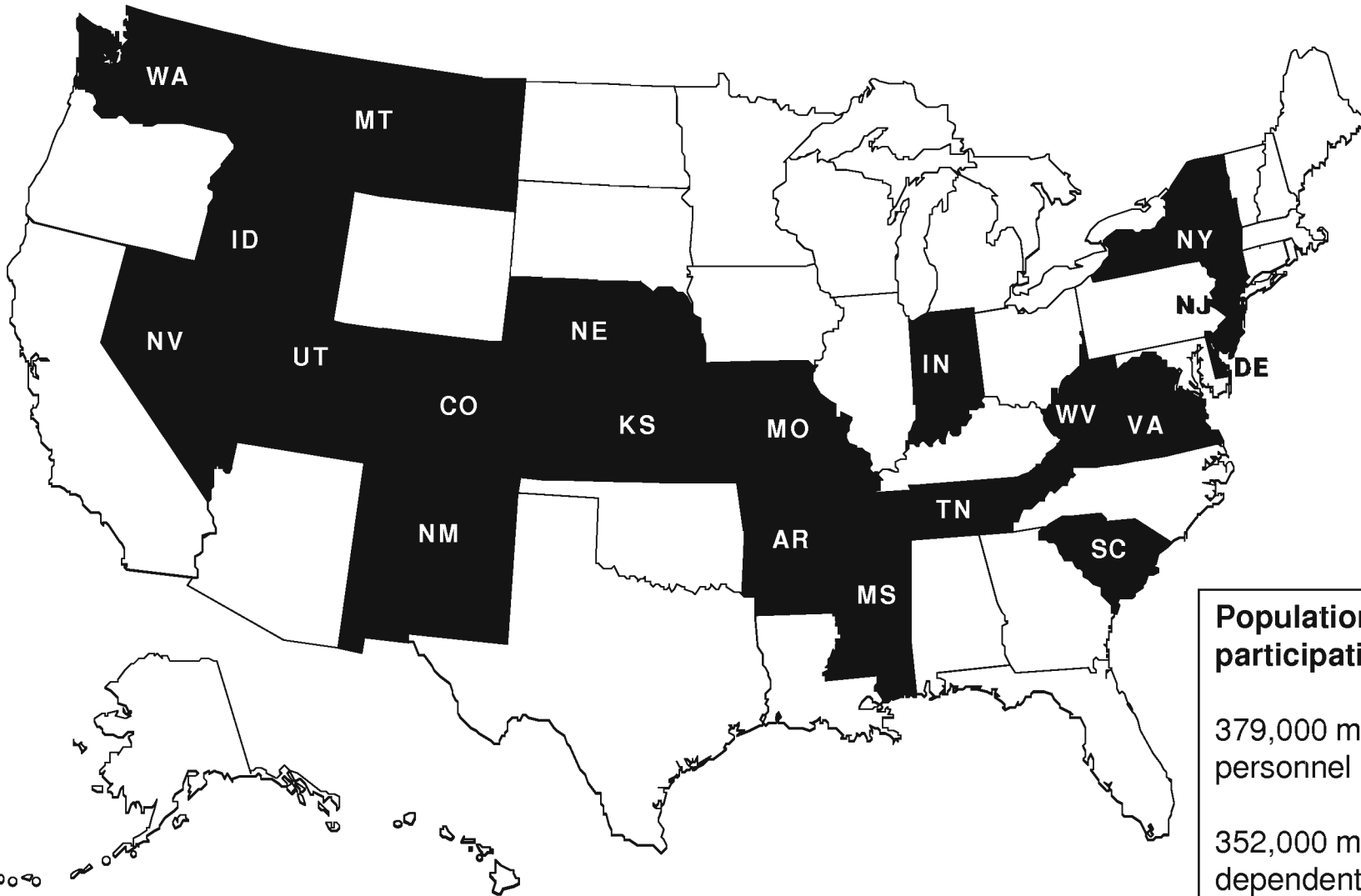
King County Auditor
King County Elections Division
919 SW Grady Way
Renton, Washington 985072906

Note: If you are mailing the form in United States mail (including APO/FPO), you may use the envelope template available on <http://www.fvap.gov/resources/media/returnenvelope.pdf>.

If you do not receive your ballot at least thirty days before the general election in November, you should use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot. This ballot is available at <http://www.fvap.gov/resources/media/fwab.pdf> which can be completed online. Once completed, print the ballot and then mail it to address listed above.

To find out more information on the absentee voting process visit <http://www.fvap.gov/>.

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Credence Mgmt Solutions
Everyone Counts
Konnect
Scytl
Vexcel

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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

Overseas Civilian

Colors will be
modified to stand
out more

Text:

No matter where you are in the world, you're never too far away to be heard. It's easy too. Just check out our simple online tools at fvap.gov or contact your U.S. Embassy or Consulate and send your vote back home. Where it belongs.



Civilian/Spouse TV spot



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“Ballot/Paper Airplane”



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**BE ABSENT BUT
ACCOUNTED FOR.**

Other Communications

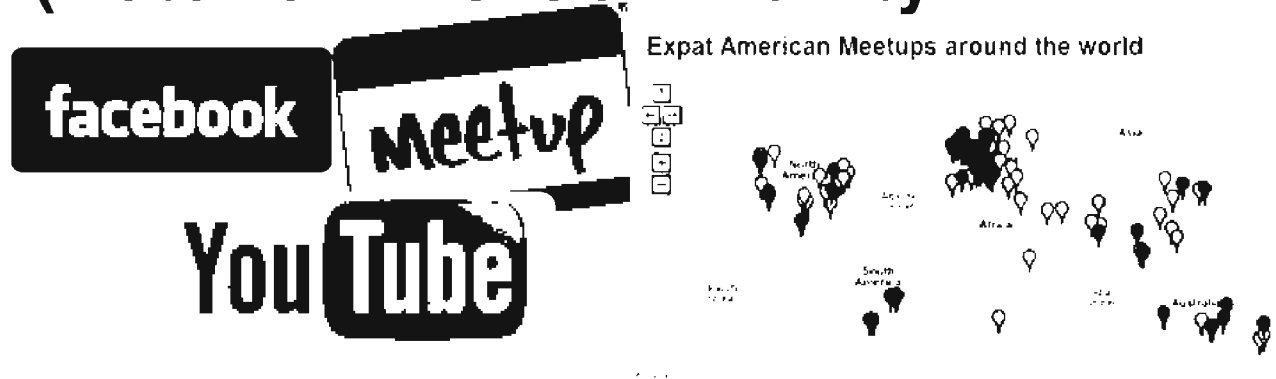
- **Digital/Online Media**

- Search engine ads
- Online gaming



- **Social Media (Voter & VAO Community Building)**

- Facebook
- Twitter
- MeetUp
- YouTube for spots and training videos





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FVAP Plans & Initiatives

**Military Postal System 2010 Summit
June 15th, 2010**

Key Long-Term Issues

Ballot Delivery and Return

- States don't send out ballots early enough (Pre-MOVE Act)
- Military mail is too slow to support absentee voting
- States and local election officials don't have the money to support alternatives

Poor Data Drive Bad Policies

- States don't collect sufficient data on military and overseas voters and ballots
- FVAP data collection poor and not transparent in the past
- Erroneous beliefs:
 - Low voter registration
 - Low voter participation
 - Poor identification of root problems

Postal Delivery Realities

- **2008 Data: Still Long One Way Delivery Times**
 - September 2008 Priority Delivery
 - USS IWO JIMA – 30.58 days
 - USS THEADORE ROOSEVELT – 28.76 days
 - USS LINCOLN – 22.77 days
 - October 2008 Priority Delivery
 - USS WASP – 28.50 days
 - USS IWO JIMA – 27.50 days
 - USMC CAMP TAQADDUM – 23.74 days
 - **And this is to MPO, not to delivery points down range**

- **MPSA 2008 Ballot Delivery Recommendations Parallel Data**
 - OIF/OEF – 28 days
 - Other overseas – 21 days
 - **These are RETURN recommendations**

- **Unfair to Expect Faster Delivery**
 - The problem is the States don't send out the ballots early enough
 - MOVE Act hopefully will address much of this

The Problem is Ballot Return

➤ **Military enjoys higher traditional voter performance rates**

- **Voter Registration Rate**
 - General Electorate = 70%
 - Military Electorate = 86%
- **Voter Participation Rate**
 - General Electorate = 64%
 - Military Electorate = 70%

➤ **Absentee Ballot Return Rates:**

- 91% = General Population
- 67% = UOCAVA voters

▪ **Absentee Ballot Delivery Failure Also Problem**

- 9% military ballots misaddressed
- 6% returned as undeliverable
- 17% of military requesting absentee ballots never received it

2008 General Election Results – UOCAVA Voters		
Stage of voting process	Number of additional failures over general voting population	% of total failure
Registration Failure	4,783	1.3%
Ballot Delivery Failure	23,548	6.4%
Ballot Return Failure	296,759	81.1%
Ballot Casting Failure	41,012	11.2%
Total	366,102	

MOVE Act: Federal Requirements

➤ More online tools

- FWAB
 - Federal Candidate list
 - Requires States accept for LEOs?
- State UOCAVA Election Official and Electronic Communications Address Database
- Online Voter Portals

➤ Expedited ballot return

- Overseas Uniformed Services Personnel
- Sent NLT 7 days prior to election; Free
- Working with MPSA to coordinate with tracking system and possibly integrate with State requirements

➤ Expanded voter outreach

- Installation Voting Assistance Offices
- Advertising and communications
 - Online FWAB
 - 30, 60, 90 day prior notices

➤ Improved data collection

- Coordinate with States and EAC
- Covers Election Day Survey info
- Online repository

➤ Reports

- Voting Assistance Program analysis and plan
- MOVE Act implementation
- Annual survey and overall effectiveness
- DOJ on enforcement
- EAC and NIST on Internet Voting Standards

UOCAVA Demographics

Uniformed Services Voters

- **Both Military Personnel and their Dependents**
 - All five Armed Services, USPHS, NOAA, Merchant Marine
 - Dependents
 - 1.5M members, 1.1M dependents

- **Both Domestic and Overseas**
 - 75% of members domestic
 - ~85% of dependents domestic

Overseas Citizens

- **US Citizens Residing Abroad**
 - 2 – 4 million
 - Difficulty estimating actual numbers

- **Permanent vs. Temporary Residence**
 - Permanent = federal only
 - Temporary = all races; potential tax liability

2/3 of the known UOCAVA voters are uniformed service voters

FVAP Goals

- **1: UOCAVA voting success rates equal to or exceed general population rates**
 - Absentee ballot cast rate
 - Counted rate of those cast
 - FWAB utilization/success rate

- **2: UOCAVA voter registration and participation rate equal to or exceed general population (age and gender adjusted)**

- **3: Improve Ballot Delivery and Return Processes to fit available times**

- **4: Define the actual overseas citizen population**

- **5: Bring all States' Legislative Initiative Scores to 75%**

Strategic Plan

Strategic Goals

- Raise military and overseas voting success to = general electorate's by 2014
- Bring State compliance with Legislative Initiatives up to 75% by 2014
- Quantify the Overseas Civilian population
- Streamline the voting process for UOCAVA voters to NMT 15 minutes for any stage

Lines of Operation

- Substantial investment in voter assistance technology
- Provide greater support to election officials
- Improve the voter's experience
- Set the standard as a transparent, data-driven organization
- Foster public/private partnerships and integrate military and overseas voter advocacy groups into voting assistance programs

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.
 - FVAP also helps election officials comply with federal law to provide that equal voting 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.

Key Activities

Strategic Goals	Raise military and overseas voting success to = general electorate's	Bring State Legislative Initiatives Scores up to 75%	Quantify the Overseas Civilian population	Streamline all stages of voting process to NMT 15 minutes
Lines of Operation				
Substantial investment in Voter Assistance Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online tools to help voters register and vote • Call Centers 	Online tools to help States improve registration and transmit ballots	Use social networking to identify more overseas voters and communities	Online tools to simplify and speed up registration and voting
Provide greater support to election officials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call Centers • Training • Professional orgs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State-specific plans • State-by-State index 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community of Interest • Consolidate surveys
Improve the Voter's Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct to the Voter Assistance, Tools • Robust Advertising • Call Centers • Spouse and 18-24 outreach efforts 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installation Voting Assistance Offices
Set the Standard of Transparent, Data-Driven Agency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post all data • Better surveys • Analyze past data 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Innovative Research • Engage academia and advocates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open-Source/ Crowd-Source • FVAP-EAC-NIST Roadmap for Internet Voting
public/private partnerships and integrate advocates	Integrate overseas citizen advocates as VAOs	Establish Election Official Advisory Committee	Partner with other federal agencies and overseas advocates for new data sources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uniform Law Commission Model Law • DSLO and ASD(IGA)

➤ **Current Program**

- Unit and Embassy Voting Assistance Officers
- Collateral Duty
- Service-run
- FVAP Guidance and Support
 - Forms
 - Instructions
 - Training

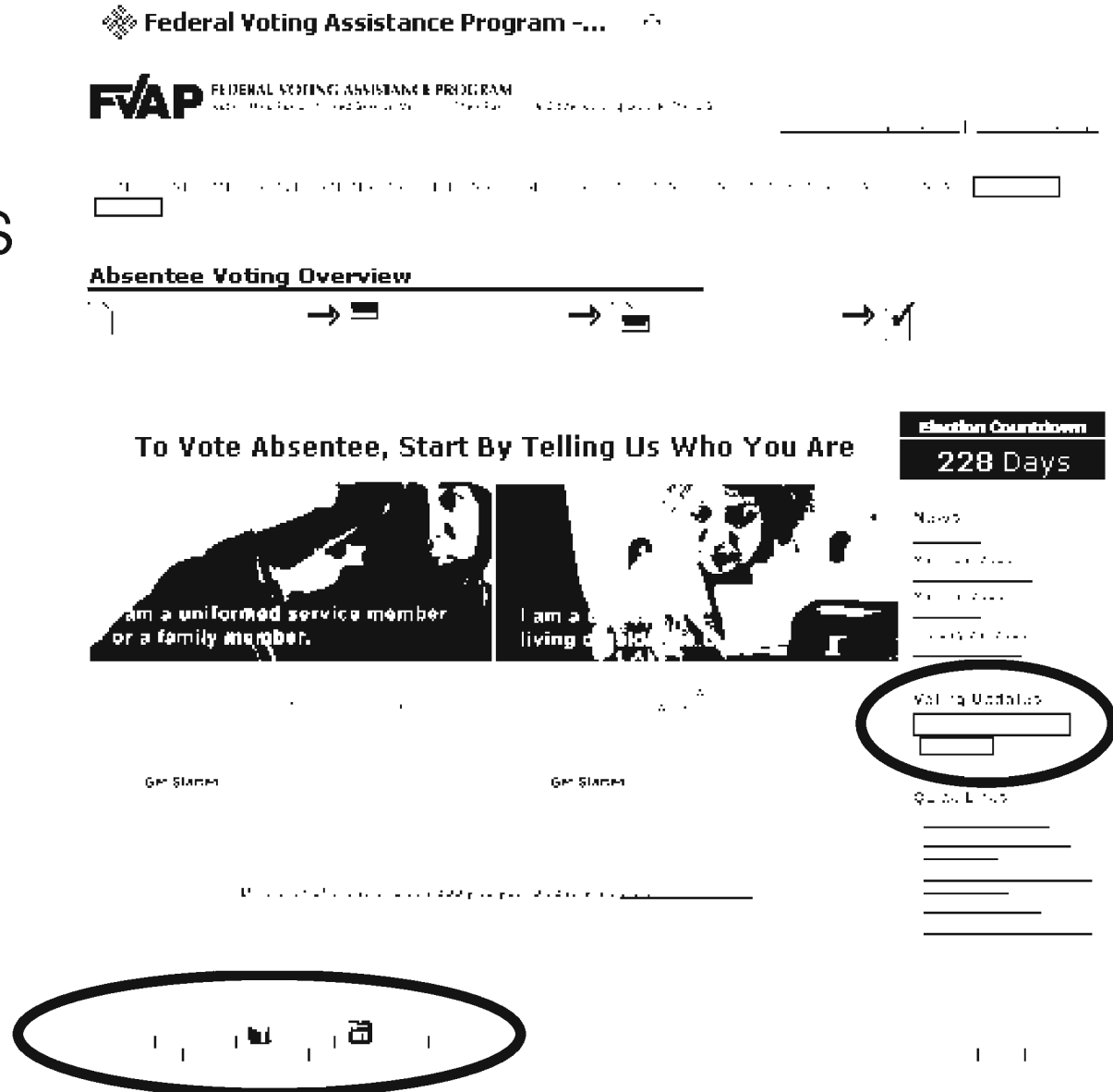
➤ **Vision**

- “FVAP.gov” as the best VAO
- “TurboTax/TaxCut”® the voting process
- Reduce need/reliance on Voting Assistance Officers
- Call Center and Online Chat
- Social Media Outreach
- Focus on voter timelines and processes



UOCAVA Voter Outreach

- Email alerts/RSS Feed
- Facebook
- Twitter
- LinkedIn
- Earned Media



The screenshot shows the UOCAVA website with the following elements:

- Header:** "Federal Voting Assistance Program" with a logo and a search bar.
- Navigation:** "Home", "About Us", "How to Vote", "Resources", "Contact Us".
- Section:** "Absentee Voting Overview" with three arrows pointing to "How to Vote", "How to Register", and "How to Request a Ballot".
- Main Content:** "To Vote Absentee, Start By Telling Us Who You Are" with two images: "I am a uniformed service member or a family member" and "I am a citizen living overseas".
- Right Sidebar:** "Election Countdown 228 Days", "News" section with "Newspaper Article" and "Newspaper Article" links, and "Voting Updates" section with a "Request Ballot" button.
- Footer:** "UOCAVA" and "FVAP" logos, and "Home" and "Contact Us" links.

FVAP Social Media

<https://twitter.com/FVAP>



Hey there! **FVAP** is using Twitter.

Twitter is a free service that lets you keep in touch with people through the exchange of quick, frequent answers to one simple question: What's happening? **Join today** to start receiving **FVAP's** tweets.



Are you new to social networking?
Don't forget about OPSEC!! Get
some basic training -
<http://www.stratcom.mil/snstraining/index.html>

DoD has new policy on social media? Talk to leadership if you're still having problems accessing it-<http://tinyurl.com/yoykbt>

facebook

Keep me logged in [Forgot](#)

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Federal Voting Assistance Program, DoD is on Facebook
Sign up for Facebook to connect with Federal Voting Assistance Program, DoD.



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Federal Voting Assistance Program, DoD Are you a voting assistance officer? What are some things an IG will look for when doing an inspection?

I'll start - continuity folder (<http://www.fvap.gov/vao/continuityfolder.html>)

If you do not have one, start one. Call FVAP if you need help or don't know where to start.

Federal Voting Assistance Program - Continuity Folder

Yesterday at 12:07pm Comment Like



Federal Voting Assistance Program, DoD Are you new to social networking? Don't forget about OPSEC!! Get some basic training - <http://www.stratcom.mil/snstraining/index.html>

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Helping FVAP:

- Understand what the voter wants & needs
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- Define FVAP's "brand"



FVAP_Director

That's you!

Talking to Military Postal Summit about importance of delivery to ballots getting counted. Incredible what MPSA does to get ballots back .

@petercanen thanks for the =FF Others there's also @FVAP and every State having it's own tweets like @FVAP_ILY

needs 11 more people to reach 400!!! Help us reach 400 by the end of the week Keep in mind there are over six [http://bit.ly/367Pv3c](#)

Kudos to West Virginia on their latest pilot program's success - [http://myjournal.com/2009/03/11/wv-pilot-program-success/](#)

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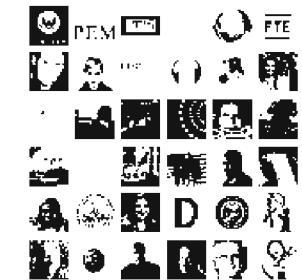
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Direct Assistance



- **Call Centers**
 - Links in Online Programs
 - Online chat capability
 - 24/7 hours closer to election

- **Interactive Training**
 - Voter Training
 - Voting Assistance Officer Training
 - Election Official Training
 - “How-to” videos

- **Registration/Absentee Ballot Request Assistance**
 - Installation Voting Assistance Offices
 - National Voter Registration Act designation
 - Frequent FPCA assistance tied to career milestones
 - Civilian assistance

FVAP The Military Voting Assistance Officer

Creating an effective voting assistance plan:

- Display the 2010 Election Dates and motivational posters
- Reach out to younger citizens (18-24) who have statistically lower voter participation rates
- Include tenant organizations in your absentee voting activities, especially National Guard and Reserve Units



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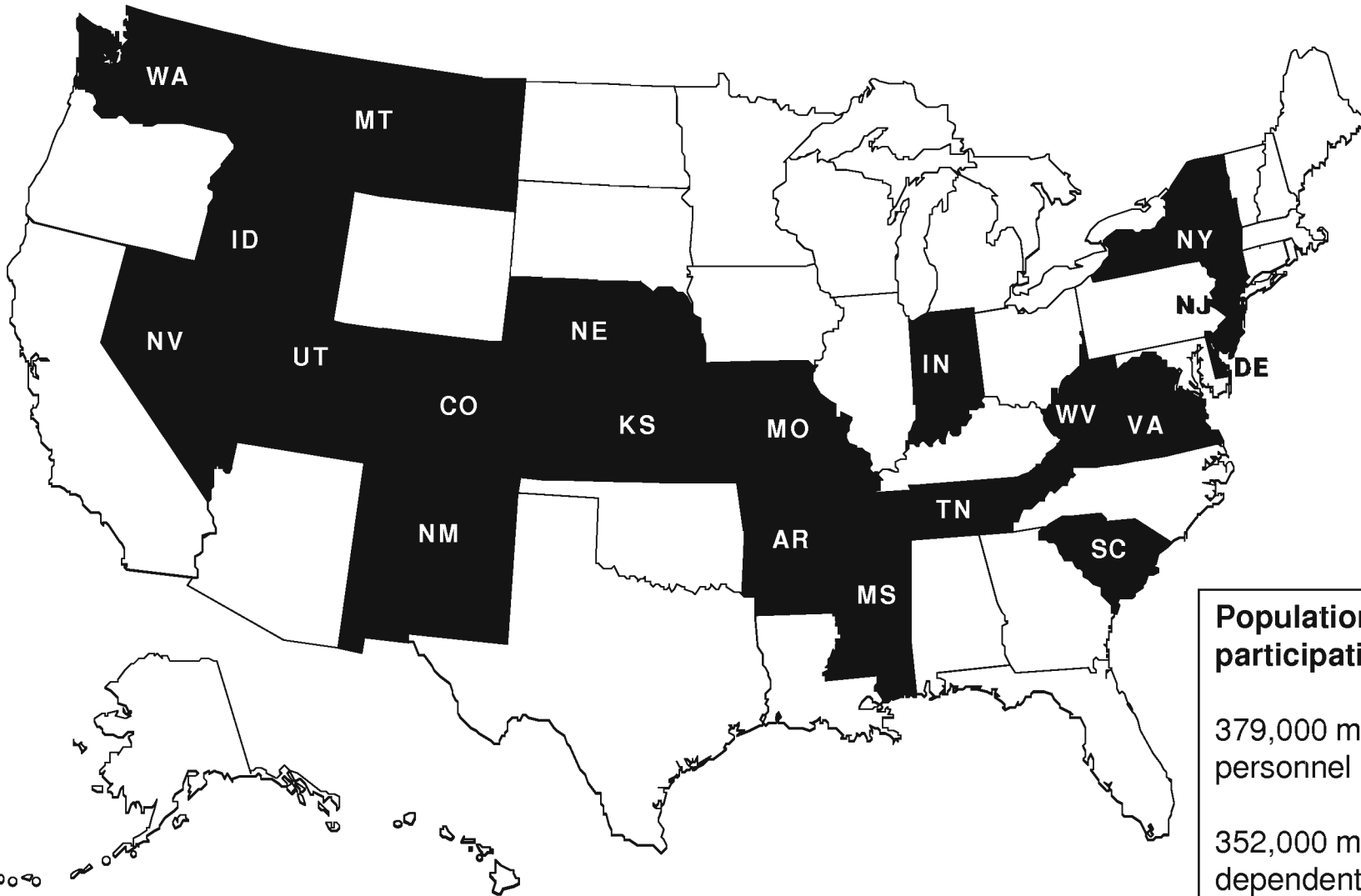
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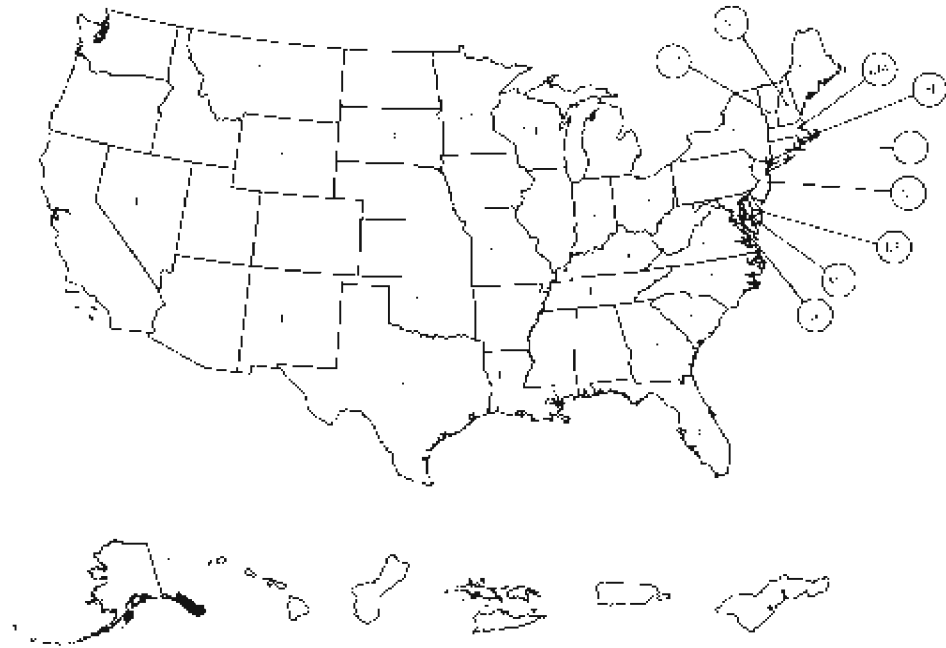
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Select your voting jurisdiction for

Washington (required)

You can find help in determining your jurisdiction by viewing the [Washington Election Website](#).

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State-specific election dates / info

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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

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Date of Birth (required) ↕

Method To Receive Ballot

Political Party ↕

Additional Information

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Social Security Number (required) - - 1234 ↕

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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Additional Information

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Method to Receive Ballot

Indicate how you would like to receive the blank ballot from your local election office.

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Email

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State Write-in Ballot

I am unable to vote and return a regular absentee ballot by normal mail delivery within the time provided for regular absentee ballots. I request a special write-in absentee ballot.

Please specify the reason you are requesting a write-in ballot.

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Additional Information

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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.

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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.

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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 (dependent on service)
- From Within the United States: 1 week before the election

- **Mail.** Mail the absentee Ballot Request form to your local election official at the following address:

King County Auditor
King County Elections Division
919 SW Grady Way
Renton, Washington 985072906

Note: If you are mailing the form in United States mail (including APO/FPO), you may use the envelope template available on <http://www.fvap.gov/resources/media/returnenvelope.pdf>.

If you do not receive your ballot at least thirty days before the general election in November, you should use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot. This ballot is available at <http://www.fvap.gov/resources/media/fwab.pdf> which can be completed online. Once completed, print the ballot and then mail it to address listed above.

To find out more information on the absentee voting process visit <http://www.fvap.gov/>.

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

Military

Text:

No matter where you're deployed, you're never too far away to be heard. It's easy too. Just check out our simple online tools at fvap.gov or contact your Voting Assistance Officer and send your vote back home. Where it belongs.

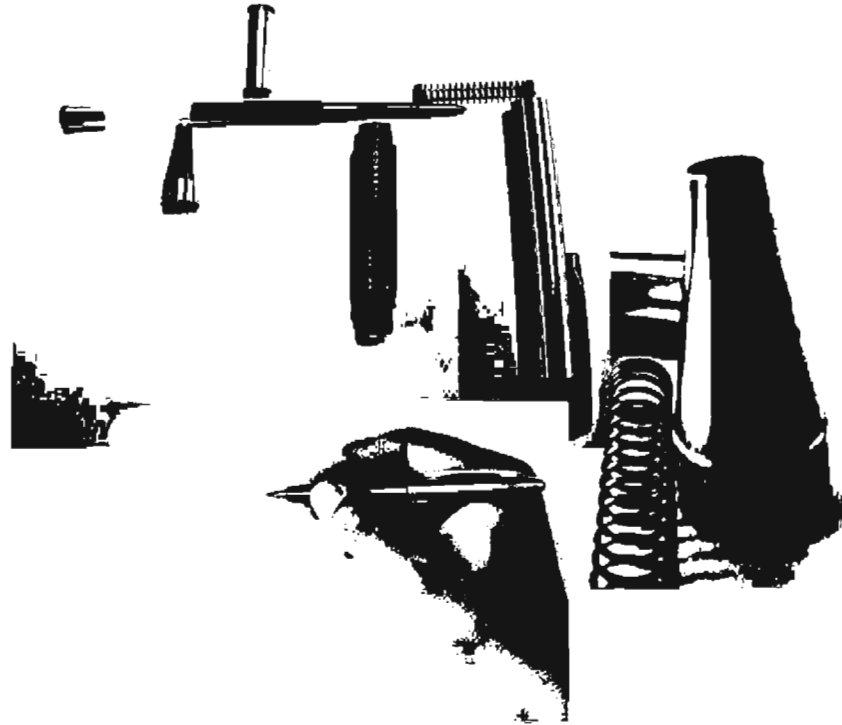
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Military TV spot

:30 TV

“Pen/Gun Assembly”



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**BE ABSENT BUT
ACCOUNTED FOR.**

Other Communications

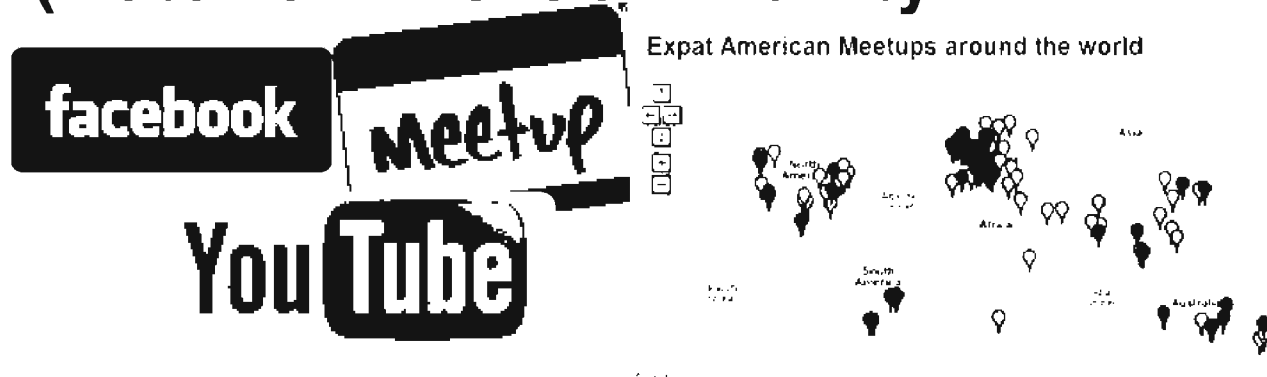
- **Digital/Online Media**

- Search engine ads
- Online gaming



- **Social Media (Voter & VAO Community Building)**

- Facebook
- Twitter
- MeetUp
- YouTube for spots and training videos





Federal Voting Assistance Program Department of Defense

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MOVE Act: Federal Requirements

➤ More online tools

- FWAB
 - Federal Candidate list
 - Requires States accept for LEOs?
- State UOCAVA Election Official and Electronic Communications Address Database
- Online Voter Portals

➤ Expedited ballot return

- Overseas Uniformed Services Personnel
- Sent NLT 7 days prior to election; Free
- Working with MPSA to coordinate with tracking system and possibly integrate with State requirements

➤ Expanded voter outreach

- Installation Voting Assistance Offices
- Advertising and communications
 - Online FWAB
 - 30, 60, 90 day prior notices

➤ Improved data collection

- Coordinate with States and EAC
- Covers Election Day Survey info
- Online repository

➤ Reports

- Voting Assistance Program analysis and plan
- MOVE Act implementation
- Annual survey and overall effectiveness
- DOJ on enforcement
- EAC and NIST on Internet Voting Standards

MOVE Act: State Requirements

- **Transmit ballots 45 days prior to election**
 - Waivers allowed by Secretary of Defense, ICW Attorney General
 - Not perpetual – apply every election
 - Need to show adequate time available for voters
- **Transmit ballots electronically**
 - Does not define electronically
 - Fax alone provides little help to military voters
- **Accept Federal Write-In Absentee Ballots for all federal elections**
 - Continued usefulness of SWABs?
 - FVAP encourages universal adoption of FWAB
- **Free Online Ballot Receipt System**
- **Cannot require notary**



FVAP Plans & Initiatives

**Overseas Vote Foundation 2010 Summit
March 19th, 2010**

Key Long-Term Issues

Ballot Delivery and Return

- States don't send out ballots early enough (Pre-MOVE Act)
- Military mail is too slow to support absentee voting
- States and local election officials don't have the money to support alternatives

Poor Data Drive Bad Policies

- States don't collect sufficient data on military and overseas voters and ballots
- FVAP data collection poor and not transparent in the past
- Erroneous beliefs:
 - Low voter registration
 - Low voter participation
 - Poor identification of root problems

UOCAVA Demographics

Uniformed Services Voters

- **Both Military Personnel and their Dependents**
 - All five Armed Services, USPHS, NOAA, Merchant Marine
 - Dependents
 - 1.5M members, 1.1M dependents

- **Both Domestic and Overseas**
 - 75% of members domestic
 - ~85% of dependents domestic

Overseas Citizens

- **US Citizens Residing Abroad**
 - 2 – 4 million
 - Difficulty estimating actual numbers

- **Permanent vs. Temporary Residence**
 - Permanent = federal only
 - Temporary = all races; potential tax liability

2/3 of the known UOCAVA voters are uniformed service voters

The Problem is Ballot Return

➤ **Military enjoys higher traditional voter performance rates**

- **Voter Registration Rate**
 - General Electorate = 70%
 - Military Electorate = 86%
- **Voter Participation Rate**
 - General Electorate = 64%
 - Military Electorate = 70%

➤ **Absentee Ballot Return Rates:**

- 91% = General Population
- 67% = UOCAVA voters

▪ **Absentee Ballot Delivery Failure Also Problem**

- 9% military ballots misaddressed
- 6% returned as undeliverable
- 17% of military requesting absentee ballots never received it

2008 General Election Results – UOCAVA Voters		
Stage of voting process	Number of additional failures over general voting population	% of total failure
Registration Failure	4,783	1.3%
Ballot Delivery Failure	23,548	6.4%
Ballot Return Failure	296,759	81.1%
Ballot Casting Failure	41,012	11.2%
Total	366,102	

FVAP Goals

- **1: UOCAVA voting success rates equal to or exceed general population rates**
 - Absentee ballot cast rate
 - Counted rate of those cast
 - FWAB utilization/success rate

- **2: UOCAVA voter registration and participation rate equal to or exceed general population (age and gender adjusted)**

- **3: Improve Ballot Delivery and Return Processes to fit available times**

- **4: Define the actual overseas citizen population**

- **5: Bring all States' Legislative Initiative Scores to 75%**

FVAP Lines of Operation

Goals	Improve Voter Success Rates	Improve Ballot Delivery & Return	Define the Overseas Civilian Population	Bring State Legislative Initiative Scores > 75%
Lines of Operation				
Direct to the Voter Assistance	Greater consistency of assistance	Education postal realities	Better identify overseas civilian demographics	
Leverage Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make process easier • Reduce voter errors 	Reduce reliance on postal mail		Encourage State adoption of FVAP technologies
Greater Election Official Assistance	Reduce unjustified voting rejection			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education need • Assist with fixes
Better Data; Greater Transparency	Better identify actual problem causes		Correctly identify Overseas Civilian voting performance	Tie legislative initiatives to actual UOCAVA voting failure

➤ **Current Program**

- Unit and Embassy Voting Assistance Officers
- Collateral Duty
- Service-run
- FVAP Guidance and Support
 - Forms
 - Instructions
 - Training

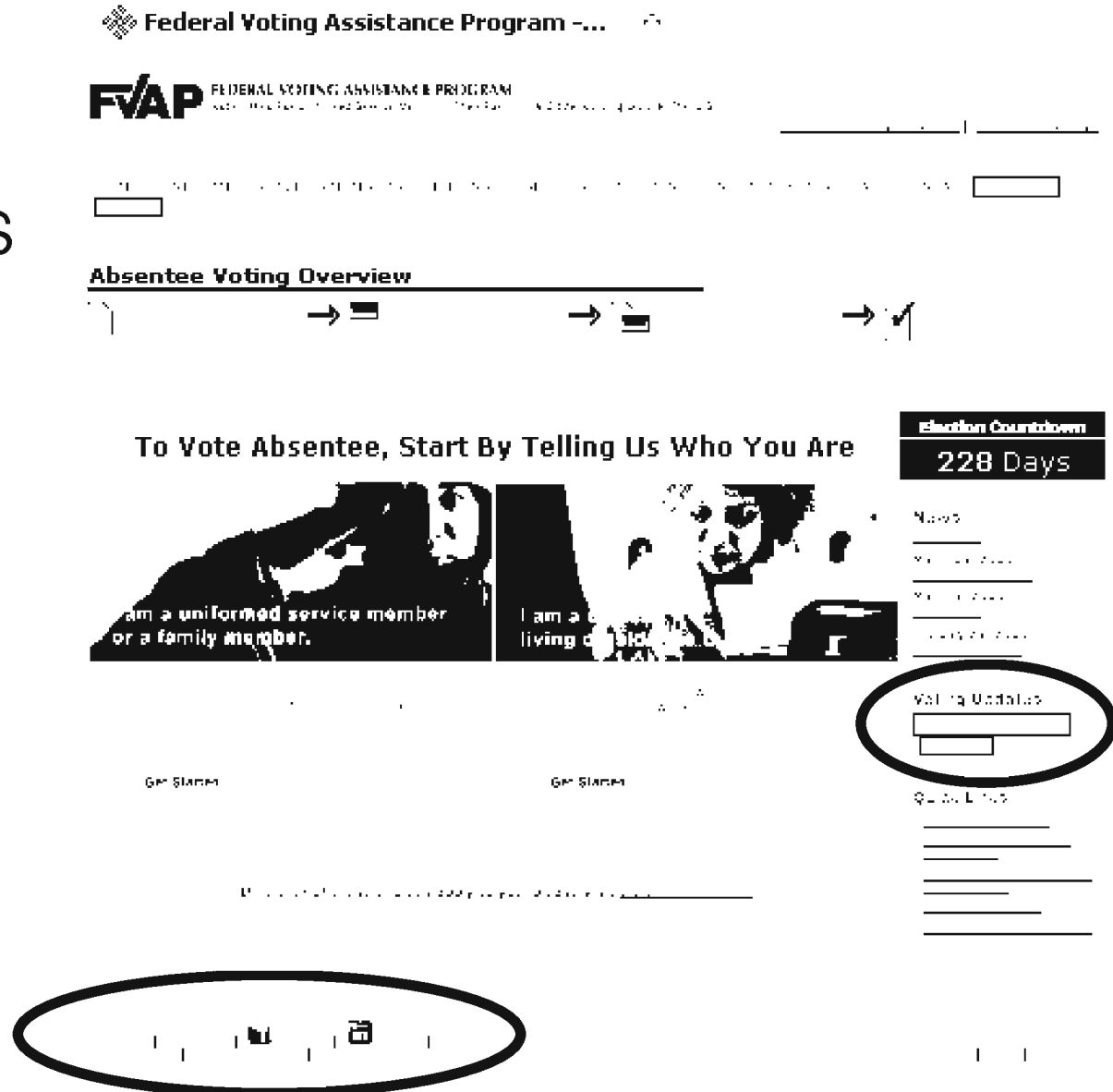
➤ **Vision**

- “FVAP.gov” as the best VAO
- “TurboTax/TaxCut”® the voting process
- Reduce need/reliance on Voting Assistance Officers
- Call Center and Online Chat
- Social Media Outreach
- Focus on voter timelines and processes



UOCAVA Voter Outreach

- Email alerts/RSS Feed
- Facebook
- Twitter
- LinkedIn
- Earned Media



The screenshot shows the UOCAVA website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the FVAP logo and the text 'Federal Voting Assistance Program'. Below this is a search bar and a 'Log Out' button. The main content area features a section titled 'Absentee Voting Overview' with three navigation arrows pointing to 'How to Vote Absentee', 'How to Register to Vote Absentee', and 'How to Request an Absentee Ballot'. Below this is a large banner with the text 'To Vote Absentee, Start By Telling Us Who You Are' and two images of people. To the right of the banner is an 'Election Countdown' box showing '228 Days' and a 'News' section with a 'View All News' link. At the bottom of the page, there is a 'Voting Updates' section with a search bar and a 'Quick Links' section with several links. A large black oval highlights the social media icons (Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, YouTube) at the bottom of the page.

FVAP Social Media

facebook

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Email Password

Federal Voting Assistance Program, DoD is on Facebook
Sign up for Facebook to connect with Federal Voting Assistance Program, DoD.



Federal Voting Assistance Program, DoD 

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 Filters




Federal Voting Assistance Program, DoD Are you a voting assistance officer? What are some things an IG will look for when doing an inspection?

I'll start - continuity folder (<http://www.fvap.gov/vao/continuityfolder.html>)

If you do not have one, start one. Call FVAP if you need help or don't know where to start.

Federal Voting Assistance Program - Continuity Folder

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Federal Voting Assistance Program, DoD Are you new to social networking? Don't forget about OPSEC!! Get some basic training - <http://www.stratcom.mil/snstraining/index.html>

Social Network Training



Hey there! **FVAP** is using Twitter.

Twitter is a free service that lets you keep in touch with people through the exchange of quick, frequent answers to one simple question: What's happening? **Join today** to start receiving **FVAP's** tweets.



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DoD has new policy on social media? Talk to leadership if you're still having problems accessing it-<http://tinyurl.com/ydykbit>

Login Join Twitter!

Already using Twitter from your phone? [Click here.](#)

Name FVAP
Location Arlington, VA
Web <http://www.fvap.gov>
Bio The Department of Defense Federal Voting Assistance Program - Supporting and facilitating military and overseas absentee voting.

77 following 173 followers 8 listed

Tweets 46

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State-Specific Social Media

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FVAP_DE

Follow

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Name FVAP
Location Arlington, VA
Web <http://www.fvap.gov>
Bio Supporting and facilitating military and overseas absentee voting.

40 following 25 followers 0 listed

Don't forget- Military must submit new FPCAs: <http://www.fvap.gov/resources/media/miltimes1.pdf>

Find out more: <http://www.fvap.gov/ocit/ocitfpca/ocitfpca-de.html>



FVAP_FL

Following

Request your ballot NOW for Feb 2 special primary in Florida's 19th District: <http://www.fvap.gov/global/news/nr21-2009.html>

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Location Arlington, VA
Web <http://www.fvap.gov>
Bio Florida: Supporting and facilitating military and overseas absentee voting.

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RSS feed of FVAP_FL's tweets



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Helping FVAP:

- Understand what the voter wants & needs
- Develop strategy to maximize use of our services
- Define FVAP's "brand"



FVAP_Director

That's you:

CA SoS Bowen got it - no voting system's 100% secure. So why do others insist that military/overseas voting systems be more secure?

We just sent out a press release on the next gen of online voting tools we're developing. <http://www.fvap.gov/global/news/nr19-2009.html>

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Web <http://www.fvap.gov>

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Direct Assistance



- **Call Centers**
 - Links in Online Programs
 - Online chat capability
 - 24/7 hours closer to election

- **Interactive Training**
 - Voter Training
 - Voting Assistance Officer Training
 - Election Official Training
 - “How-to” videos

- **Registration/Absentee Ballot Request Assistance**
 - Installation Voting Assistance Offices
 - National Voter Registration Act designation
 - Frequent FPCA assistance tied to career milestones
 - Civilian assistance

FVAP The Military Voting Assistance Officer
FEDERAL VOTING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Creating an effective voting assistance plan:

- Display the 2010 Election Dates and motivational posters
- Reach out to younger citizens (18-24) who have statistically lower voter participation rates
- Include tenant organizations in your absentee voting activities, especially National Guard and Reserve Units



➤ Focus

- Improve ballot delivery and return times
- Reduce voter error; easy voter use
- Tailor to State requirements
- All available through FVAP.gov

➤ Tools

- Online FPCA
 - Online FWAB
 - Online markable full ballot
 - Electronic Absentee Voting Demonstration & Pilot Programs
- } All use hard-copy print-out, wet signature, postal return

Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) Wizard

Federal Voting Assistance Program – FPCA Wizard

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

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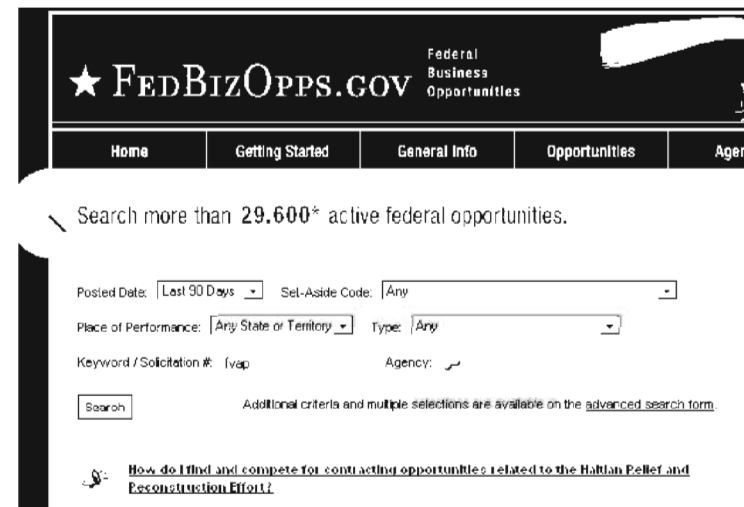
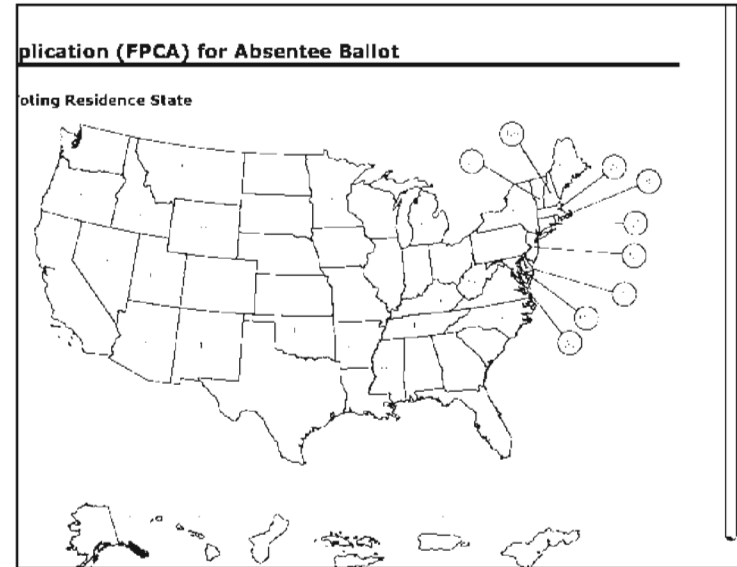


Also a Federal Candidate online FWAB

- Auto Ballot population with federal candidates by voting residence
- Online ballot marking, hard-copy wet signature, postal return

Ballot Delivery and Marking Wizard

- **FVAP Supported** = federal funding
- **Vendor Provided** = Existing technology deployment, multiple available vendors
- **State Decided** = State say in vendor and ballot;
 - MOVE Act compliant
 - VR/EMS Integration requirements
 - Common Data Format support
- **Voter Adopted** = seamless, intuitive, and transparent process
- **RFQ Issued 16 March 2010**



Demonstration & Pilot Projects

- **DoD required by law to conduct electronic absentee voting demonstration project**
 - Uniformed services only
 - Statistical significant level
 - DoD can wait for EAC certified guidelines
 - Congressional intent is for remote PC-based system
 - Kiosk Pilot Program
 - FVAP-EAC-NIST Roadmap

- **Pilot Programs**
 - Authorized, but not funded by MOVE Act
 - Ballot Delivery and Marking Wizard is also a Pilot
 - Will evaluate first set of pilot program(s) after Wizards launched

Electronic Absentee Voting Guideline Roadmap (1)

GAO Guidance

- FVAP & EAC need detailed plans
- Necessary plan elements:
 - results-oriented action plan
 - goals, tasks, milestones, time frames, and contingencies
- FVAP-EAC Memorandum of Understanding
- EAC-NIST Interagency Agreement
- MOVE Act also requires EAC to develop detailed timeline for development of electronic absentee ballot guidelines

Risk = % x impact

- Acceptable risk level policy decision already made
 - It **IS** the current voting system
 - Accepts 1/3 of absentee ballots never returned
- We should accept equivalent risk in new UOCAVA systems
 - May have different probability or impact
 - Can reduce probability and/or mitigate impact
 - Goal is to keep risk level at least the same, if not better

Electronic Absentee Voting Guideline Roadmap (2)

Define the Risk

- Use the EAC Risk Assessment Tool
- Evaluate the postal mail UOCAVA absentee ballot system as the baseline

Establish Properties

- What “properties” are necessary for an electronic absentee voting system?
- To achieve the same level of risk as current system
- Even if DON’T believe Properties are technologically feasible

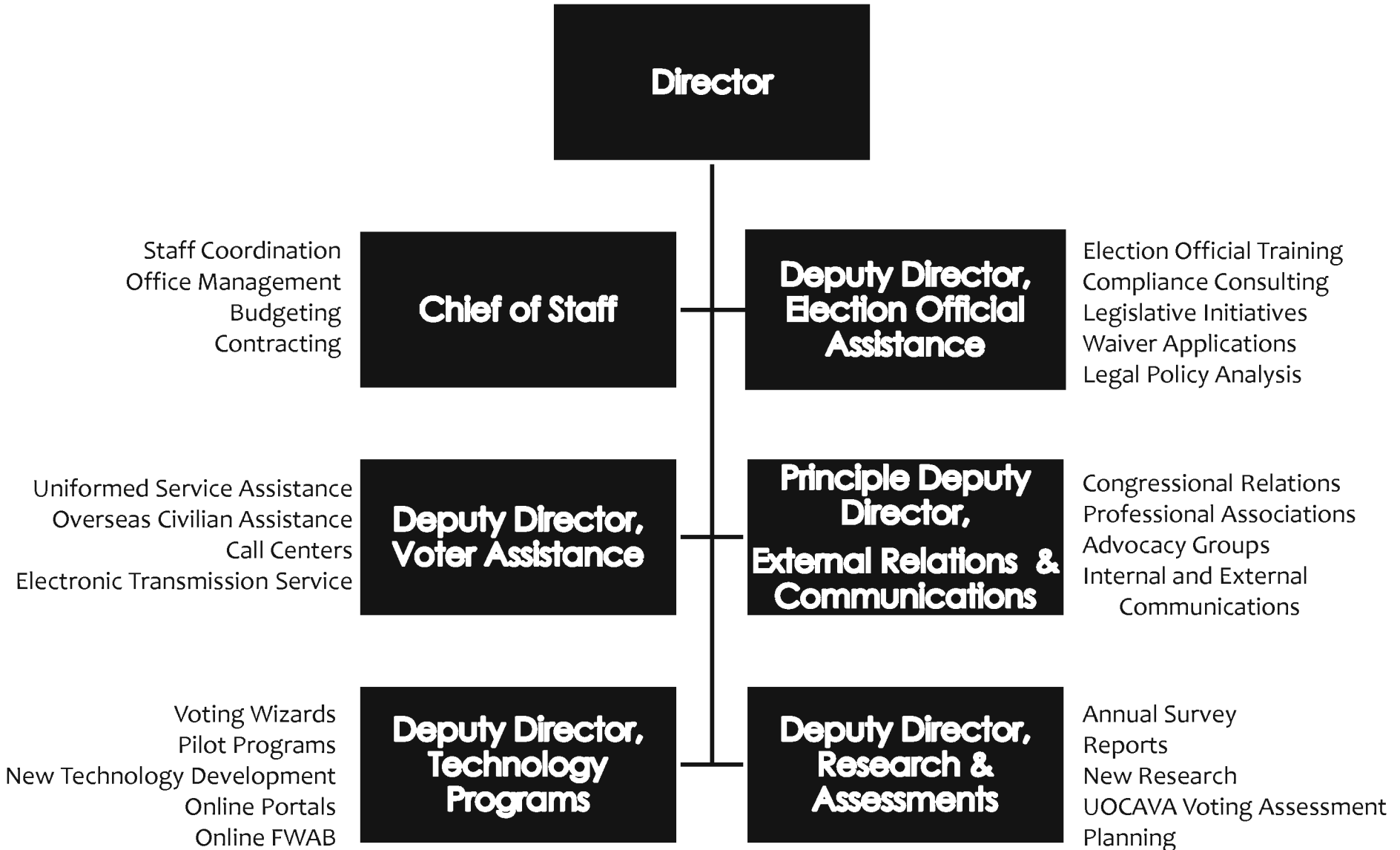
Establish Interim Pilots

- Integrate current work
- **Failure is probative**
- Develop decision points for iterative development
- If possible, attach dates for those decision points and milestones

- **Election Officials are an FVAP Customer too**
 - Voters need election officials to accept FVAP tools and recommendations
 - Small population, high cost, exceptional visibility

- **Specific Assistance Initiatives**
 - Legislative Initiatives
 - Recommendations
 - Legislative assistance
 - State-by-State Index
 - Direct training
 - Compliance assistance
 - Interpretive memos
 - Access to call center, help desk, and FVAP trouble shooting
 - Tools
 - Wizard is tailored State tailorable
 - Common data format development

FVAP Reorganization





FEDERAL VOTING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

FVAP is Hiring!

http://usajobs.gov/

Latest Headlines | Customize Links | Free Hotmail | Windows Marketplace | Windows Media | Windows

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FVAP Where: (city, state or zip code) [Browse Jobs >](#) [Advanced/International Search >](#)

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State Legislative Initiatives

➤ State-by-State Index

- 0-100 scale
- Measures FVAP success in convincing States to adopt Legislative Initiatives
 - **0-50 – Unsuccessful**
 - 50-75 – Partially Successful
 - **75-100 – Successful**
 - **National Average = 53%**

➤ Scores weighted on Where Voting Failure Occurs

- Greatest Scores given to areas with greatest impact on most significant failure
- 45-day prior = 30 points
- Email/online = 30 points
- Universal FWAB = 20 points

Legislative Initiative	Uniformed Services Weighting	Overseas Citizens Weighting
45 Day Transit Time	30	30
Electronic Transmission	30	30
FWAB	20	20
Late Registration	7	4
Emergency Authority	7	5
Elimination of Notary/Witness	4	8
Never Resided in U.S.	2	3
Uniform Law Commission	0*	0*

FVAP would score itself as successful for States:

- 45-day prior ballot delivery,
- email/online transmission of blank ballots,
- allows the FWAB for all elections

- **FVAP Post-Election Survey Improvements**
 - Status of Forces Survey methodology
 - Develop trust in our methodology
 - Conduct every election cycle, not just Presidential
 - Integrate with EAC Post-Election Survey

- **More Research**
 - Attempt to define the overseas civilian population
 - Inside out?
 - Build from known populations
 - Partner with overseas American groups
 - Specify the UOCAVA voter distribution
 - ~85% of UOCAVA ballots transmitted by 100,000+ LEOs
 - Specify by municipality
 - Adjust prior year surveys

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Eighteenth Report and Data

In preparation for the 2008 Post Election Survey, FVAP and DMDC contracted with Westat and DRC to review the 2004 Post Election Surveys. Below are the reports produced as a result of the focus groups, questionnaire appraisal, and methods review. FVAP used the results to improve the 2008 methods and questionnaires.

Methods Review

Cognitive Reviews of Questionnaires

Military Survey Usability Testing

The Eighteenth Report covers the 2008 election cycle. The surveys and data for the following populations can be seen below:

[18th Report Introduction](#)

[DMDC Note Comparing 2004 and 2008 Statistical Methods](#)

[UVAO Questionnaire](#)

[UVAO Statistical Methods Report](#)

[DOS Voting Assistance Officers Questionnaire](#)

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- **<2004 FVAP Surveys fundamentally flawed**
- **2008 Survey attempted to correct those flaws**
- **Use the DMDC Status of Forces Survey**
- **2010 improvements**
 - **Spouses**
 - **Non-Response Analysis**
 - **Adjust prior surveys**
 - **LEO Census**

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or agency web pages that allow you to mine datasets.

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Federal Employees Overseas Absentee Voting Post Election Survey FVAP post election survey of DoD civilian employees overseas	★★ (3 votes)	DOD						
Military Voting Assistance Officers Post Election Survey FVAP post election survey of unit voting assistance officers in all branches of the Uniformed Services CONUS/DCONUS.	★★★ (2 votes)	DOD						
Department of State Voting Assistance Officers Post Election Survey FVAP post election survey of department of state voting assistance officers.	★ (1 votes)	DOD						
Uniformed Services Absentee Voting Post Election Survey FVAP post election survey of active duty members and full-time active reservists who are US citizens w/more than 4 months of service. Spouses and children of military me...	★ (3 votes)	DOD						
Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Post Election Survey FVAP post election survey of american citizens residing overseas, including students, but not tourists or those included in the Federal employees overseas population	★★★★★ (1 votes)	DOD						
Local Election Officials Post Election Survey on Military and								

FVAP Metrics

Voting Assistance Metrics

- Assignment and training of VAOs
- Form & materials distribution collection
- Communications to Voters
- Spouse & Dependent Outreach Programs
- Individual Voter Awareness
 - Forms
 - Rights
 - Resources

Program Metrics

- Develop an FVAP Assessment Program
- Director, FVAP Performance Plan:
 - UOCAVA Voter Success Rate
 - Implementation of MOVE Act
 - Deployment of Voter Tools



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MOVE Act: Federal Requirements

➤ More online tools

- FWAB
 - Federal Candidate list
 - Requires States accept for LEOs?
- State UOCAVA Election Official and Electronic Communications Address Database
- Online Voter Portals

➤ Expedited ballot return

- Overseas Uniformed Services Personnel
- Sent NLT 7 days prior to election; Free
- Working with MPSA to coordinate with tracking system and possibly integrate with State requirements

➤ Expanded voter outreach

- Installation Voting Assistance Offices
- Advertising and communications
 - Online FWAB
 - 30, 60, 90 day prior notices

➤ Improved data collection

- Coordinate with States and EAC
- Covers Election Day Survey info
- Online repository

➤ Reports

- Voting Assistance Program analysis and plan
- MOVE Act implementation
- Annual survey and overall effectiveness
- DOJ on enforcement
- EAC and NIST on Internet Voting Standards

MOVE Act: State Requirements

- **Transmit ballots 45 days prior to election**
 - Waivers allowed by Secretary of Defense, ICW Attorney General
 - Not perpetual – apply every election
 - Need to show adequate time available for voters
- **Transmit ballots electronically**
 - Does not define electronically
 - Fax alone provides little help to military voters
- **Accept Federal Write-In Absentee Ballots for all federal elections**
 - Continued usefulness of SWABs?
 - FVAP encourages universal adoption of FWAB
- **Free Online Ballot Receipt System**
- **Cannot require notary**

FVAP 2010 Initiatives

**Technical Guidelines Development Committee
NIST-EAC
July 8th, 2010**

The Problem is Ballot Return

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

➤ **Absentee Ballot Return Rates:**

- 91% = General Population
- 67% = UOCAVA voters

▪ **Absentee Ballot Delivery Failure Also Problem**

- 9% military ballots misaddressed
- 6% returned as undeliverable
- 17% of military requesting absentee ballots never received it

2008 General Election Results – Military Voters		
Stage of voting process	Number of additional failures over general voting population	% of total failure
Registration Failure	3,936	1.4%
Ballot Delivery Failure	20,064	6.9%
Ballot Return Failure	213,779	74.0%
Ballot Casting Failure	51,283	17.7%
Total	289,062	

FVAP Key Initiatives

- **Direct to the Voter Assistance**
 - Eliminate much of the need for Voting Assistance Officers
 - Make the process easy, quick, intuitive and seamless
 - Communicate in effective terms and modes
- **Expanded Assistance for Election Officials:**
 - Provide voters tools that States will use
 - Assist in compliance
- **Transparency and Data-Driven Operations:**
 - Improve Post-Election Surveys to correct incorrect policies based on poor data
 - Post all data and methodology online
 - .Combine data collection with EAC

Leverage Technology

➤ Focus

- Improve ballot delivery and return times
 - 30 milliseconds to voter, not 30 days
 - 45 days prior (MOVE Act)
 - <7 days back from voter
- Reduce voter error; easy voter use
- Tailor to State requirements
- All available through FVAP.gov

➤ Tools

- Online FPCA
 - Online FWAB
 - Online markable full ballot
 - Electronic Absentee Voting Demonstration & Pilot Programs
- } **All use hard-copy print-out, wet signature, postal return**

Online Tools

Registration Wizard

- All States
- Ready to Launch
- Online registration and absentee ballot request
- Only have to know addresses and personal information
- Automatically completes all forms
- Provides complete instructions, pre-addressed envelopes
- Print out, sign, send in by mail

Full Ballot Wizard

- 20 States
- In contracting
 - Test June, July, August
 - Online NLT 18 Sep 10
- Online delivery of blank ballot
- Online marking for ALL races and candidates
 - Federal, State and local elections
 - By precinct
- Provides complete instructions, pre-addressed envelopes
- Print out, sign, send in by mail

Back-Up Ballot Wizard

- All States
- Ready July 2010
- Online marking for Federal races and candidates
 - By Congressional District
 - Allows for additional write-ins for State and local if allowed by State
- Provides complete instructions, pre-addressed envelopes
- Print out, sign, send in by mail

Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) for Absentee Ballot

Complete the Form

Eligibility

State

Jurisdiction

My Information

Voting Residence

Mailing Address

Method to Send Form

Method To Receive Ballot

Additional Information

Print and Finish

Absentee Ballot Eligibility

- I am a member of the uniformed services or merchant marine on active duty, or an eligible spouse or dependent living either in the U.S. or overseas.
- I am a U.S. citizen residing outside the U.S. or overseas.
- I am a U.S. citizen residing outside the U.S. indefinitely and my intent to remain may not be certain.

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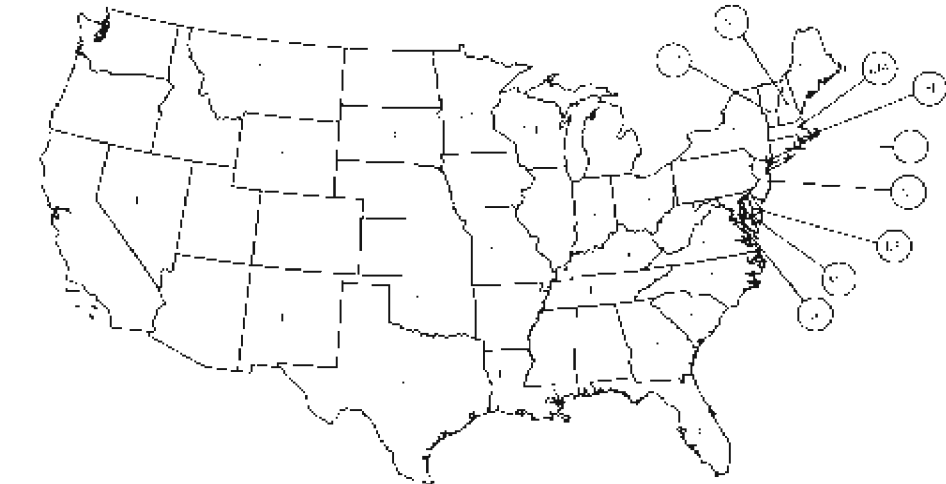
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Uniformed Services Member

Voting Residence State

State (required):



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Uniformed Services Member > Washington

Jurisdiction

Select your voting jurisdiction for

Washington (required)

You can find help in determining your jurisdiction by visiting the [Washington Election Website](#).

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State-specific election dates / info

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

Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) for Absentee Ballot

Complete the Form

Uniformed Services Member > Washington > King

Eligibility

State

Jurisdiction

My Information

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Method To Receive Ballot

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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) - - 1234 ↕

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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Method to Send Form

Indicate how you would like to send the form to your local election office.

(required) 

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Fax

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Additional Information

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Method to Receive Ballot

Indicate how you would like to receive the blank ballot from your local election office.

Selected 

Email

Mail

Fax

State Write-in Ballot

I am unable to vote and return a regular absentee ballot by normal mail delivery within the time provided for regular absentee ballots. I request a special write-in absentee ballot.

Please specify the reason you are requesting a write-in ballot.

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- Voting City/Town/Village is missing on the [Voting Residence](#) page
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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.

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

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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:

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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 Case
 NAVCENT FSC
 FPO AE 6924-678



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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, please make and seal before mailing. **WARNING:** Knowingly providing false information in this application could result in criminal sanctions.

2010-11-17 10:28:00 AM

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

1. REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR ALL ELECTIONS IN WHICH YOU ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AND YOU REQUEST ONE:

I am a member of the Uniformed Services of Former Participants in Overseas Ballot Casting Outside the United States Program.

I am a member of the Overseas Military Installations Voting Assistance Program.

I am a citizen of the United States living outside the United States.

2. MY INFORMATION (Required):

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) Casey Robert Harrison		DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY) 03/01/1961	LOCAL ELECTION JURISDICTION (City, County, State) King WA 98503
HOME PHONE (Area Code and Number) 701-588-8118	CELL PHONE (Area Code and Number) 701-588-8118	MAILING ADDRESS (Street, Apt. No., Box, P.O. No., City, State, ZIP+4) NAVFAC FSC FPO AE 6924-678	

3. MY VOTING RESIDENCE ADDRESS (Required):

33 Rockingham Lane
 Seattle WA 98503

4. WHERE TO SEND MY VOTING MATERIALS:

MAILING ADDRESS (Street, Apt. No., Box, P.O. No., City, State, ZIP+4)
 NAVFAC FSC
 FPO AE 6924-678

5. MY POLITICAL PARTY PREFERENCE (Optional): Dem Rep Other

6. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: (I will sign the ballot for which you wish to receive a ballot and instructions for how to cast your ballot. I declare the Voting Assistance Guide for Overseas Participants is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.)

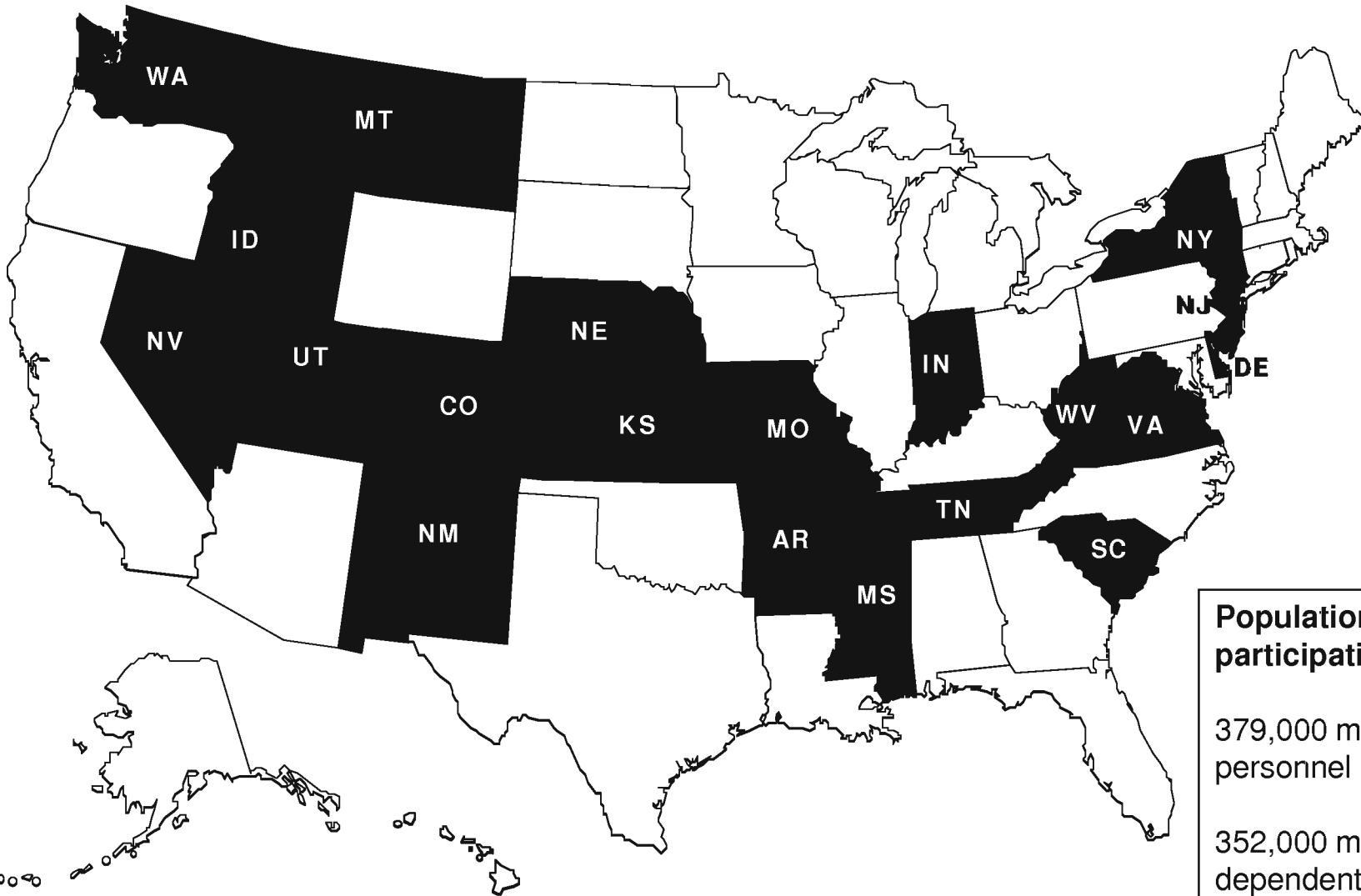
7. ATTENTION (Required):

I am a member of the Uniformed Services of Former Participants in Overseas Ballot Casting Outside the United States Program, or I am a member of the Overseas Military Installations Voting Assistance Program, or I am a citizen of the United States living outside the United States, and I have not been convicted of a felony or other disqualifying offense within the applicable state or federal jurisdiction, and I am not registering to receive a ballot or voting in any other jurisdiction in the U.S. and I am applying and will pay postage when I complete this document, and I understand that a material misstatement of fact in completion of this document may constitute grounds for denial of my ballot.

8. SIGNATURE (Required):

Print Name: _____ Date: _____

Online Full Ballot Wizard



Qualified Vendors
Aquilent
Credence Mgmt Solutions
Everyone Counts
Konnecth
Scytel
Vexcel

Population of 20 participating States:

379,000 military personnel (26%)

352,000 military dependents (34%)

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

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Military

Text:

No matter where you're stationed or deployed, you're never too far away to be heard. It's easy too. Just check out our simple online tools at fvap.gov or contact your Voting Assistance Office and send your vote back home. Where it belongs.



be absent but
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★ **SEND YOUR VOTE PACKING TODAY**

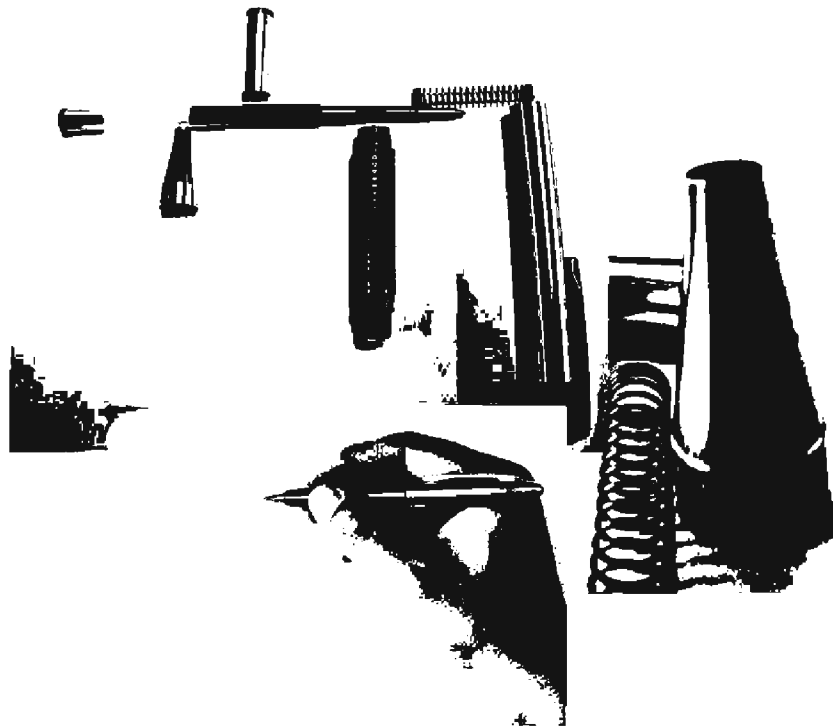
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Military TV spot

:30 TV

“Pen/Gun Assembly”



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**BE ABSENT BUT
ACCOUNTED FOR.**

Overseas Civilian

Text:

No matter where you are in the world, you're never too far away to be heard. It's easy too.

Just check out our simple online tools at fvap.gov or contact your U.S. Embassy or Consulate and send your vote back home. Where it belongs.



Don't be absent but

2008

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SEND YOUR VOTE PACKING TODAY

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No matter where you are in the world, you're never too far away to be heard. It's easy too. Just check out our simple online tools at fvap.gov or contact your U.S. Embassy or Consulate and send your vote back home. Where it belongs.

Civilian/Spouse TV spot



:30 TV

“Ballot/Paper Airplane”



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ACCOUNTED FOR.**

- Email alerts/RSS Feed
- Facebook
- Twitter
- LinkedIn
- MeetUp
- Earned Media

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 800.423.6849 | www.fvap.gov

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Absentee Voting Overview

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To Vote Absentee, Start By Telling Us Who You Are

Election Countdown
228 Days

I am a uniformed service member or a family member.

I am a UOCAVA voter living overseas.

Voting Updates

Facebook Twitter YouTube

FVAP Social Media

<https://twitter.com/FVAP>



Hey there! **FVAP** is using Twitter.

Twitter is a free service that lets you keep in touch with people through the exchange of quick, frequent answers to one simple question: What's happening? **Join today** to start receiving **FVAP's** tweets.



Are you new to social networking?
Don't forget about OPSEC!! Get
some basic traing -
<http://www.stratcom.mil/snstraining/index.html>

DoD has new policy on social media? Talk to leadership if you're still having problems accessing it-<http://tinyurl.com/ybykbt>

facebook

Keep me logged in [Forgot](#)

Email Password

Federal Voting Assistance Program, DoD is on Facebook
Sign up for Facebook to connect with Federal Voting Assistance Program, DoD.



Federal Voting Assistance Program, DoD

Wall Info Photos Discussions Boxes Video >>



Federal Voting Assistance Program, DoD Are you a voting assistance officer? What are some things an IG will look for when doing an inspection?

I'll start - continuity folder (<http://www.fvap.gov/vao/continuityfolder.html>)

If you do not have one, start one. Call FVAP if you need help or don't know where to start.

Federal Voting Assistance Program - Continuity Folder

Yesterday at 12:07pm Comment Like



Federal Voting Assistance Program, DoD Are you new to social networking? Don't forget about OPSEC!! Get some basic traing - <http://www.stratcom.mil/snstraining/index.html>

Social Network Training

Name FVAP
Location Arlington, VA
Web <http://www.fvap.gov>
Bio The Department of Defense Federal Voting Assistance Program - Supporting and facilitating military and overseas absentee voting.

77 following 173 followers 8 listed

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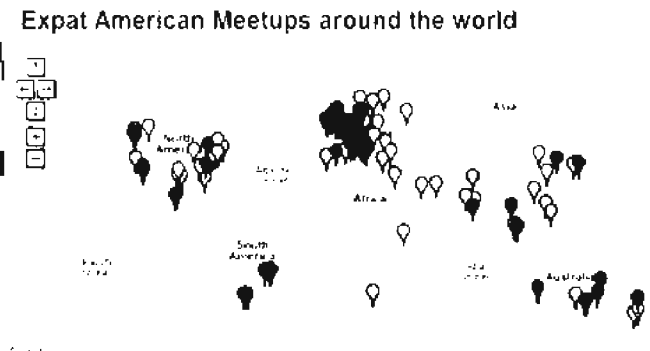
- **Digital/Online Media**

- Search engine ads
- Online gaming



- **Social Media (Voter & VAO Community Building)**

- Facebook
- Twitter
- MeetUp
- YouTube for spots and training videos





➤ Call Centers & Assistance

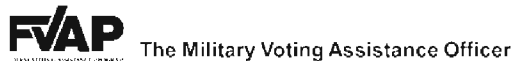
- Online chat capability
- 24/7 hours closer to election
- Direct assistance from FVAP

➤ Compliance Consulting

- MOVE Act compliance
- Registration and absentee ballot applications
- FWABs

➤ Ease Burdens

- Allow linking to FVAP tools
- Combine surveys with EAC



Creating an effective voting assistance plan:

- Display the 2010 Election Dates and motivational posters
- Reach out to younger citizens (18-24) who have statistically lower voter participation rates
- Include tenant organizations in your absentee voting activities, especially National Guard and Reserve Units



Demonstration & Pilot Projects

- **DoD required by law to conduct electronic absentee voting demonstration project**
 - 42 USC 1073ff note; 2002 and 2005 NDAA's
 - Mandates
 - Cast Ballots through electronic voting system
 - Only Uniformed services voters specified
 - States must agree to participate
 - Report afterwards

- **DoD allowed to wait for EAC certified guidelines**
 - EAC establishes guidelines
 - EAC also certifies it will assist in project
 - Different requirement than MOVE Act
 - DoD may further delay implementation

How Electronic Standards Development Should Be Framed

GAO Guidance

- FVAP & EAC need detailed plans
- Necessary plan elements:
 - results-oriented action plan
 - goals, tasks, milestones, time frames, and contingencies
- FVAP-EAC Memorandum of Understanding
- EAC-NIST Interagency Agreement
- MOVE Act also requires EAC to develop detailed timeline for development of electronic absentee ballot guidelines

Risk = % x impact

- Acceptable risk level policy decision already made
 - It **IS** the current voting system
 - Accepts 1/3 of absentee ballots never returned
- We should accept equivalent risk in new UOCAVA systems
 - May have different probability or impact
 - Can reduce probability and/or mitigate impact
 - Goal is to keep risk level at least the same, if not better

Path Forward

Define the Risk

- Use the EAC Risk Assessment Tool & NIST IT Risk Assessment Tools
- Evaluate the postal mail UOCAVA absentee ballot system as the baseline
- Develop comparable measures for other voting systems

Establish Properties

- What “properties” are necessary for an electronic absentee voting system?
- To achieve the same level of risk as current system
- Even if DON’T believe Properties are technologically feasible

Establish Interim Pilots

- Integrate current work
- **Also examine national level threat risks**
- Develop decision points for iterative development
- If possible, attach dates for those decision points and milestones



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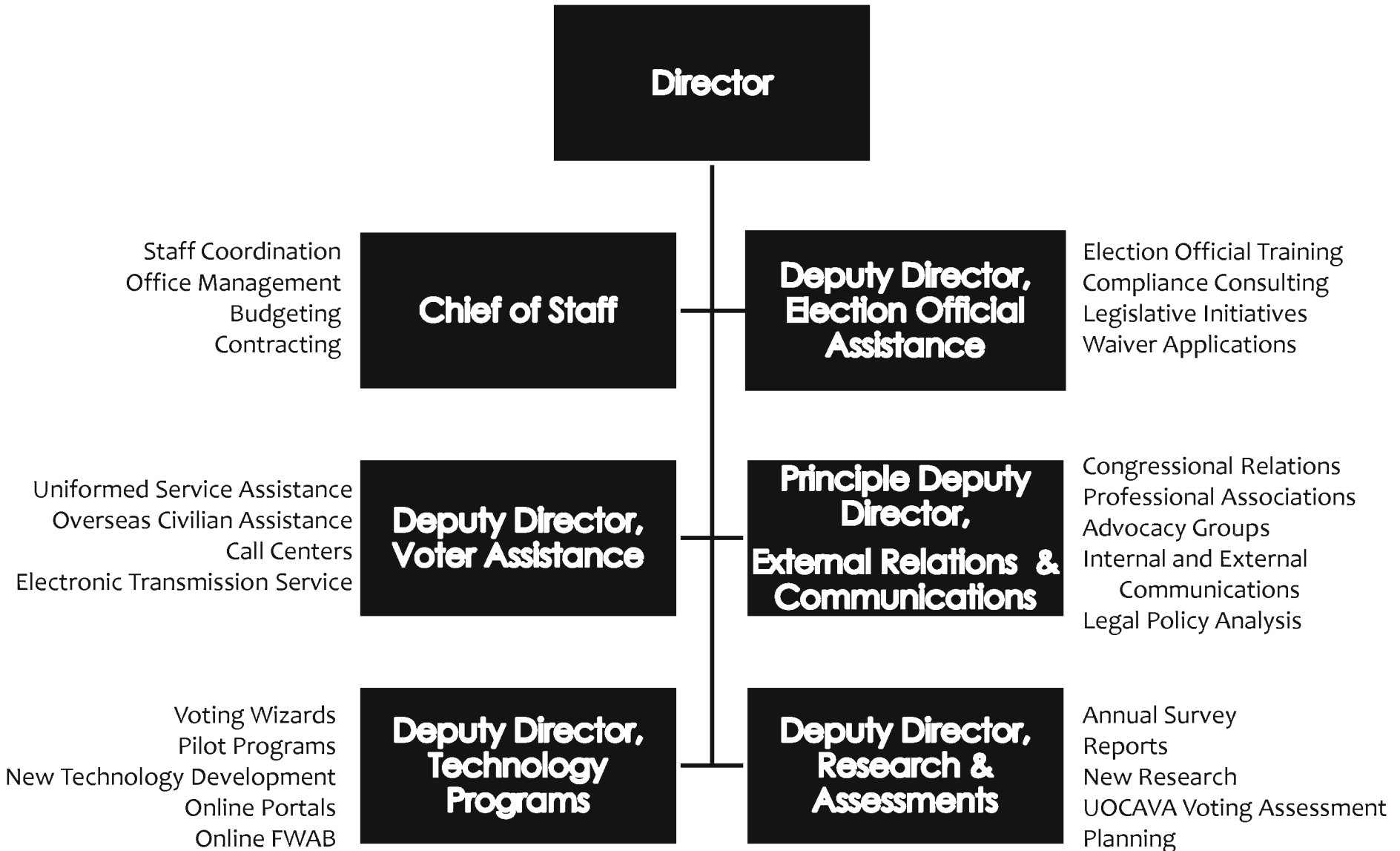
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FVAP Reorganization



State Legislative Initiatives

Legislative Initiative	Uniformed Services Weighting	Overseas Citizens Weighting
45 Day Transit Time	30	30
Electronic Transmission	30	30
FWAB	20	20
Late Registration	7	4
Emergency Authority	7	5
Elimination of Notary/Witness	4	8
Never Resided in U.S.	2	3
Uniform Law Commission	0*	0*

FVAP would score itself as successful for States:

- 45-day prior ballot delivery,
- email/online transmission of blank ballots,
- allows the FWAB for all elections

➤ State-by-State Index

- 0-100 scale
- Measures FVAP success in convincing States to adopt Legislative Initiatives
 - **0-50 – Unsuccessful**
 - 50-75 – *Unsure*
 - **75-100 – Successful**
 - **National Average = 53%**

➤ Scores weighted on Where Voting Failure Occurs

- Greatest Scores given to areas with greatest impact on most significant failure
- 45-day prior = 30 points
- Email/online = 30 points
- Universal FWAB = 20 points

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.**

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Location Arlington, VA
Web <http://www.fvap.gov>
Bio Supporting and facilitating military and overseas absentee voting.

40 following 25 followers 0 listed

Don't forget- Military must submit new FPCAs: <http://www.fvap.gov/resources/media/miltimes1.pdf>

Find out more: <http://www.fvap.gov/ocit/ocitfpca/ocitfpca-de.html>



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Following

Request your ballot NOW for Feb 2 special primary in Florida's 19th District: <http://www.fvap.gov/global/news/nr21-2009.html>

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Helping FVAP:

- Understand what the voter wants & needs
- Develop strategy to maximize use of our services
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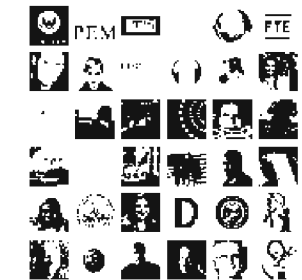
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FVAP 2010 Initiatives

**Technical Guidelines Development Committee
NIST-EAC
July 8th, 2010**

The Problem is Ballot Return

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

➤ **Absentee Ballot Return Rates:**

- 91% = General Population
- 67% = UOCAVA voters

▪ **Absentee Ballot Delivery Failure Also Problem**

- 9% military ballots misaddressed
- 6% returned as undeliverable
- 17% of military requesting absentee ballots never received it

2008 General Election Results – Military Voters		
Stage of voting process	Number of additional failures over general voting population	% of total failure
Registration Failure	3,936	1.4%
Ballot Delivery Failure	20,064	6.9%
Ballot Return Failure	213,779	74.0%
Ballot Casting Failure	51,283	17.7%
Total	289,062	

FVAP Key Initiatives

- **Direct to the Voter Assistance**
 - Eliminate much of the need for Voting Assistance Officers
 - Make the process easy, quick, intuitive and seamless
 - Communicate in effective terms and modes
- **Expanded Assistance for Election Officials:**
 - Provide voters tools that States will use
 - Assist in compliance
- **Transparency and Data-Driven Operations:**
 - Improve Post-Election Surveys to correct incorrect policies based on poor data
 - Post all data and methodology online
 - .Combine data collection with EAC

Leverage Technology

➤ Focus

- Improve ballot delivery and return times
 - 30 milliseconds to voter, not 30 days
 - 45 days prior (MOVE Act)
 - <7 days back from voter
- Reduce voter error; easy voter use
- Tailor to State requirements
- All available through FVAP.gov

➤ Tools

- Online FPCA
 - Online FWAB
 - Online markable full ballot
 - Electronic Absentee Voting Demonstration & Pilot Programs
- } **All use hard-copy print-out,
wet signature, postal return**

Online Tools

Registration Wizard

- All States
- Ready to Launch
- Online registration and absentee ballot request
- Only have to know addresses and personal information
- Automatically completes all forms
- Provides complete instructions, pre-addressed envelopes
- Print out, sign, send in by mail

Full Ballot Wizard

- 20 States
- In contracting
 - Test June, July, August
 - Online NLT 18 Sep 10
- Online delivery of blank ballot
- Online marking for ALL races and candidates
 - Federal, State and local elections
 - By precinct
- Provides complete instructions, pre-addressed envelopes
- Print out, sign, send in by mail

Back-Up Ballot Wizard

- All States
- Ready July 2010
- Online marking for Federal races and candidates
 - By Congressional District
 - Allows for additional write-ins for State and local if allowed by State
- Provides complete instructions, pre-addressed envelopes
- Print out, sign, send in by mail



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Voting Residence

Mailing Address

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Additional Information

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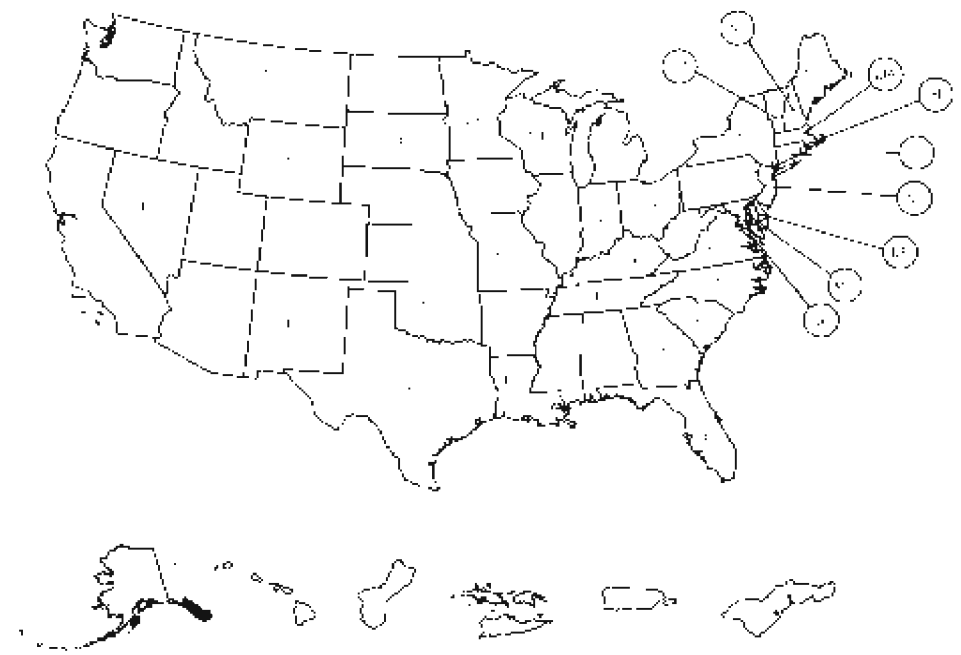
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 Voting Residence State
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Uniformed Services Member > Washington

Jurisdiction

Select your voting jurisdiction for

Washington (required)

You can find help in determining your jurisdiction by visiting the [Washington Election Website](#).

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State-specific election dates / info

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

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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) - - 1234

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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Method to Receive Ballot

Indicate how you would like to receive the blank ballot from your local election office.

Selected 



Email



Mail



Fax



State Write-in Ballot

I am unable to vote and return a regular absentee ballot by normal mail delivery within the time provided for regular absentee ballots. I request a special write-in absentee ballot.

Please specify the reason you are requesting a write-in ballot.

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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.

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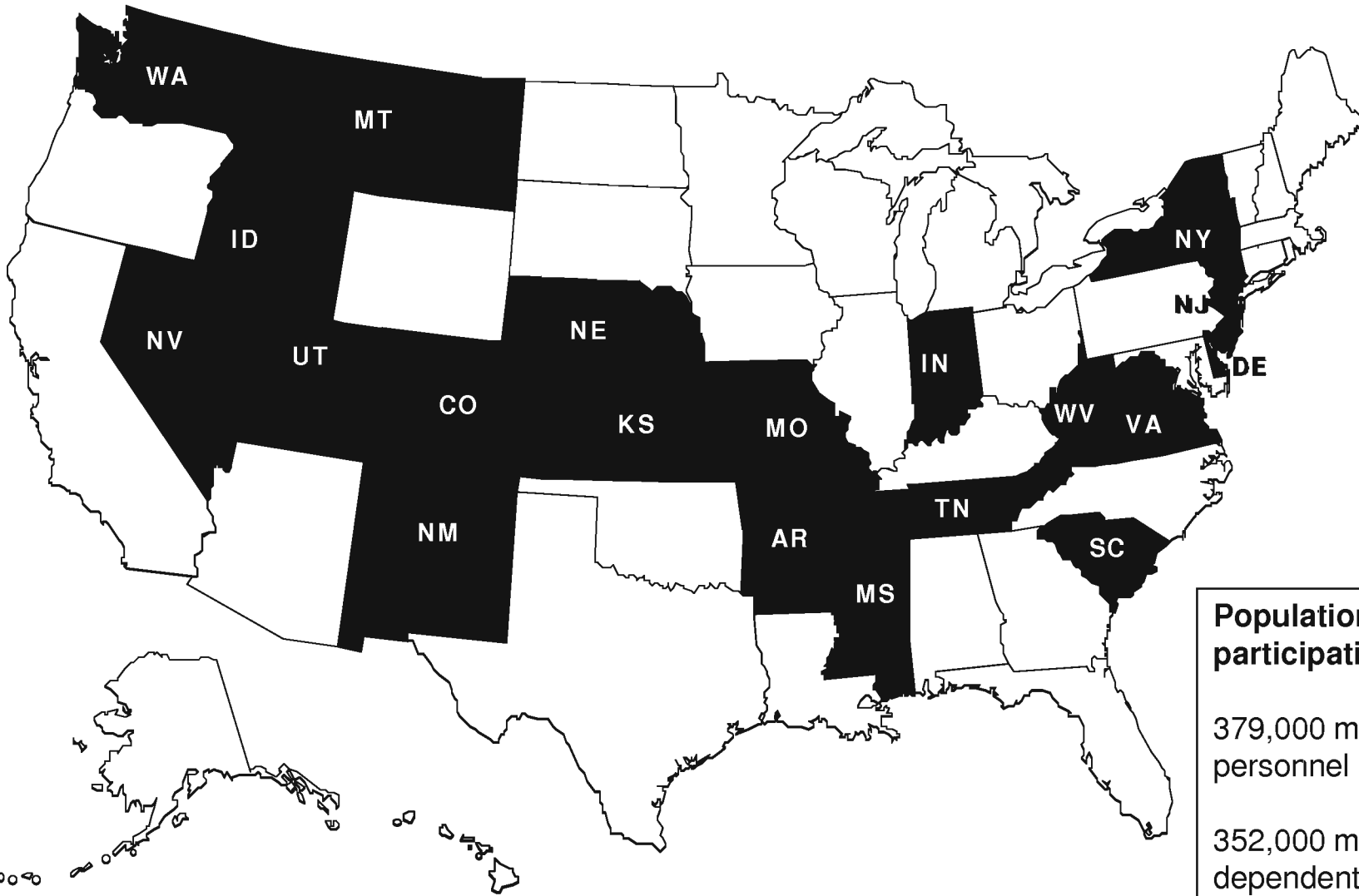
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Online Full Ballot Wizard



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Everyone Counts
Konnect
Scytel
Vexcel

Population of 20 participating States:

379,000 military personnel (26%)

352,000 military dependents (34%)

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

Military

Text:

No matter where you're stationed or deployed, you're never too far away to be heard. It's easy too. Just check out our simple online tools at fvap.gov or contact your Voting Assistance Office and send your vote back home. Where it belongs.



be absent but
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Military TV spot

:30 TV

“Pen/Gun Assembly”



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**BE ABSENT BUT
ACCOUNTED FOR.**

Overseas Civilian

Text:

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Civilian/Spouse TV spot



:30 TV

“Ballot/Paper Airplane”



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- Email alerts/RSS Feed
- Facebook
- Twitter
- LinkedIn
- MeetUp
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Absentee Voting Overview

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To Vote Absentee, Start By Telling Us Who You Are

Election Countdown
228 Days

I am a uniformed service member or a family member.

I am a UOCAVA voter living overseas.

Voting Updates

SEARCH

Facebook | Twitter | YouTube

FVAP Social Media

<https://twitter.com/FVAP>



Hey there! **FVAP** is using Twitter.

Twitter is a free service that lets you keep in touch with people through the exchange of quick, frequent answers to one simple question: What's happening? **Join today** to start receiving **FVAP's** tweets.



Are you new to social networking?
Don't forget about OPSEC!! Get
some basic traing -
<http://www.stratcom.mil/snstraining/index.html>

DoD has new policy on social media? Talk to leadership if you're still having problems accessing it-<http://tinyurl.com/ybykbt>

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Federal Voting Assistance Program, DoD is on Facebook
Sign up for Facebook to connect with Federal Voting Assistance Program, DoD.



Federal Voting Assistance Program, DoD

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Federal Voting Assistance Program, DoD Are you a voting assistance officer? What are some things an IG will look for when doing an inspection?

I'll start - continuity folder (<http://www.fvap.gov/vao/continuityfolder.html>)

If you do not have one, start one. Call FVAP if you need help or don't know where to start.

Federal Voting Assistance Program - Continuity Folder

Yesterday at 12:07pm Comment Like



Federal Voting Assistance Program, DoD Are you new to social networking? Don't forget about OPSEC!! Get some basic traing - <http://www.stratcom.mil/snstraining/index.html>

Social Network Training

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Other Communications

- **Digital/Online Media**

- Search engine ads
- Online gaming



- **Social Media (Voter & VAO Community Building)**

- Facebook
- Twitter
- MeetUp
- YouTube for spots and training videos



Expat American Meetups around the world





➤ Call Centers & Assistance

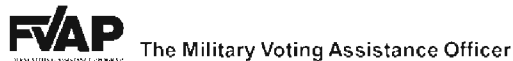
- Online chat capability
- 24/7 hours closer to election
- Direct assistance from FVAP

➤ Compliance Consulting

- MOVE Act compliance
- Registration and absentee ballot applications
- FWABs

➤ Ease Burdens

- Allow linking to FVAP tools
- Combine surveys with EAC



Creating an effective voting assistance plan:

- Display the 2010 Election Dates and motivational posters
- Reach out to younger citizens (18-24) who have statistically lower voter participation rates
- Include tenant organizations in your absentee voting activities, especially National Guard and Reserve Units



Demonstration & Pilot Projects

- **DoD required by law to conduct electronic absentee voting demonstration project**
 - 42 USC 1073ff note; 2002 and 2005 NDAA's
 - Mandates
 - Cast Ballots through electronic voting system
 - Only Uniformed services voters specified
 - States must agree to participate
 - Report afterwards

- **DoD allowed to wait for EAC certified guidelines**
 - EAC establishes guidelines
 - EAC also certifies it will assist in project
 - Different requirement than MOVE Act
 - DoD may further delay implementation

How Electronic Standards Development Should Be Framed

GAO Guidance

- FVAP & EAC need detailed plans
- Necessary plan elements:
 - results-oriented action plan
 - goals, tasks, milestones, time frames, and contingencies
- FVAP-EAC Memorandum of Understanding
- EAC-NIST Interagency Agreement
- MOVE Act also requires EAC to develop detailed timeline for development of electronic absentee ballot guidelines

Risk = % x impact

- Acceptable risk level policy decision already made
 - It **IS** the current voting system
 - Accepts 1/3 of absentee ballots never returned
- We should accept equivalent risk in new UOCAVA systems
 - May have different probability or impact
 - Can reduce probability and/or mitigate impact
 - Goal is to keep risk level at least the same, if not better

Path Forward

Define the Risk

- Use the EAC Risk Assessment Tool & NIST IT Risk Assessment Tools
- Evaluate the postal mail UOCAVA absentee ballot system as the baseline
- Develop comparable measures for other voting systems

Establish Properties

- What “properties” are necessary for an electronic absentee voting system?
- To achieve the same level of risk as current system
- Even if DON’T believe Properties are technologically feasible

Establish Interim Pilots

- Integrate current work
- **Also examine national level threat risks**
- Develop decision points for iterative development
- If possible, attach dates for those decision points and milestones



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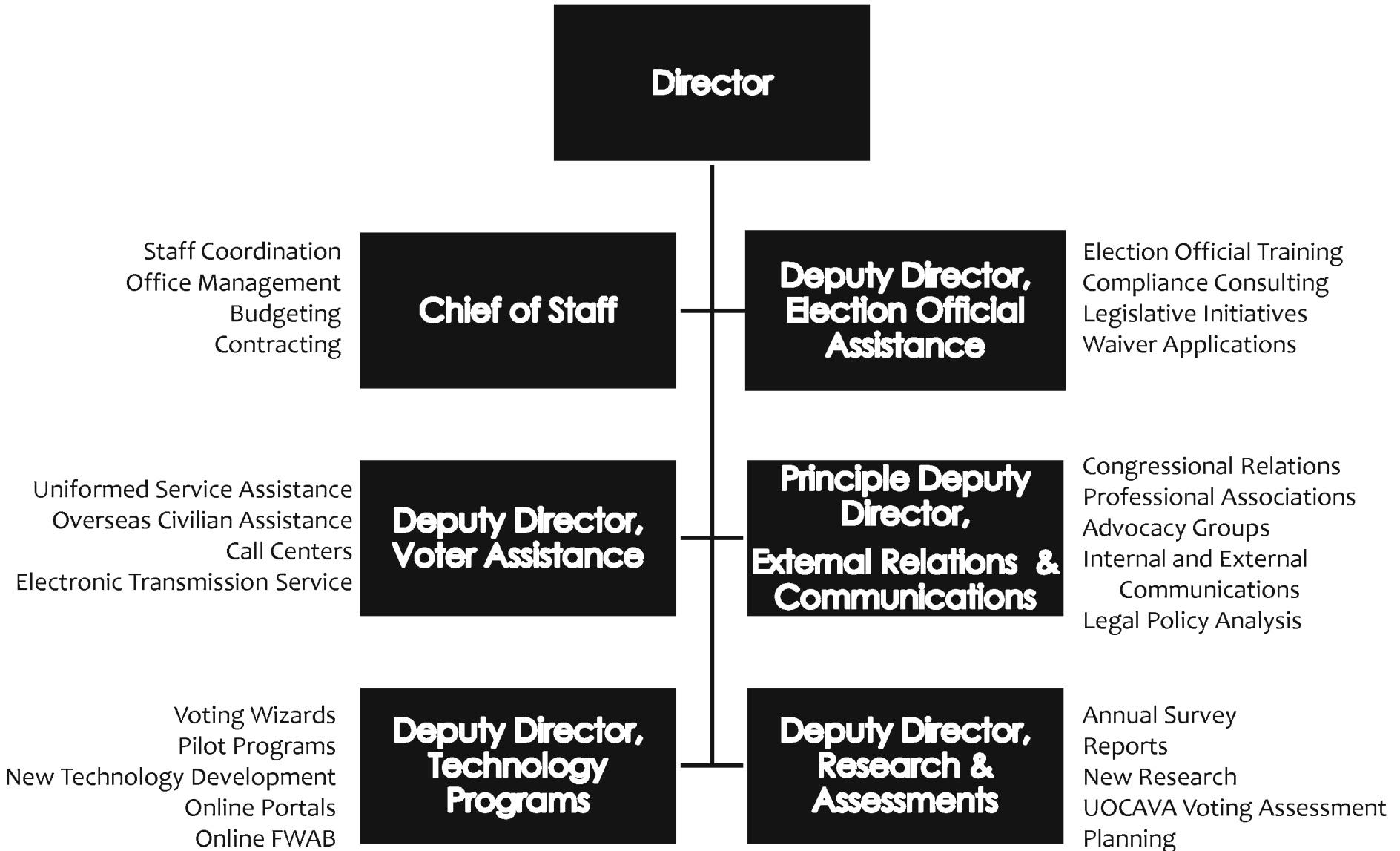
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State Legislative Initiatives

Legislative Initiative	Uniformed Services Weighting	Overseas Citizens Weighting
45 Day Transit Time	30	30
Electronic Transmission	30	30
FWAB	20	20
Late Registration	7	4
Emergency Authority	7	5
Elimination of Notary/Witness	4	8
Never Resided in U.S.	2	3
Uniform Law Commission	0*	0*

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➤ State-by-State Index

- 0-100 scale
- Measures FVAP success in convincing States to adopt Legislative Initiatives
 - **0-50 – Unsuccessful**
 - 50-75 – *Unsure*
 - **75-100 – Successful**
 - **National Average = 53%**

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 - Annually, odd years included
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Don't forget- Military must submit new FPCAs: <http://www.fvap.gov/resources/media/miltimes1.pdf>

Find out more: <http://www.fvap.gov/ocit/ocitfpca/ocitfpca-de.html>



FVAP_FL

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Request your ballot NOW for Feb 2 special primary in Florida's 19th District: <http://www.fvap.gov/global/news/nr21-2009.html>

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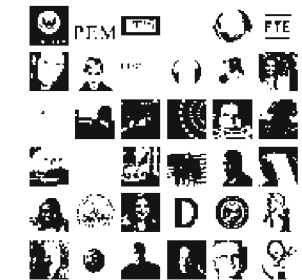
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Federal Voting Assistance Program Voting Initiatives and MOVE Act

**Joint Election Officials Liaison Committee
January 7th, 2010**

FVAP Mission

- **Assistance**: FVAP exists to help Uniformed Services personnel, their voting age dependents, and overseas civilian successfully exercise their right to vote in federal elections in order that they have an equal opportunity with the general population to vote and to have that vote counted.
- **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

- **1: UOCAVA voting success rates equal to or exceed general population rates**
 - Absentee ballot cast rate
 - Counted rate of those cast
 - FWAB utilization/success rate

- **2: UOCAVA voter participation rate equal to or exceed general population (age and gender adjusted)**

- **3: UOCAVA voter registration rate equal to or exceeds general population (age and gender adjusted)**
 - Compared to general population
 - Compared to desire to vote

- **4: Define the actual overseas citizen population**

MOVE Act: Federal Requirements

➤ More online tools

- FWAB
 - Federal Candidate list
 - Requires States accept for LEOs?
- State UOCAVA Election Official and Electronic Communications Address Database
- Online Voter Portals

➤ Expedited ballot return

- Overseas Uniformed Services Personnel
- Sent NLT 7 days prior to election; Free
- Working with MPSA to coordinate with tracking system and possibly integrate with State requirements

➤ Expanded voter outreach

- Installation Voting Assistance Offices
- Advertising and communications
 - Online FWAB
 - 30, 60, 90 day prior notices

➤ Improved data collection

- Coordinate with States and EAC
- Covers Election Day Survey info
- Online repository

➤ Reports

- Voting Assistance Program analysis and plan
- MOVE Act implementation
- Annual survey and overall effectiveness
- DOJ on enforcement
- EAC and NIST on Internet Voting Standards

FVAP Initiatives (1)

➤ **Better Addresses**

- New FPCA at each change of duty station
 - MOVE Act requirement
 - Already required by DoD instruction
- Direct assistance to LEOs on addresses
 - Online database access for correct addresses
 - FVAP coordination with Services and EOs to define key areas of improvement

➤ **Better Mail Delivery**

- Standard envelope development – to and from
- Assistance on free postage issues
- Expedited delivery procedures
- Online ballot tracking

FVAP Initiatives (2)

- **Direct-to-the-Voter Assistance Focus**
 - “TurboTax™/TaxCut™” the voting process with Wizards
 - Reduce need/reliance on Voting Assistance Officers
 - Call Center and Online Chat capability
 - Reformatted Voting Assistance Guide

- **Voting Wizards**
 - Online registration, absentee ballot application, ballot receipt and ballot marking wizards - Still requires hard-copy and wet signature for final delivery
 - Concept:
 - FVAP Supported = federal funding
 - Vendor Provided = COTS Technology deployment, choice of vendors
 - State Decided = State say in vendor and ballot; MOVE Act compliant
 - Voter Adopted = seamless, intuitive, and transparent process
 - RFI on the street, RFQ likely to follow

FVAP Initiatives (3)

➤ Better Data

- Quadrennial Survey
 - Sound methodology
 - More detailed analysis
 - Now every two years
 - Full census of LEOs

- Coordinating with EAC and academic community
 - Define data standards
 - Coordinate/combine reports
 - Solve key data problems

- Combine survey with EAC?
 - Survey instrument
 - Survey questions
 - Common sections

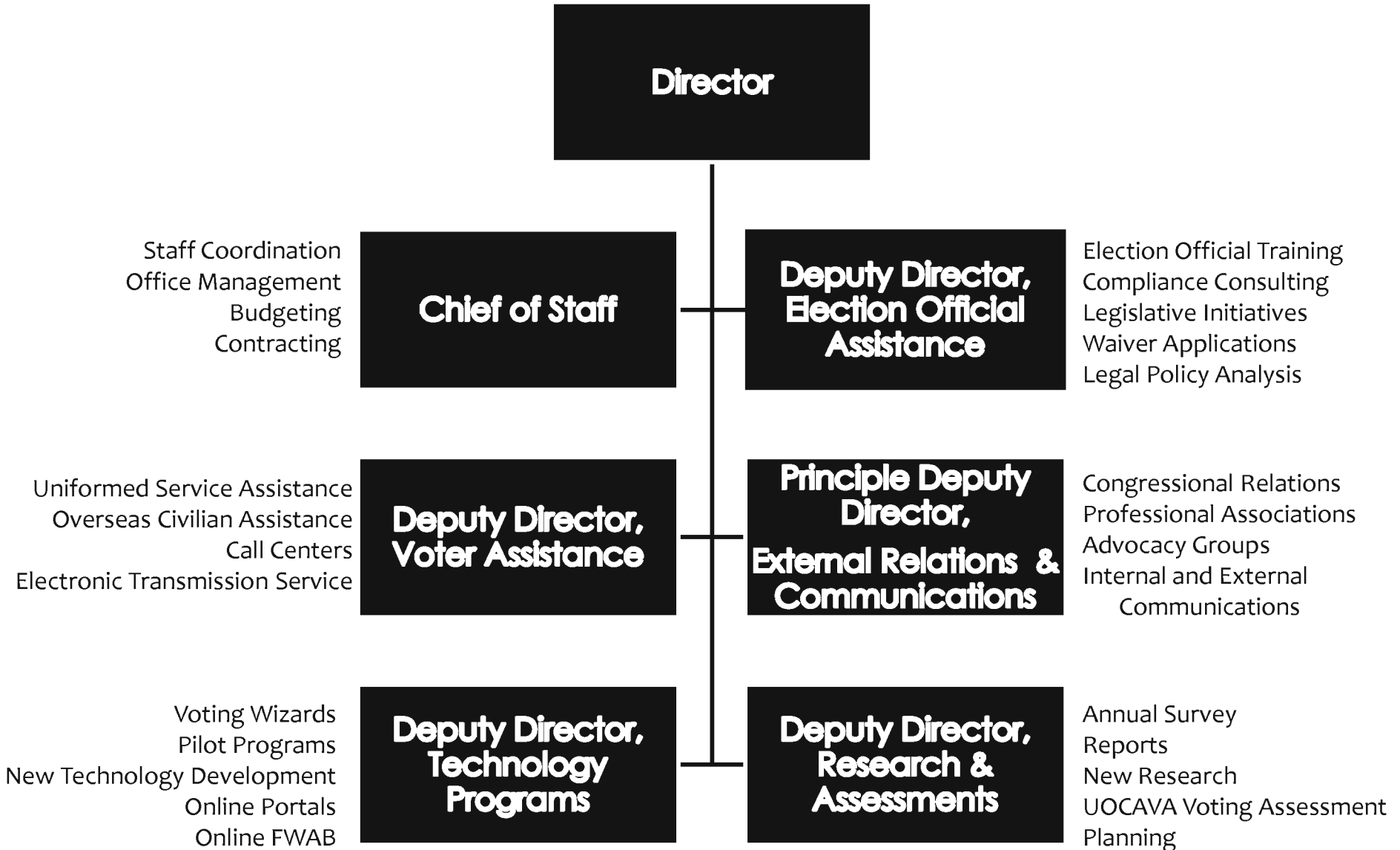
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- Provide greater services
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 - Workshops
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- Education and executive corrective action before enforcement

- State-by-State Index of Legislative Initiatives adoption

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Total	366,102	

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MOVE Act: State Requirements

- **Transmit ballots 45 days prior to election**
 - Waivers allowed by Secretary of Defense
 - Not perpetual
 - Need to show adequate time available for voters
- **Transmit ballots electronically**
 - Does not define electronically
 - Fax alone provides little help to military voters
- **Accept Federal Write-In Absentee Ballots for all federal elections**
 - Continued usefulness of SWABs?
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Voter Assistance Tools



**Congressional Military Family Caucus
Military Spouse Summit
Friday, April 23, 2010**

The Problem is Ballot Return

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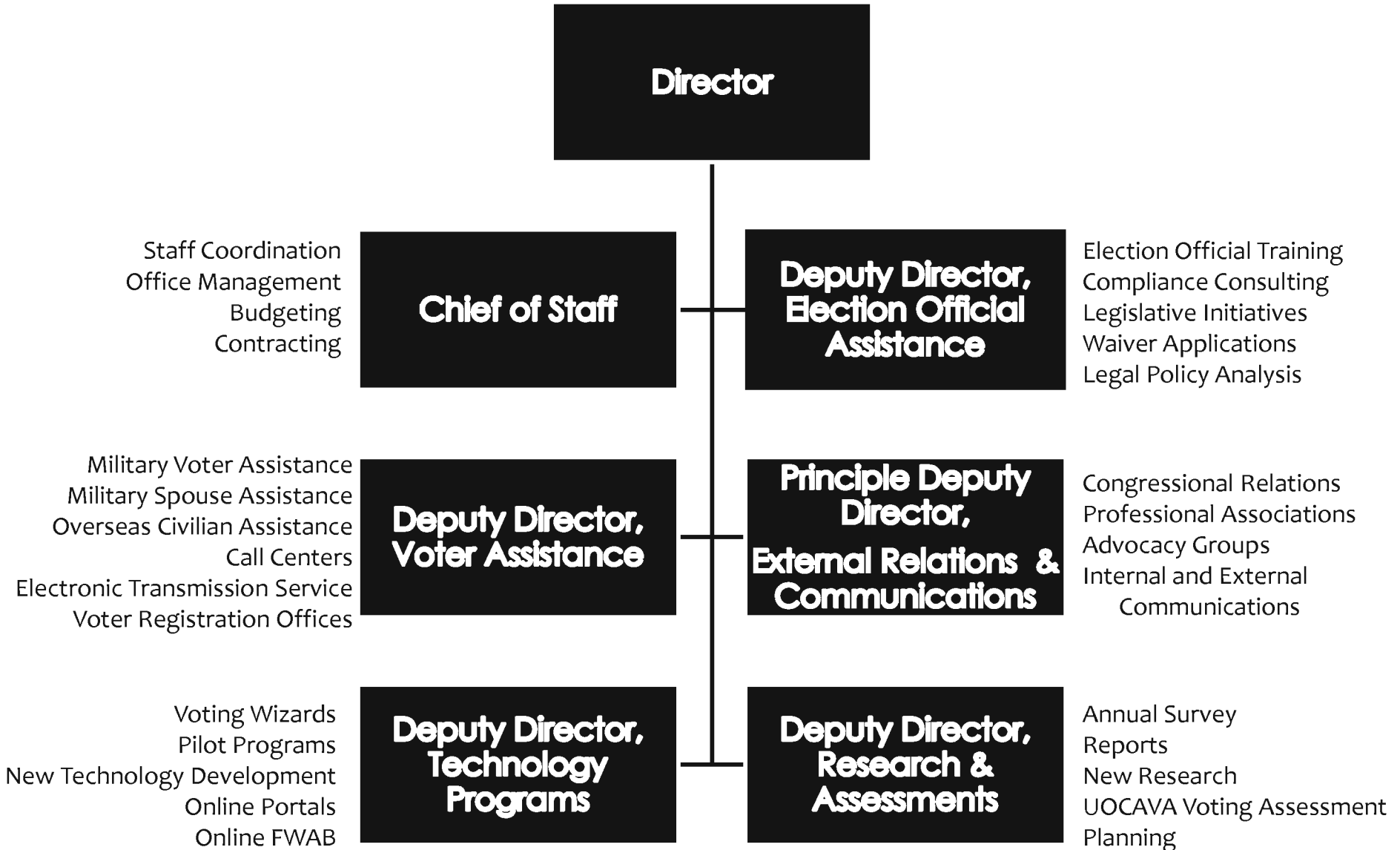
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State Street Address (required) |

Jurisdiction City, Town, or Village (required) |

My Information County (required) |

Voting Residence State (required) |

Mailing Address Zip Code (required) |

Method to Send Form If you have a Rural Route (R.R.) mailing address as your legal voting residence, you must provide detailed directions to the physical location.

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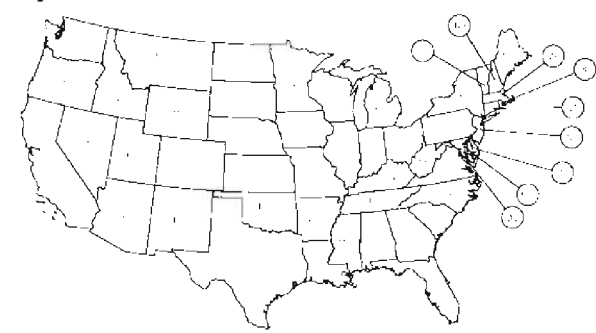
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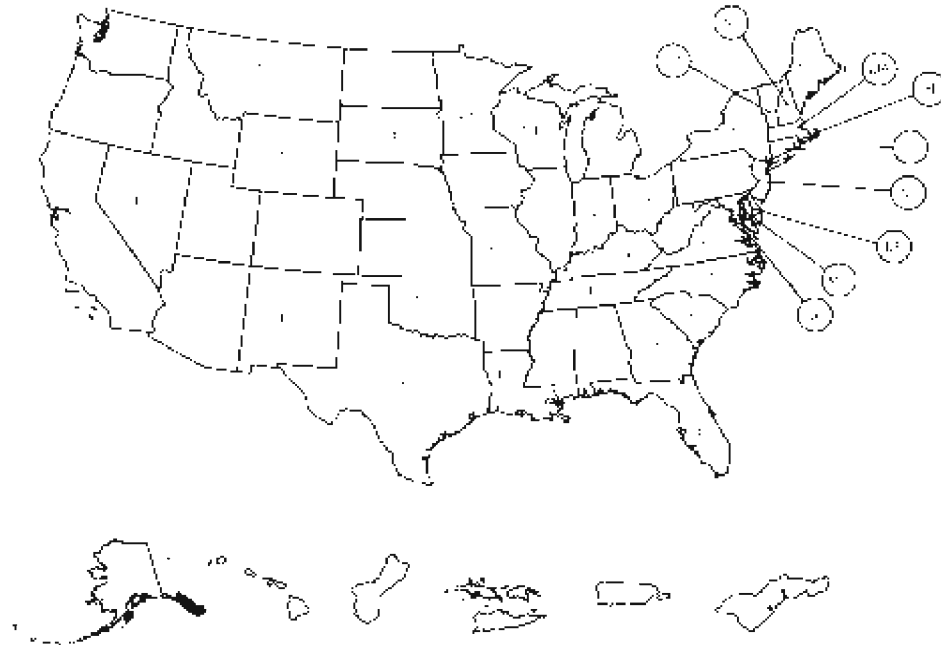
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My Information

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Last Name (required)

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Mailing Address

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Previous Name

Date of Birth (required) ↕

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Political Party ↕

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Social Security Number (required) - - 1234 ↕

Driver's License or ID Number (required) ↕

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State Write-in Ballot

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2. MY INFORMATION (Required)

3. TYPE OR PRINTED NAME (Last, First, Middle) 4. SUFFIX (Jr., Sr., III, etc.) 5. PREVIOUS NAME (if applicable)
 Carey, Robert, Harrison Jr.

6. SEX 7. RACE 8. DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY) 9. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER 10. STATE DRIVER'S LICENSE OR ID NUMBER
 M F 12021961 --- --- 1234 ---

11. TELEPHONE NUMBER (no DSN number - include all international prefixes) 12. FAX NUMBER (no DSN number - include all international prefixes)
 301-967-5543 301-234-5676

13. EMAIL ADDRESS
 Robert.Carey@fvap.gov

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

a. NUMBER AND STREET (Cannot be a P.O. Box)
 1234 River Road

b. CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE c. COUNTY d. STATE e. ZIP CODE
 Potomac Montgomery MD 20854 - 3962

4. WHERE TO SEND MY VOTING MATERIALS

a. MY CURRENT ADDRESS *(When two rows) (Required)* b. MY FORWARDING ADDRESS *(NOTE: Complete only if you do not want your ballot mailed to the address in Block 4a.)*

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1777 N. Kent St., #14003

Arlington, VA 22209

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

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

6. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION *(Designate the period for which you want to receive ballots - see instructions for Block 6, paragraph 13. Consult the Voting Assistance Guide for other specific state instructions.)*
 Receive ballots for: All ballots for which I am eligible

7. AFFIRMATION (Required)

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

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4. I am not registering, requesting a ballot, or voting in any other jurisdiction in the U.S.; and

5. My signature and data 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.

— NOT REQUIRED —

Signed: _____ Date: _____ (MM/DD/YYYY) Signed: _____ Date: _____ (MM/DD/YYYY)

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- From Within the United States: 1 week before the election

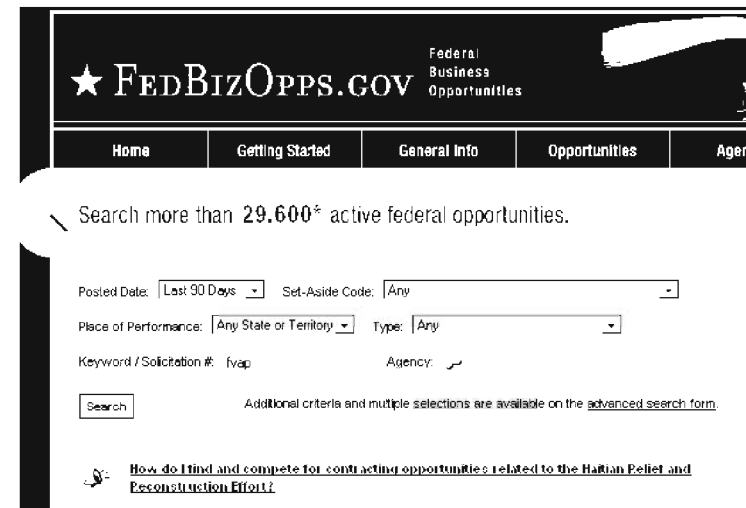
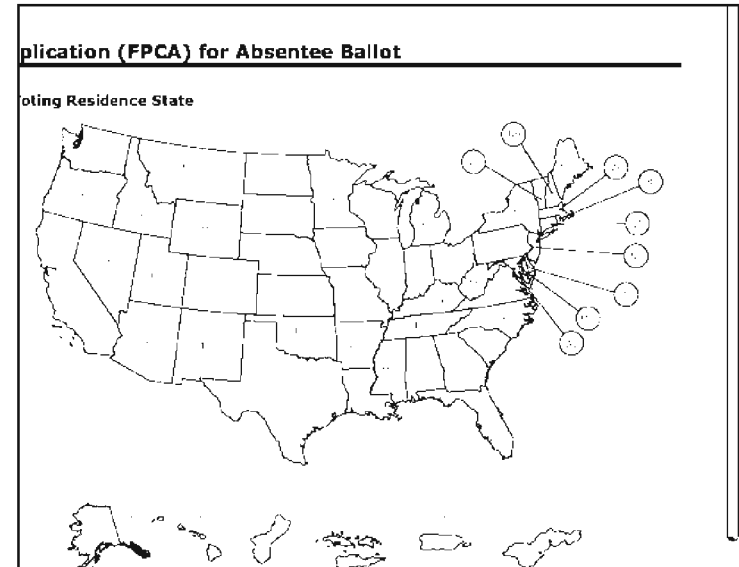
King County Auditor
 King County Elections Division
 919 SW Grady Way
 Renton, Washington 985072906

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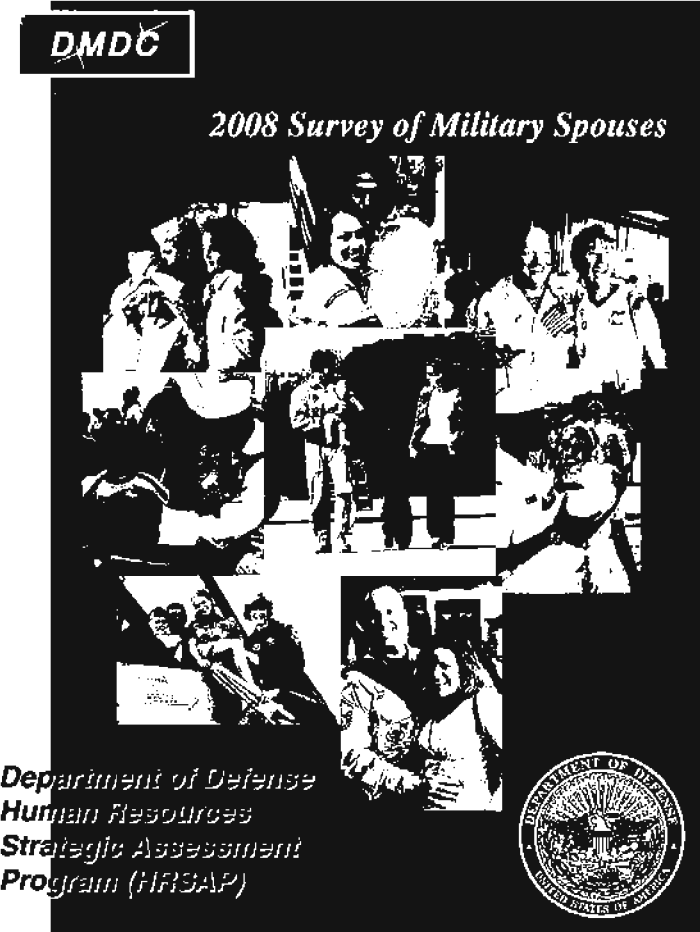
Ballot Delivery and Marking Wizard

- **Allows voter to mark complete state ballot online for printing, signing and postal (or other) return**
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 - Vendor Provided
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- Conduct every election cycle, not just Presidential
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- Ombudsmen?
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- Family Service Centers vs. Administrative Support Centers?
- Online?

➤ **How best to communicate with spouses?**



Absentee Voting Overview

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Vote Absentee, Start by Telling Us Who You Are

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For active-duty members of the Armed Forces, Merchant Marine, Public Health Service, NOAA, and their family members.

I am a citizen living outside the U.S.

For United States citizens who are living outside the U.S. for work, school or other reasons.

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194 Days

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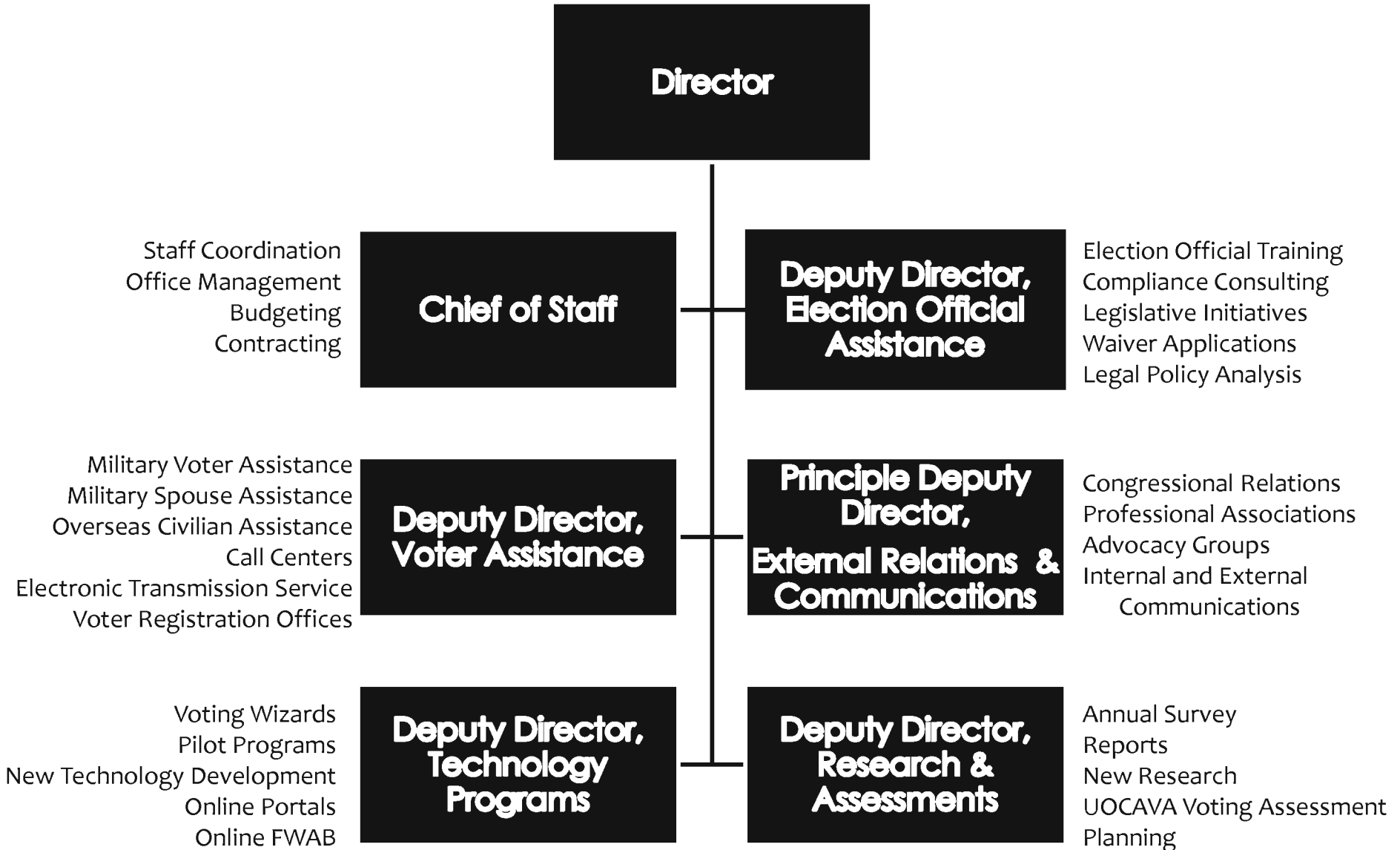
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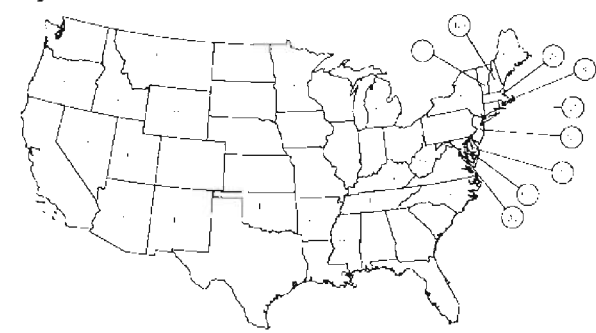
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Jurisdiction

Middle Name (required)

Fax (required) ↕

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Last Name (required)

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2. MY INFORMATION (Required)

a. TYPE/PRINTED NAME (Last, First, Middle) b. TITLE (Dr., Sr., Lt., etc.)
 Carey, Robert, Harrison Jr.

c. SEX M F d. DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY)
 12/02/1961

e. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER f. STATE DRIVER'S LICENSE OR ID NUMBER
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 1234 River Road

b. CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE c. COUNTY d. STATE e. ZIP CODE
 Potomac Montgomery MD 20854 -- 3962

4. WHERE TO SEND MY VOTING MATERIALS

a. MY CURRENT ADDRESS *(Where I live now)* (Required)
 FVAP
 1777 N. Kent St., #14003
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5. I PREFER TO RECEIVE MY ABSENTEE BALLOT, AS PERMITTED BY MY STATE, BY: MAIL FAX EMAIL

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 Receive ballots for: All ballots for which I am eligible

7. AFFIRMATION (Required)
 I swear or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that:

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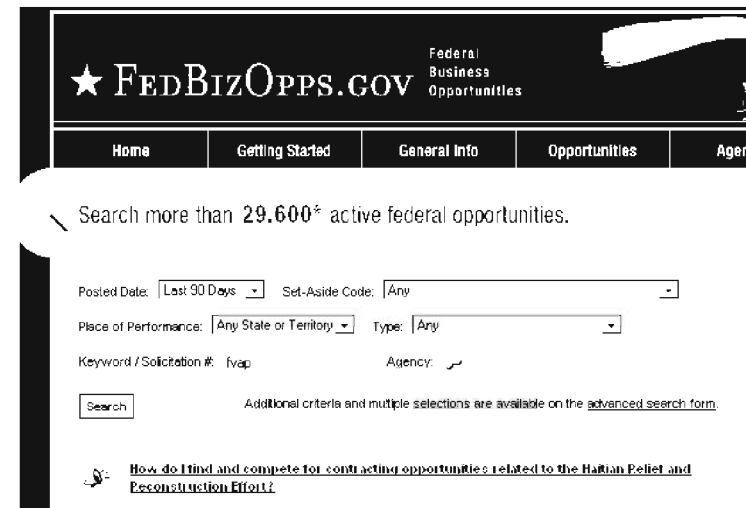
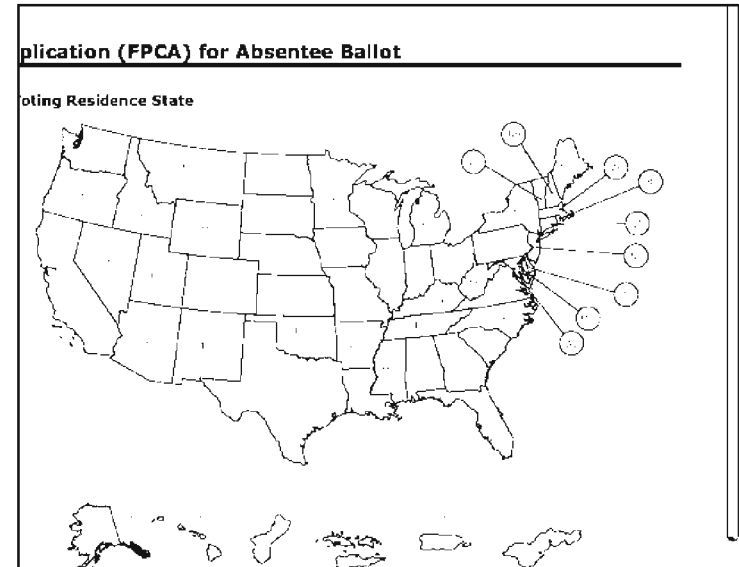
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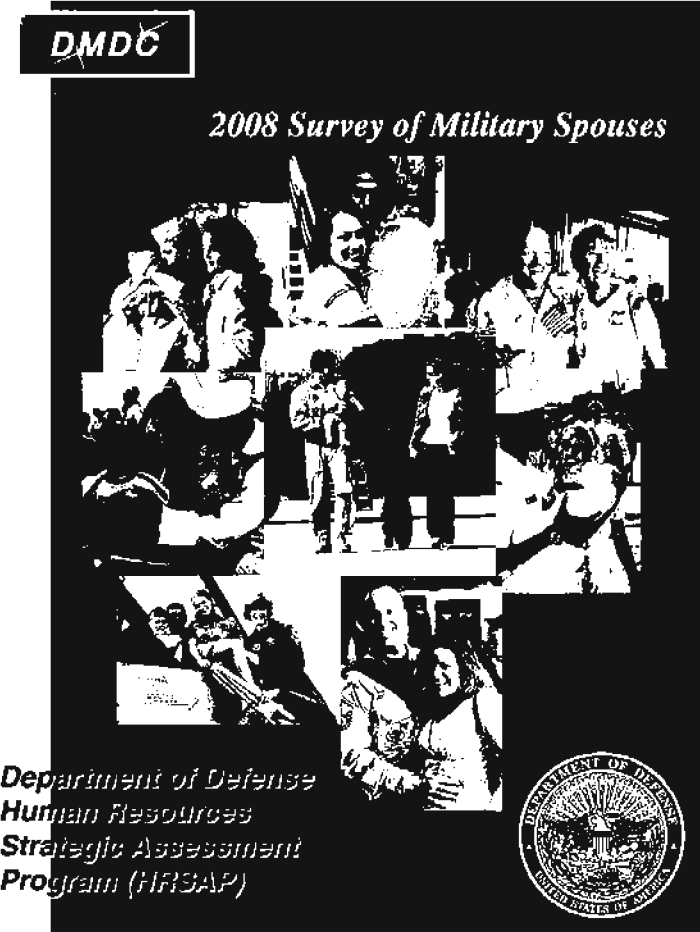
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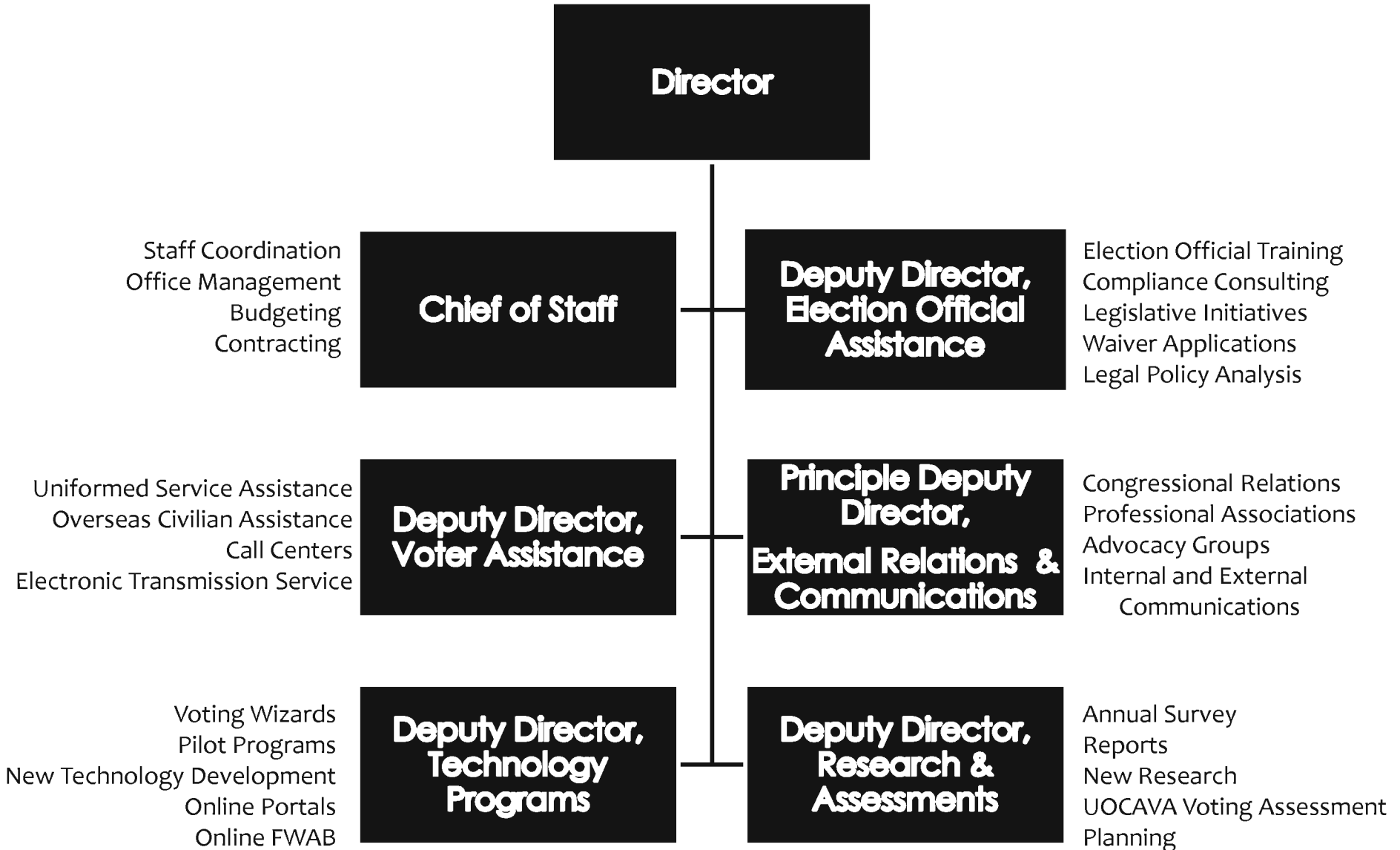
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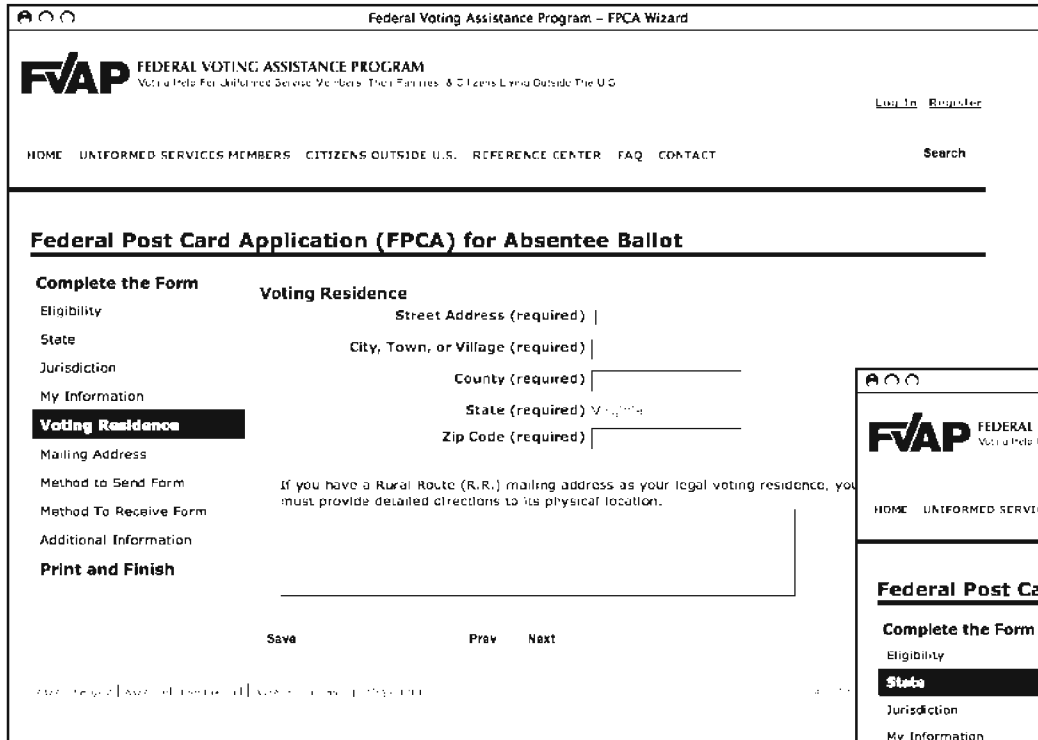
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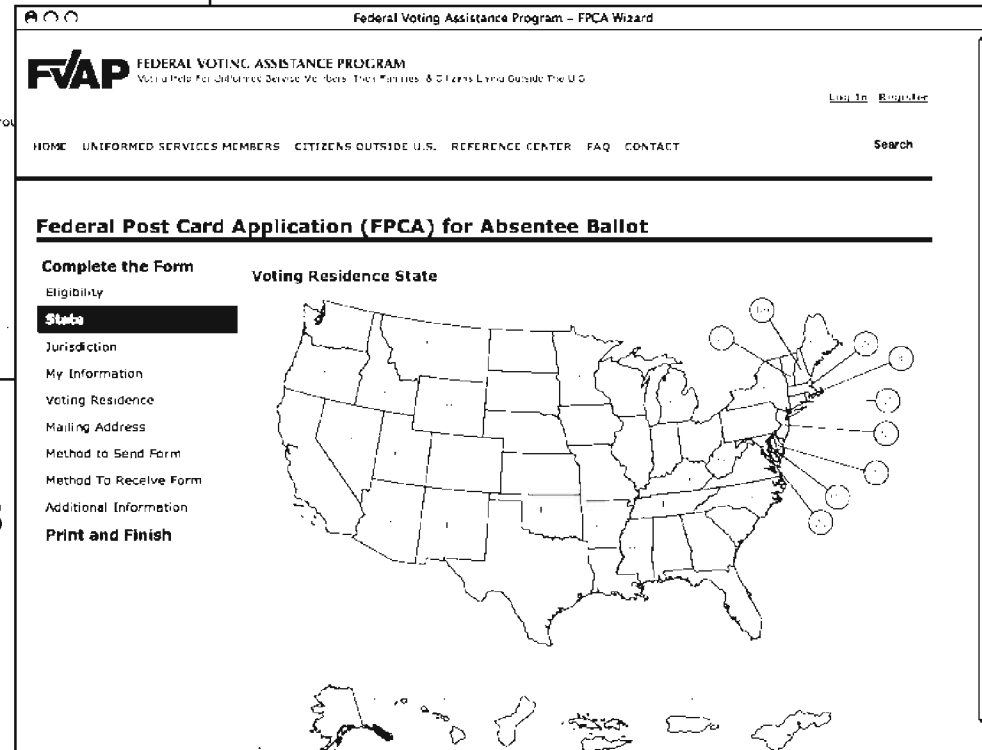
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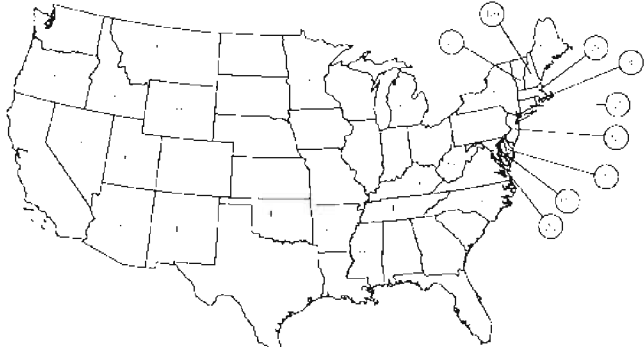
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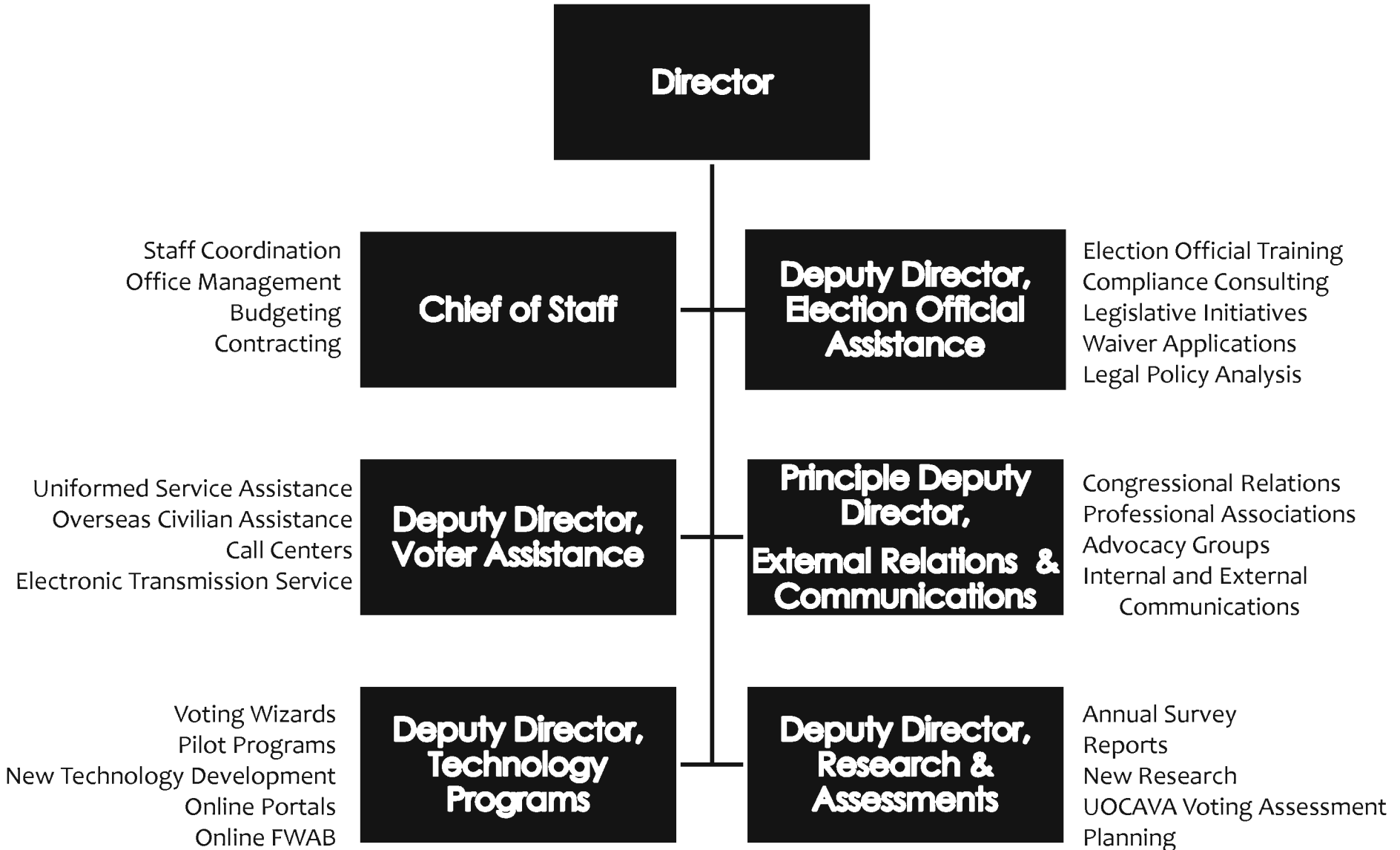
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Poor Data Drive Bad Policies

- States don't collect sufficient data on military and overseas voters and ballots
- FVAP data collection poor and not transparent in the past
- Erroneous beliefs:
 - Low voter registration
 - Low voter participation
 - Poor identification of root problems

UOCAVA Demographics

Uniformed Services Voters

- **Both Military Personnel and their Dependents**
 - All five Armed Services, USPHS, NOAA, Merchant Marine
 - Dependents
 - 1.5M members, 1.1M dependents

- **Both Domestic and Overseas**
 - 75% of members domestic
 - ~85% of dependents domestic

Overseas Citizens

- **US Citizens Residing Abroad**
 - 2 – 4 million
 - Difficulty estimating actual numbers

- **Permanent vs. Temporary Residence**
 - Permanent = federal only
 - Temporary = all races; potential tax liability

2/3 of the known UOCAVA voters are uniformed service voters

FVAP Goals

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- **2: UOCAVA voter registration and participation rate equal to or exceed general population (age and gender adjusted)**

- **3: Improve Ballot Delivery and Return Processes to fit available times**

- **4: Define the actual overseas citizen population**

- **5: Bring all States' Legislative Initiative Scores to 75%**

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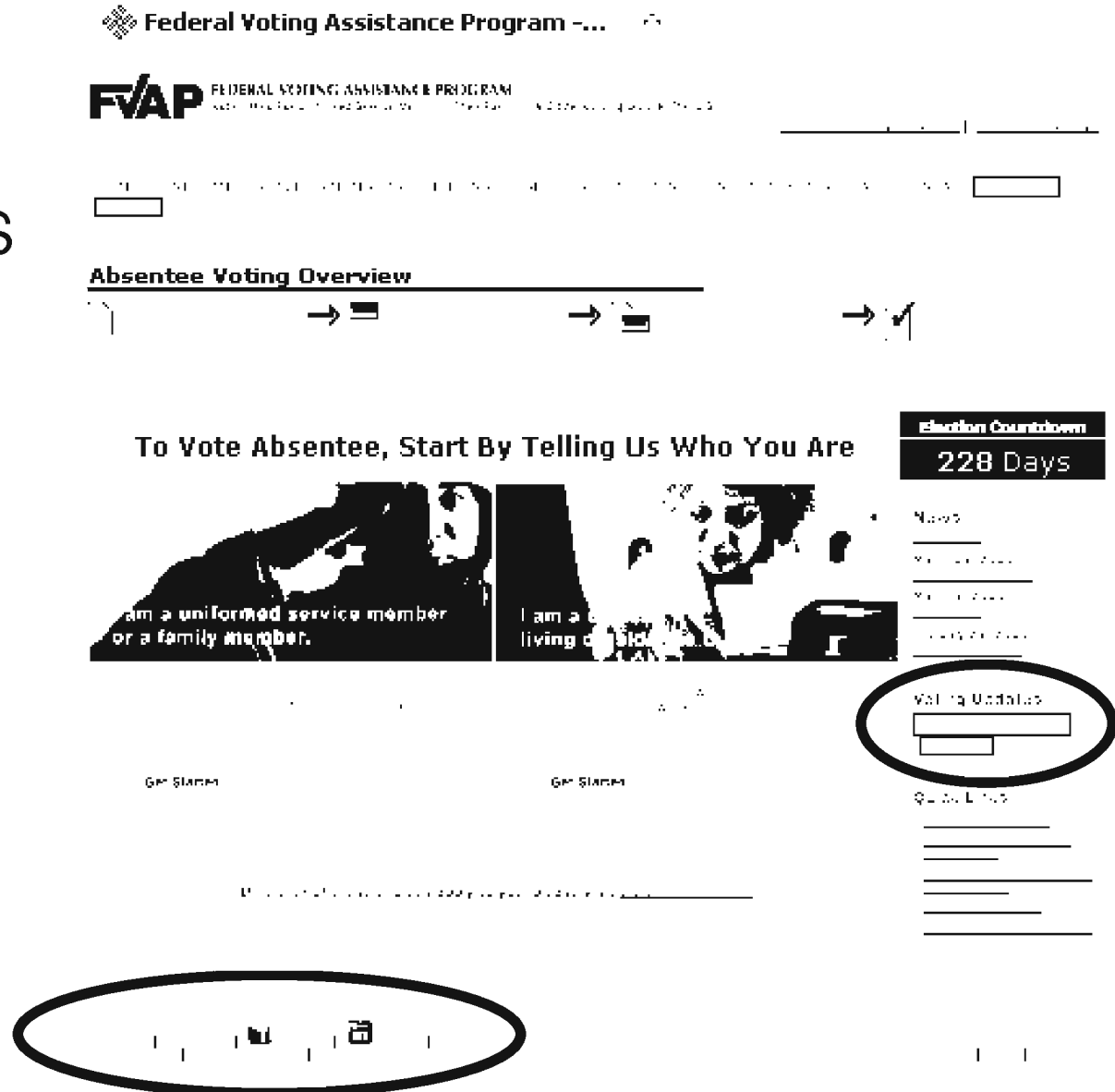
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UOCAVA Voter Outreach

- Email alerts/RSS Feed
- Facebook
- Twitter
- LinkedIn
- Earned Media



The screenshot shows the UOCAVA website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the FVAP logo and the text 'Federal Voting Assistance Program'. Below this is a search bar and a 'Log Out' button. The main content area features a section titled 'Absentee Voting Overview' with three arrows pointing to different voting methods: 'I am a uniformed service member or a family member', 'I am a citizen living overseas', and 'I am a citizen living in a U.S. territory or possession'. To the right of this section is an 'Election Countdown' box showing '228 Days' and a 'News' section with a 'View All News' link. At the bottom of the page, there is a 'Voting Updates' section with a search bar and a 'Quick Links' section with several links. A large black oval highlights the social media icons (Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, YouTube) located at the bottom center of the page.

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


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Federal Voting Assistance Program - Continuity Folder

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Direct Assistance



- **Call Centers**
 - Links in Online Programs
 - Online chat capability
 - 24/7 hours closer to election

- **Interactive Training**
 - Voter Training
 - Voting Assistance Officer Training
 - Election Official Training
 - “How-to” videos

- **Registration/Absentee Ballot Request Assistance**
 - Installation Voting Assistance Offices
 - National Voter Registration Act designation
 - Frequent FPCA assistance tied to career milestones
 - Civilian assistance

FVAP The Military Voting Assistance Officer
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Creating an effective voting assistance plan:

- Display the 2010 Election Dates and motivational posters
- Reach out to younger citizens (18-24) who have statistically lower voter participation rates
- Include tenant organizations in your absentee voting activities, especially National Guard and Reserve Units



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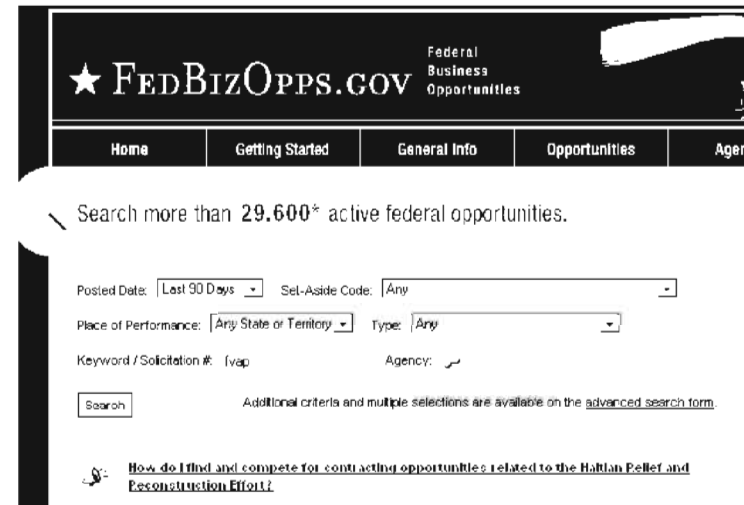
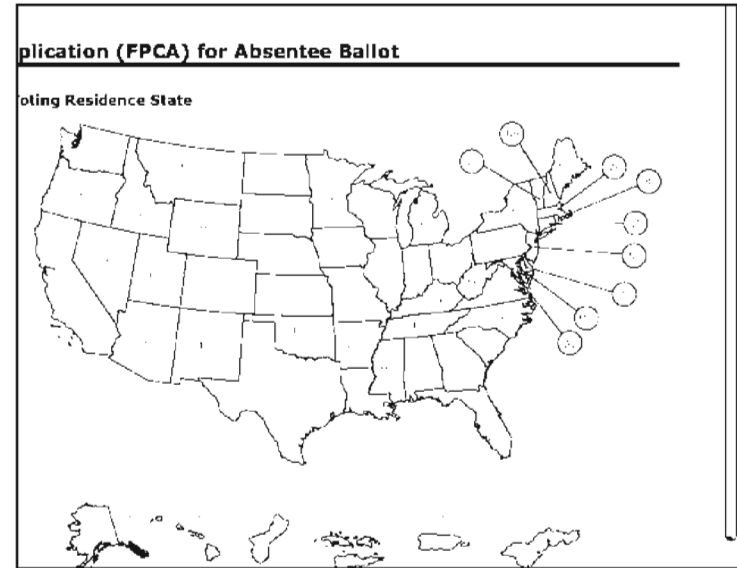


Also a Federal Candidate online FWAB

- Auto Ballot population with federal candidates by voting residence
- Online ballot marking, hard-copy wet signature, postal return

Ballot Delivery and Marking Wizard

- **FVAP Supported** = federal funding
- **Vendor Provided** = Existing technology deployment, multiple available vendors
- **State Decided** = State say in vendor and ballot;
 - MOVE Act compliant
 - VR/EMS Integration requirements
 - Common Data Format support
- **Voter Adopted** = seamless, intuitive, and transparent process
- **RFQ Issued 16 March 2010**



Demonstration & Pilot Projects

- **DoD required by law to conduct electronic absentee voting demonstration project**
 - Uniformed services only
 - Statistical significant level
 - DoD can wait for EAC certified guidelines
 - Congressional intent is for remote PC-based system
 - Kiosk Pilot Program
 - FVAP-EAC-NIST Roadmap

- **Pilot Programs**
 - Authorized, but not funded by MOVE Act
 - Ballot Delivery and Marking Wizard is also a Pilot
 - Will evaluate first set of pilot program(s) after Wizards launched

Electronic Absentee Voting Guideline Roadmap (1)

GAO Guidance

- FVAP & EAC need detailed plans
- Necessary plan elements:
 - results-oriented action plan
 - goals, tasks, milestones, time frames, and contingencies
- FVAP-EAC Memorandum of Understanding
- EAC-NIST Interagency Agreement
- MOVE Act also requires EAC to develop detailed timeline for development of electronic absentee ballot guidelines

Risk = % x impact

- Acceptable risk level policy decision already made
 - It **IS** the current voting system
 - Accepts 1/3 of absentee ballots never returned
- We should accept equivalent risk in new UOCAVA systems
 - May have different probability or impact
 - Can reduce probability and/or mitigate impact
 - Goal is to keep risk level at least the same, if not better

Electronic Absentee Voting Guideline Roadmap (2)

Define the Risk

- Use the EAC Risk Assessment Tool
- Evaluate the postal mail UOCAVA absentee ballot system as the baseline

Establish Properties

- What “properties” are necessary for an electronic absentee voting system?
- To achieve the same level of risk as current system
- Even if DON’T believe Properties are technologically feasible

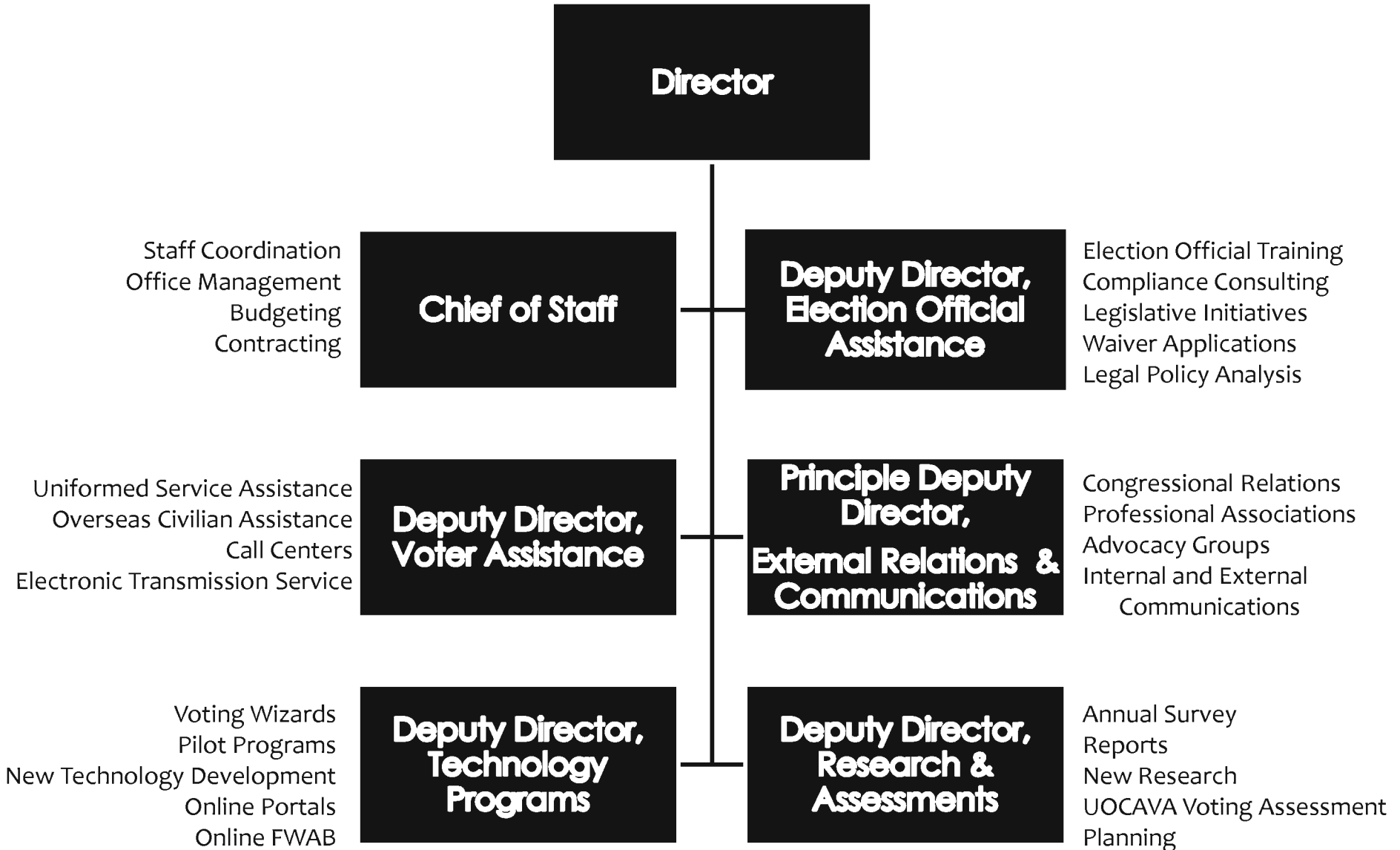
Establish Interim Pilots

- Integrate current work
- **Failure is probative**
- Develop decision points for iterative development
- If possible, attach dates for those decision points and milestones

- **Election Officials are an FVAP Customer too**
 - Voters need election officials to accept FVAP tools and recommendations
 - Small population, high cost, exceptional visibility

- **Specific Assistance Initiatives**
 - Legislative Initiatives
 - Recommendations
 - Legislative assistance
 - State-by-State Index
 - Direct training
 - Compliance assistance
 - Interpretive memos
 - Access to call center, help desk, and FVAP trouble shooting
 - Tools
 - Wizard is tailored State tailorable
 - Common data format development

FVAP Reorganization





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State Legislative Initiatives

➤ State-by-State Index

- 0-100 scale
- Measures FVAP success in convincing States to adopt Legislative Initiatives
 - **0-50 – Unsuccessful**
 - 50-75 – *Unsure*
 - **75-100 – Successful**
 - **National Average = 53%**

➤ Scores weighted on Where Voting Failure Occurs

- Greatest Scores given to areas with greatest impact on most significant failure
- 45-day prior = 30 points
- Email/online = 30 points
- Universal FWAB = 20 points

Legislative Initiative	Uniformed Services Weighting	Overseas Citizens Weighting
45 Day Transit Time	30	30
Electronic Transmission	30	30
FWAB	20	20
Late Registration	7	4
Emergency Authority	7	5
Elimination of Notary/Witness	4	8
Never Resided in U.S.	2	3
Uniform Law Commission	0*	0*

FVAP would score itself as successful for States:

- 45-day prior ballot delivery,
- email/online transmission of blank ballots,
- allows the FWAB for all elections

- **FVAP Post-Election Survey Improvements**
 - Status of Forces Survey methodology
 - Develop trust in our methodology
 - Conduct every election cycle, not just Presidential
 - Integrate with EAC Post-Election Survey

- **More Research**
 - Attempt to define the overseas civilian population
 - Inside out?
 - Build from known populations
 - Partner with overseas American groups
 - Specify the UOCAVA voter distribution
 - ~85% of UOCAVA ballots transmitted by 100,000+ LEOs
 - Specify by municipality
 - Adjust prior year surveys

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Eighteenth Report and Data

In preparation for the 2008 Post Election Survey, FVAP and DMDC contracted with Westat and DRC to review the 2004 Post Election Surveys. Below are the reports produced as a result of the focus groups, questionnaire appraisal, and methods review. FVAP used the results to improve the 2008 methods and questionnaires.

Methods Review

Cognitive Reviews of Questionnaires

Military Survey Usability Testing

The Eighteenth Report covers the 2008 election cycle. The surveys and data for the following populations can be seen below:

[18th Report Introduction](#)

[DMDC Note Comparing 2004 and 2008 Statistical Methods](#)

[UVAO Questionnaire](#)

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[DOS Voting Assistance Officers Questionnaire](#)

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- **<2004 FVAP Surveys fundamentally flawed**
- **2008 Survey attempted to correct those flaws**
- **Use the DMDC Status of Forces Survey**
- **2010 improvements**
 - **Spouses**
 - **Non-Response Analysis**
 - **Adjust prior surveys**
 - **LEO Census**

FVAP Metrics

Voting Assistance Metrics

- Assignment and training of VAOs
- Form & materials distribution collection
- Communications to Voters
- Spouse & Dependent Outreach Programs
- Individual Voter Awareness
 - Forms
 - Rights
 - Resources

Program Metrics

- Develop an FVAP Assessment Program
- Director, FVAP Performance Plan:
 - UOCAVA Voter Success Rate
 - Implementation of MOVE Act
 - Deployment of Voter Tools



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Helping FVAP:

- Understand what the voter wants & needs
- Develop strategy to maximize use of our services
- Define FVAP's "brand"

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FVAP_Director

That's you:

CA SoS Bowen got it - no voting system's 100% secure. So why do others insist that military/overseas voting systems be more secure?

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Local Election Officials Post Election Survey on Military and								



FVAP Voting Tools & The MOVE Act

**New York Elections Officials
April 27, 2010**

The Problem is Ballot Return

➤ **Military enjoys higher traditional voter performance rates**

- **Voter Registration Rate**
 - General Electorate = 70%
 - Military Electorate = 86%
- **Voter Participation Rate**
 - General Electorate = 64%
 - Military Electorate = 70%

➤ **Absentee Ballot Return Rates:**

- 91% = General Population
- 67% = UOCAVA voters

▪ **Absentee Ballot Delivery Failure Also Problem**

- 9% military ballots misaddressed
- 6% returned as undeliverable
- 17% of military requesting absentee ballots never received it

2008 General Election Results – UOCAVA Voters		
Stage of voting process	Number of additional failures over general voting population	% of total failure
Registration Failure	4,783	1.3%
Ballot Delivery Failure	23,548	6.4%
Ballot Return Failure	296,759	81.1%
Ballot Casting Failure	41,012	11.2%
Total	366,102	

FVAP Vision

UOCAVA Voting Doesn't Seem Any Different Than Regular Voting

- **As Easy and Quick to Register & Request an Absentee Ballot**
- **As Sure and Quick to Receive an Absentee Ballot**
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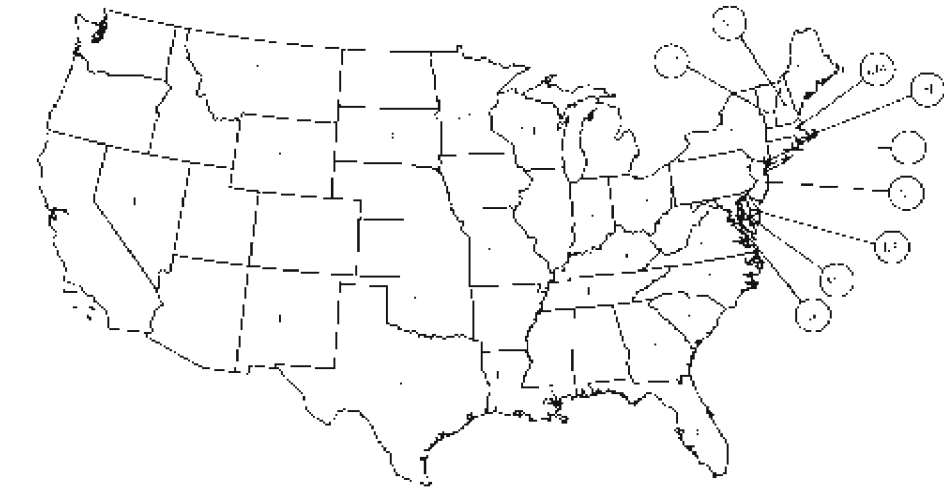
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Social Security Number (required) - - 1234 ↕

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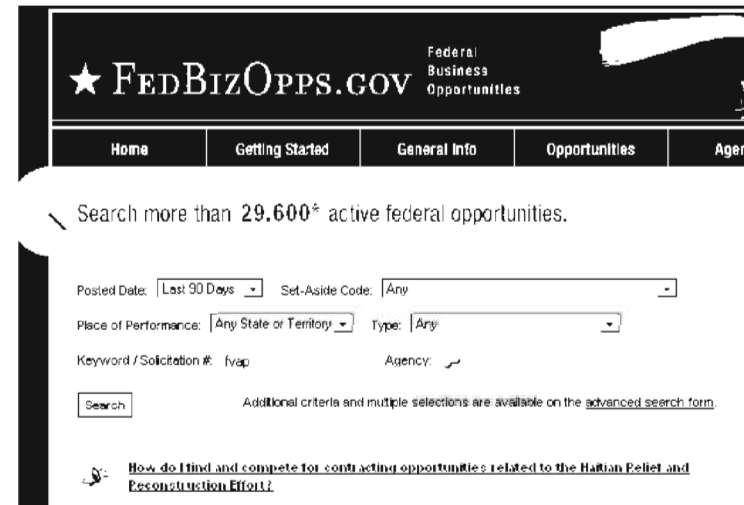
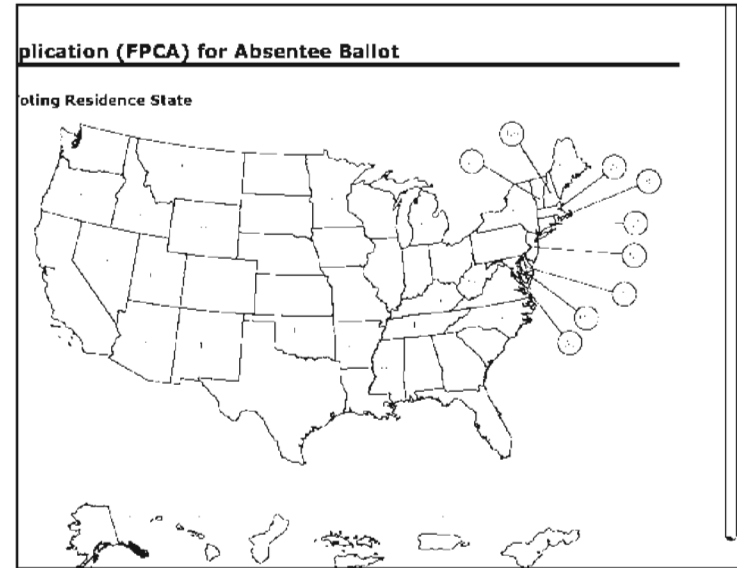
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To find out more information on the absentee voting process visit <http://www.fvap.gov/>.

Ballot Delivery and Marking Wizard

- **FVAP Supported** = federal funding
- **Vendor Provided** = Existing technology deployment, multiple available vendors
- **State Decided** = State say in vendor and ballot;
 - MOVE Act compliant
 - VR/EMS Integration requirements
 - Common Data Format support
- **Voter Adopted** = seamless, intuitive, and transparent process
- **RFQ Issued 16 March 2010**



List of Qualified Vendors

- **FVAP and the DoD Business Transformation Agency (BTA) have competitively selected qualified vendors**
 - Aquilent
 - Credence Management Solutions
 - Everyone Counts
 - ScytI
 - Konnech
 - Vexcel
- **States need to submit their requirements to FVAP/BTA by 7 May (informal commitment by 30 April)**
- **Each State's requirements will be individually competed amongst the qualified vendors**

Checklist for States

- States must submit technical requirements by May 7th, 2010
 - Checklist of common requirements provided in EVSW State Requirements Workbook
 - FVAP available to answer questions
- Requirements will be converted into “Request for Bids”
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Requirements Template

Electronic Voting Support Wizard

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Version 1.0

Prepared during FVAP Workshop April 2010

7-9 April 2010

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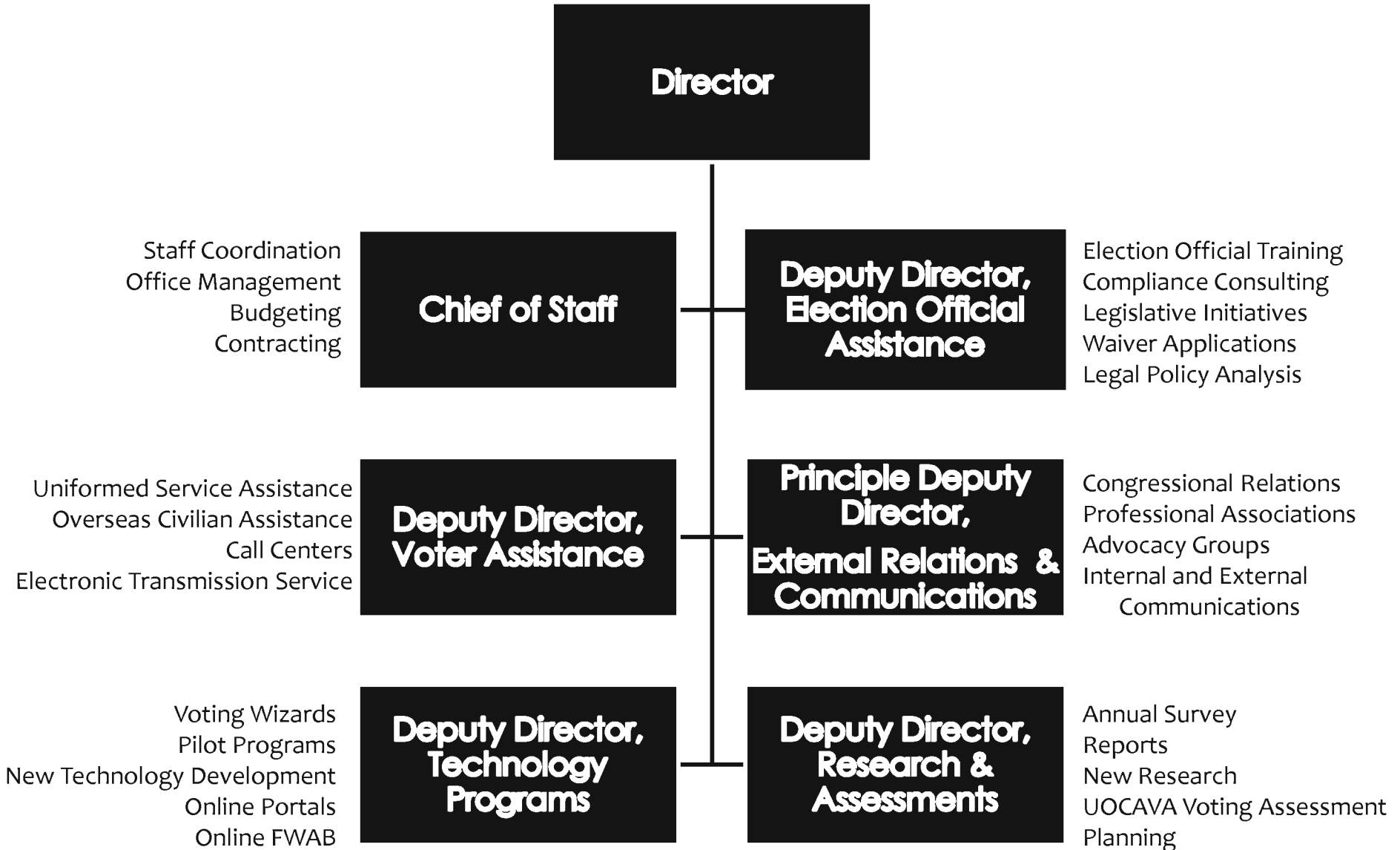
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Schedule

- RFI completed: January 2010
- IRB approved : March 5, 2010
- RFQ released: March 2010
- Blanket Purchase Agreement: April 2010
- **State requirements: May 7, 2010**
- **Instructions: Task Order +15**
- **Testing: Task Order +30-60**
- **FOC: September 18, 2010 (or earlier if State has an earlier deadline)**

FVAP Reorganization



State Legislative Initiatives

➤ State-by-State Index

- 0-100 scale
- Measures FVAP success in convincing States to adopt Legislative Initiatives
 - **0-50 – Unsuccessful**
 - 50-75 – Partially Successful
 - **75-100 – Successful**
 - **National Average = 57%**

➤ Scores weighted on Where Voting Failure Occurs

- Greatest Scores given to areas with greatest impact on most significant failure
- 45-day prior = 30 points
- Email/online = 30 points
- Universal FWAB = 20 points

Legislative Initiative	Uniformed Services Weighting	Overseas Citizens Weighting
45 Day Transit Time	30	30
Electronic Transmission	30	30
FWAB	20	20
Late Registration	7	4
Emergency Authority	7	5
Elimination of Notary/Witness	4	8
Never Resided in U.S.	2	3
Uniform Law Commission	0*	0*

FVAP would score itself as successful for States:

- 45-day prior ballot delivery,
- email/online transmission of blank ballots,
- allows the FWAB for all elections



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FVAP Voting Tools & The MOVE Act

**New York Elections Officials
April 27, 2010**

The Problem is Ballot Return

➤ **Military enjoys higher traditional voter performance rates**

- **Voter Registration Rate**
 - General Electorate = 70%
 - Military Electorate = 86%
- **Voter Participation Rate**
 - General Electorate = 64%
 - Military Electorate = 70%

➤ **Absentee Ballot Return Rates:**

- 91% = General Population
- 67% = UOCAVA voters

▪ **Absentee Ballot Delivery Failure Also Problem**

- 9% military ballots misaddressed
- 6% returned as undeliverable
- 17% of military requesting absentee ballots never received it

2008 General Election Results – UOCAVA Voters		
Stage of voting process	Number of additional failures over general voting population	% of total failure
Registration Failure	4,783	1.3%
Ballot Delivery Failure	23,548	6.4%
Ballot Return Failure	296,759	81.1%
Ballot Casting Failure	41,012	11.2%
Total	366,102	

FVAP Vision

UOCAVA Voting Doesn't Seem Any Different Than Regular Voting

- **As Easy and Quick to Register & Request an Absentee Ballot**
- **As Sure and Quick to Receive an Absentee Ballot**
- **As Likely, Easy, Quick and Cheap to Deliver and Return an Absentee Ballot**
- **As Likely That the Absentee Ballot will be Counted**

FVAP Goals

- **1: UOCAVA voting success rates equal to or exceed general population rates**
 - Absentee ballot cast rate
 - Counted rate of those cast
 - FWAB utilization/success rate

- **2: Streamline the UOCAVA voting process**

- **4: Define the actual overseas citizen population**

- **5: Bring all States' Legislative Initiative Scores to 75%**

Strategic Plan

Strategic Goals

- Raise military and overseas voting success to = general electorate's by 2014
- Bring State compliance with Legislative Initiatives up to 75% by 2014
- Quantify the Overseas Civilian population
- Streamline the voting process for UOCAVA voters to NMT 15 minutes for any stage

Lines of Operation

- Substantial investment in voter assistance technology
- Provide greater support to election officials
- Improve the voter's experience
- Set the standard as a transparent, data-driven organization
- Foster public/private partnerships and integrate military and overseas voter advocacy groups into voting assistance programs

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.
 - FVAP also helps election officials comply with federal law to provide that equal voting 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.

Key Activities

Strategic Goals	Raise military and overseas voting success to = general electorate's	Bring State Legislative Initiatives Scores up to 75%	Quantify the Overseas Civilian population	Streamline all stages of voting process to NMT 15 minutes
Lines of Operation				
Substantial investment in Voter Assistance Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online tools to help voters register and vote • Call Centers 	Online tools to help States improve registration and transmit ballots	Use social networking to identify more overseas voters and communities	Online tools to simplify and speed up registration and voting
Provide greater support to election officials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call Centers • Training • Professional orgs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State-specific plans • State-by-State index 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community of Interest • Consolidate surveys
Improve the Voter's Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct to the Voter Assistance, Tools • Robust Advertising • Call Centers • Spouse and 18-24 outreach efforts 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installation Voting Assistance Offices
Set the Standard of Transparent, Data-Driven Agency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post all data • Better surveys • Analyze past data 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Innovative Research • Engage academia and advocates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open-Source/ Crowd-Source • FVAP-EAC-NIST Roadmap for Internet Voting
public/private partnerships and integrate advocates	Integrate overseas citizen advocates as VAOs	Establish Election Official Advisory Committee	Partner with other federal agencies and overseas advocates for new data sources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uniform Law Commission Model Law • DSLO and ASD(IGA)

MOVE Act: Federal Requirements

➤ More online tools

- FWAB
 - Federal Candidate list
 - Requires States accept for LEOs?
- State UOCAVA Election Official and Electronic Communications Address Database
- Online Voter Portals

➤ Expedited ballot return

- Overseas Uniformed Services Personnel
- Sent NLT 7 days prior to election; Free
- Working with MPSA to coordinate with tracking system and possibly integrate with State requirements

➤ Expanded voter outreach

- Installation Voting Assistance Offices
- Advertising and communications
 - Online FWAB
 - 30, 60, 90 day prior notices

➤ Improved data collection

- Coordinate with States and EAC
- Covers Election Day Survey info
- Online repository

➤ Reports

- Voting Assistance Program analysis and plan
- MOVE Act implementation
- Annual survey and overall effectiveness
- DOJ on enforcement
- EAC and NIST on Internet Voting Standards

MOVE Act: State Requirements

- **Transmit ballots 45 days prior to election**
 - Waivers allowed by Secretary of Defense, ICW Attorney General
 - Not perpetual – apply every election
 - Need to show adequate time available for voters
- **Transmit ballots electronically**
 - Does not define electronically
 - Fax alone provides little help to military voters
- **Accept Federal Write-In Absentee Ballots for all federal elections**
 - Continued usefulness of SWABs?
 - FVAP encourages universal adoption of FWAB
- **Free Online Ballot Receipt System**
- **Cannot require notary**

➤ **Current Program**

- Unit and Embassy Voting Assistance Officers
- Collateral Duty
- Service-run
- FVAP Guidance and Support
 - Forms
 - Instructions
 - Training

➤ **Vision**

- “FVAP.gov” as the best VAO
- “TurboTax/TaxCut”® the voting process
- Reduce need/reliance on Voting Assistance Officers
- Call Center and Online Chat
- Social Media Outreach
- Focus on voter timelines and processes



➤ Focus

- Improve ballot delivery and return times
- Reduce voter error; easy voter use
- Tailor to State requirements
- All available through FVAP.gov

➤ Tools

- Online FPCA
 - Online FWAB
 - Online markable full ballot
 - Electronic Absentee Voting Demonstration & Pilot Programs
- } All use hard-copy print-out, wet signature, postal return

Online Tools

Full Ballot Wizard

- 20 States
- In contracting
 - Test June, July, August
 - Online NLT 18 Sep 10
- Online delivery of blank ballot
- Online marking for ALL races and candidates
 - Federal, State and local elections
 - By precinct
- Provides complete instructions, pre-addressed envelopes
- Print out, sign, send in by mail

Registration Wizard

- All States
- Ready to Launch
- Online registration and absentee ballot request
- Only have to know addresses and personal information
- Automatically completes all forms
- Provides complete instructions, pre-addressed envelopes
- Print out, sign, send in by mail

Back-Up Ballot Wizard

- All States
- Ready July 2010
- Online marking for Federal races and candidates
 - By Congressional District
 - Allows for additional write-ins for State and local if allowed by State
- Provides complete instructions, pre-addressed envelopes
- Print out, sign, send in by mail

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Also a Federal Candidate online FWAB

- Auto Ballot population with federal candidates by voting residence
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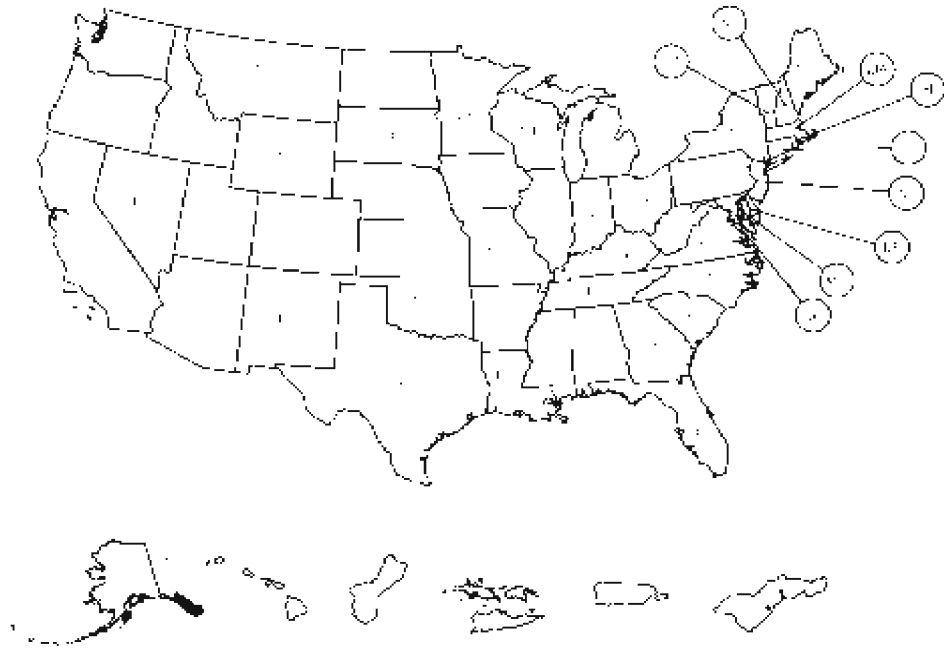
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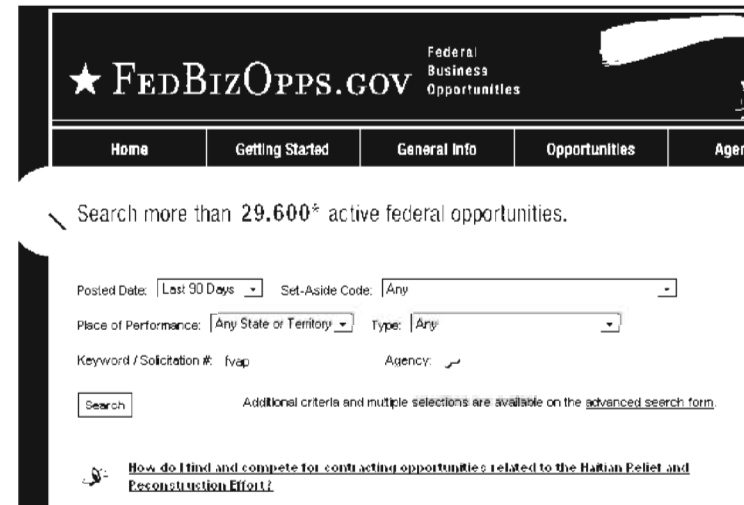
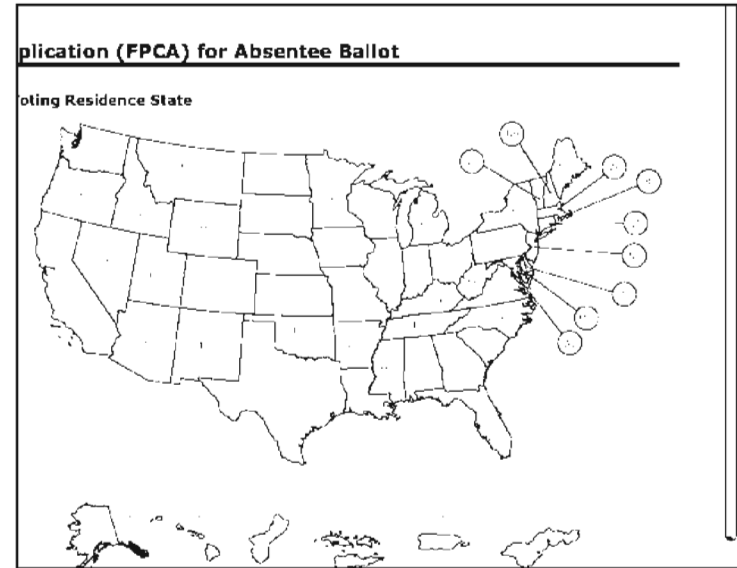
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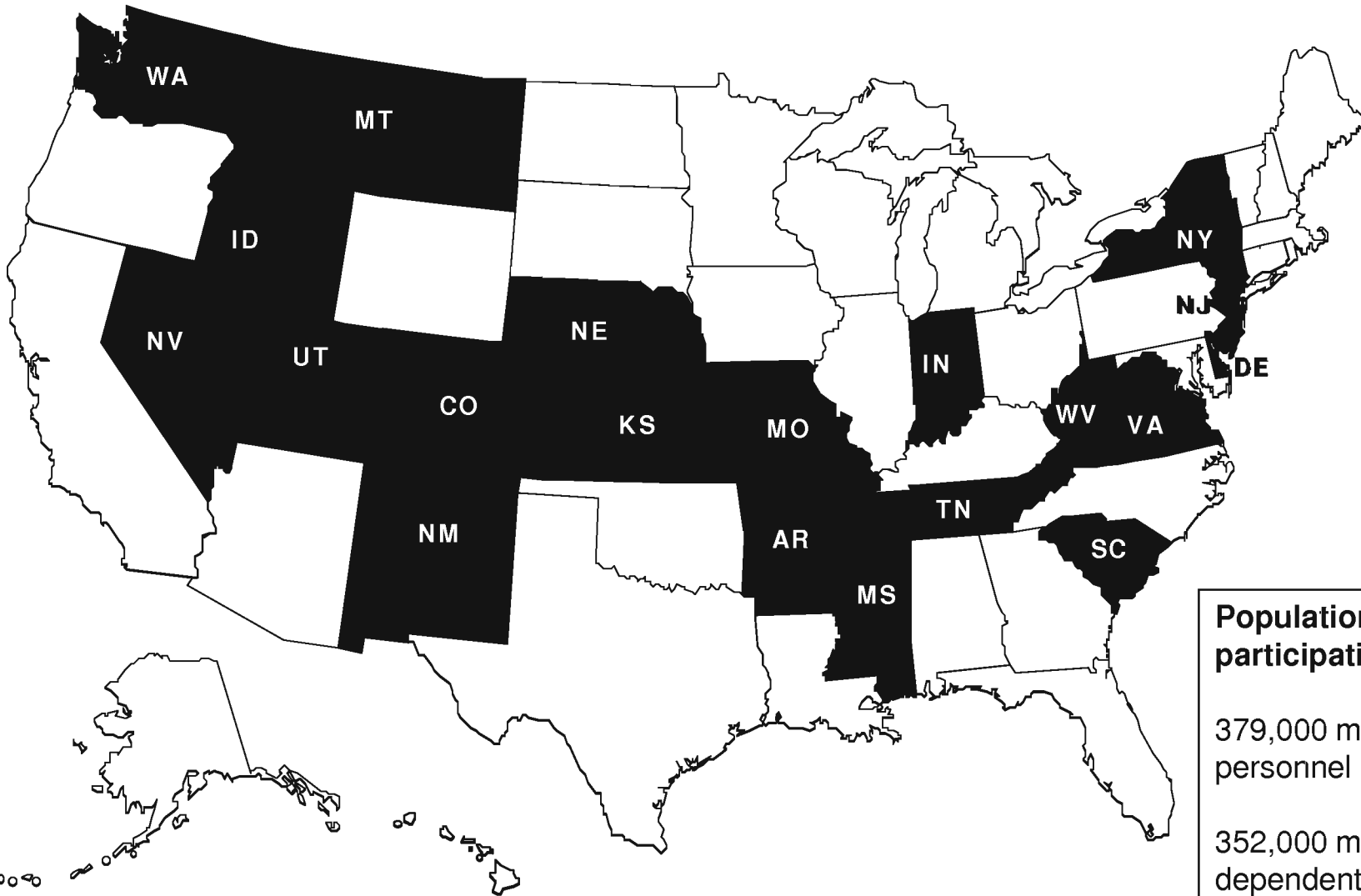
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NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) Casey Robert Harrison	DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY) 02/21/1961	LOCAL ELECTION JURISDICTION (City, County, State) King WA	POST OFFICE (City, State, ZIP+4) Renton WA 98507-2906
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3. MY VOTING RESIDENCE ADDRESS (Required):

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 Seattle WA 98143

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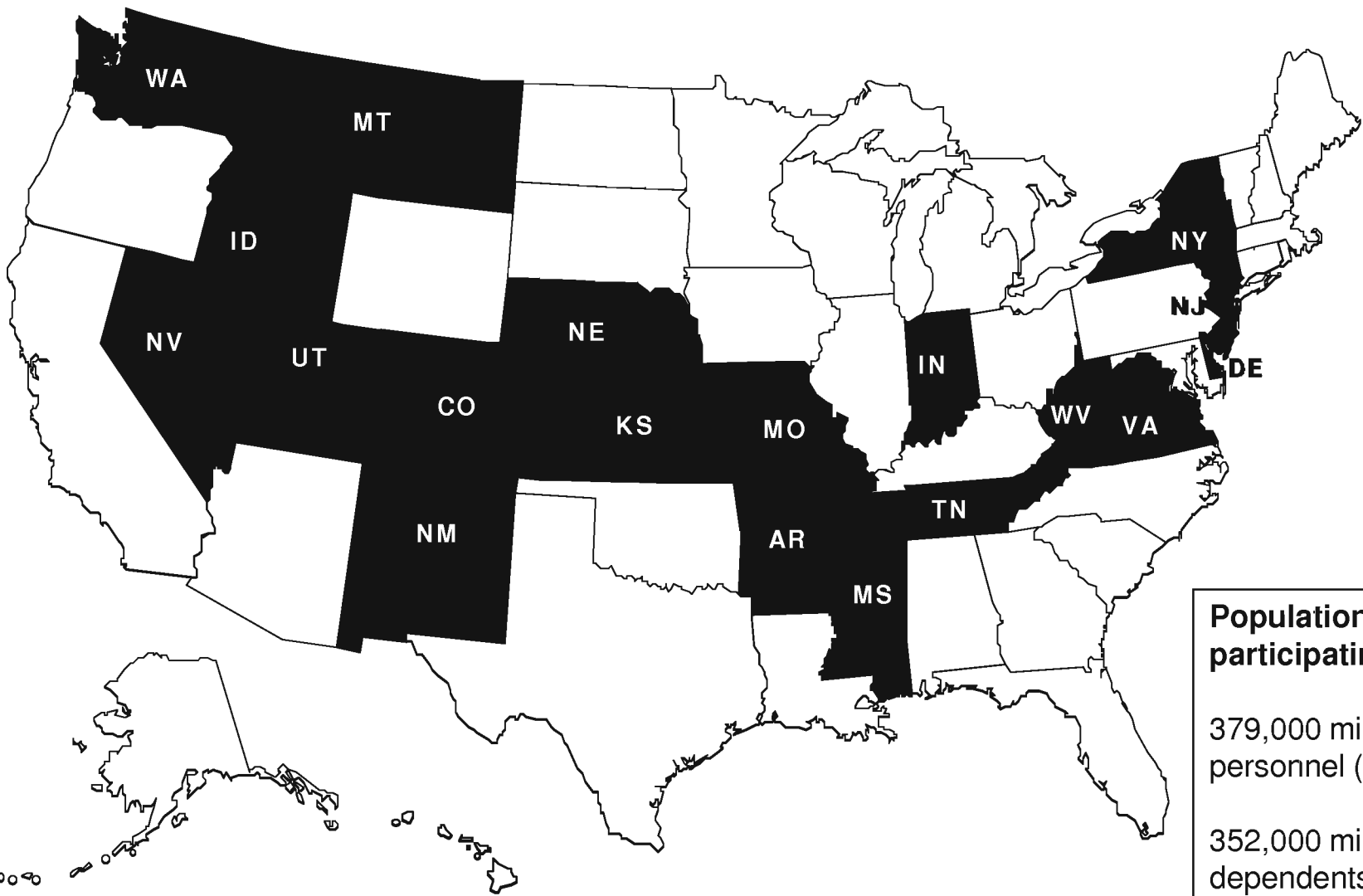
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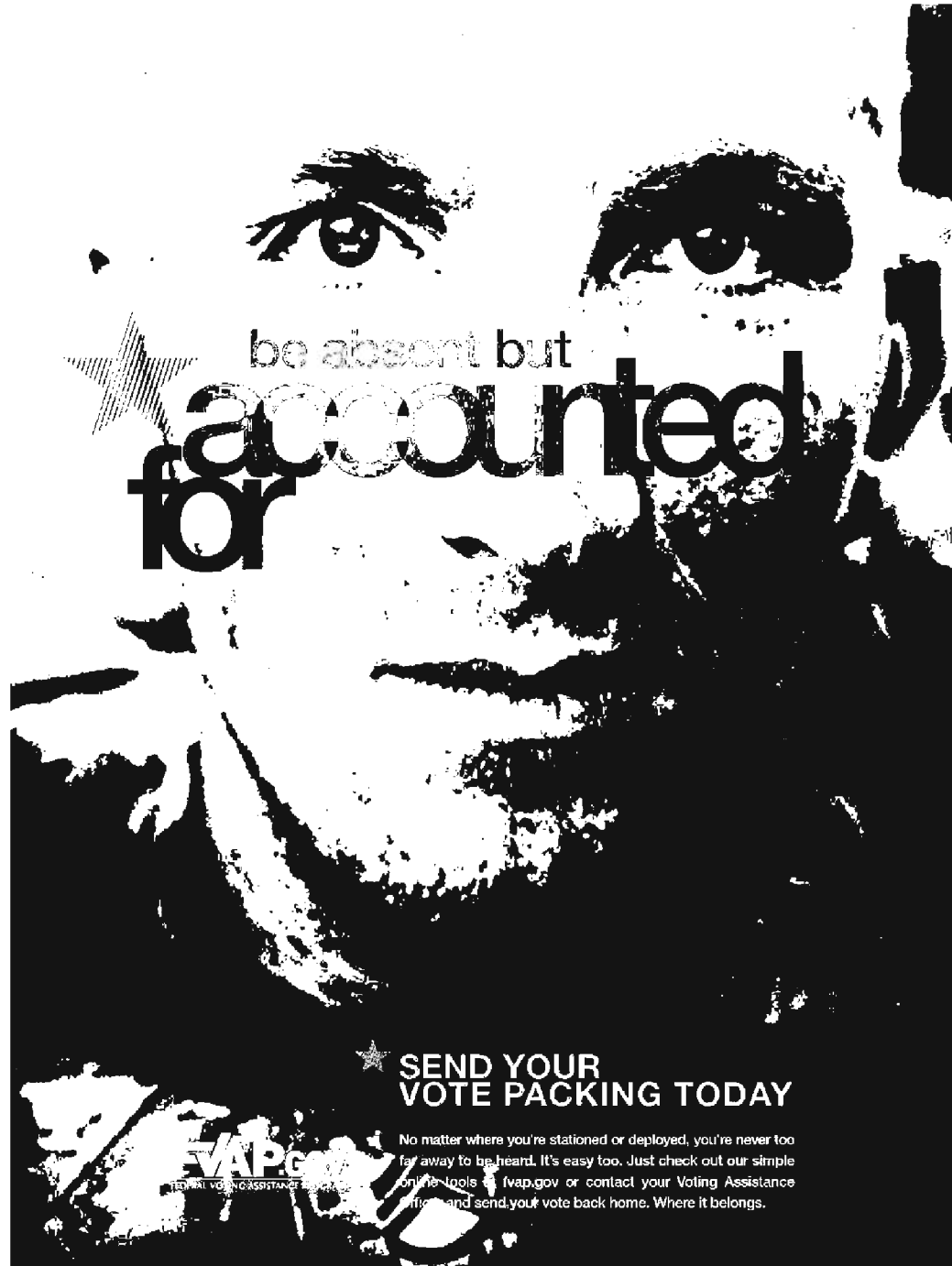
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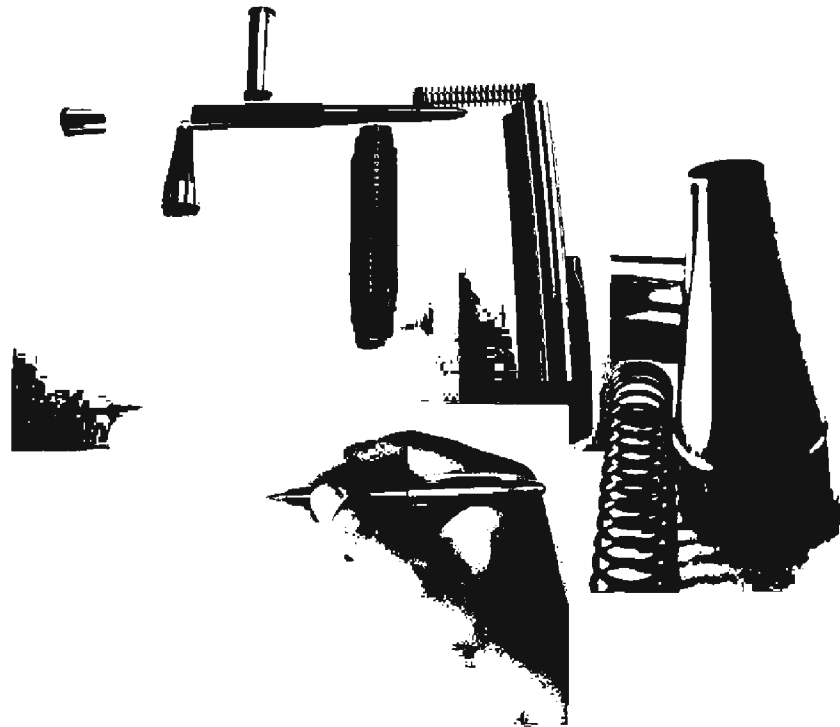
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FVAP Social Media

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Just in time for key voting week, FVAP launches online registration assistant to help ease the process - <http://tinyurl.com/23p9a8j>

Texas voters - give your input on pending voting rules - <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/about/news/releases/2010/06/14/10-shr1>

Kudos - DC is doing something very "unique" - <http://tinyurl.com/27r9e4z>

Next week is a key week for voting absentee. Are you registered? Go to www.fvap.gov to get registered. We're here for you!



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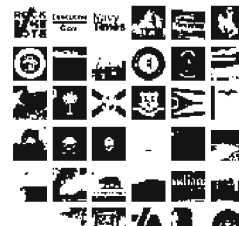
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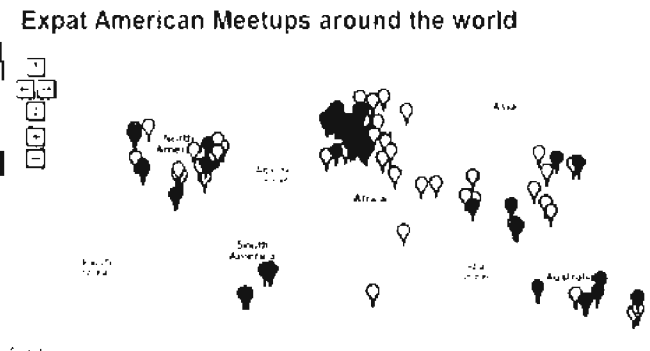
- **Digital/Online Media**

- Search engine ads
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- **Social Media (Voter & VAO Community Building)**

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- YouTube for spots and training videos





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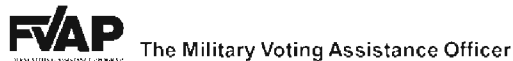
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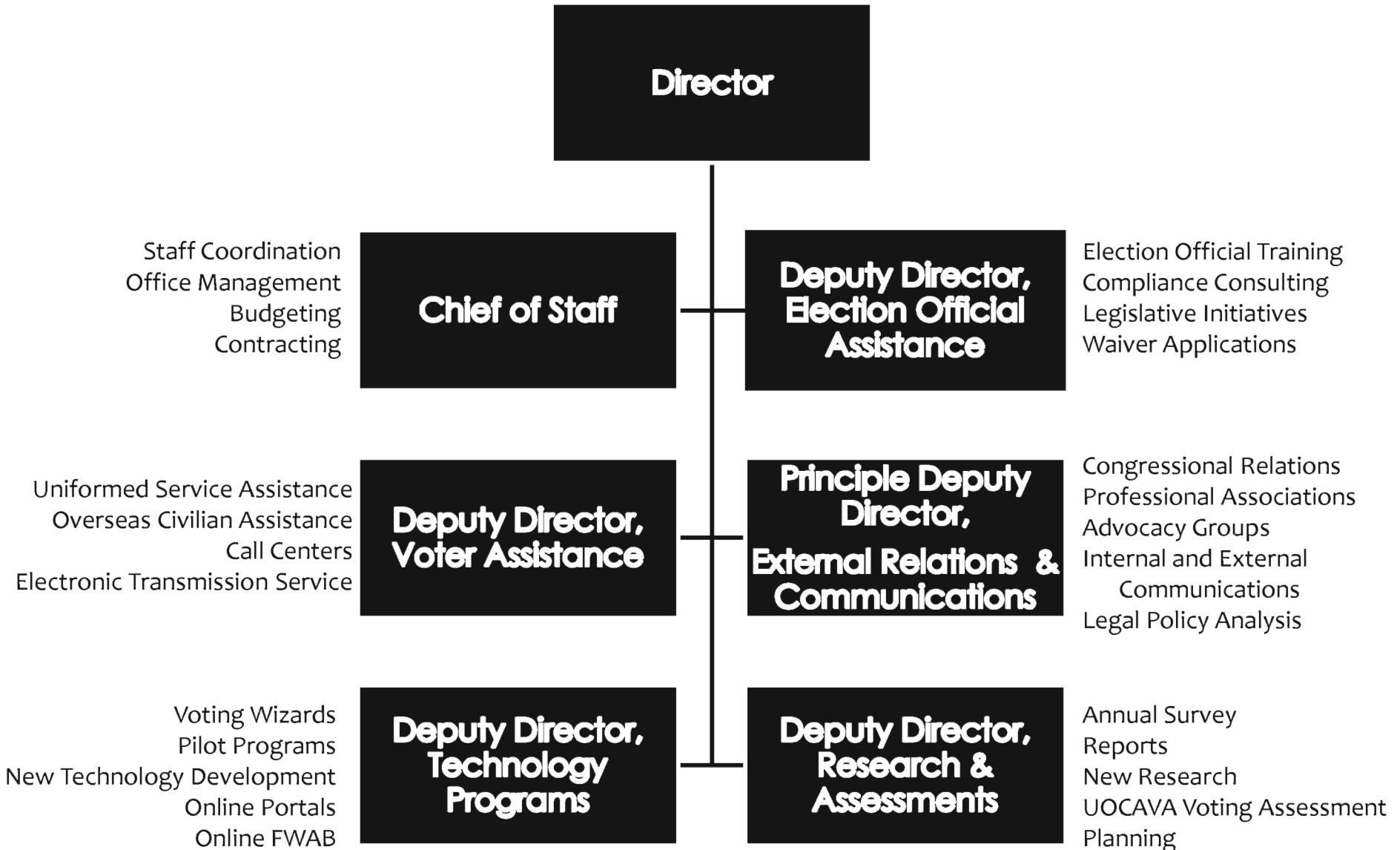


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FVAP Reorganization



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 - Surveys of:
 - Military Voters
 - Military Spouses
 - Overseas Voters
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 - Embassy Voting Assistance Officers
 - Local Election Officials

- **Need weighted LEO data**
 - Only way to understand final ballot results
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- **Original proposition was to allow States to define standards**
 - MOVE Act came year after start of ULC effort
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 - Drafting Committee participation was the key recommendation
 - Adoption if it comported to FVAP Legislative Recommendations
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13 Mockingbird Lane
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MAXIMILIAN

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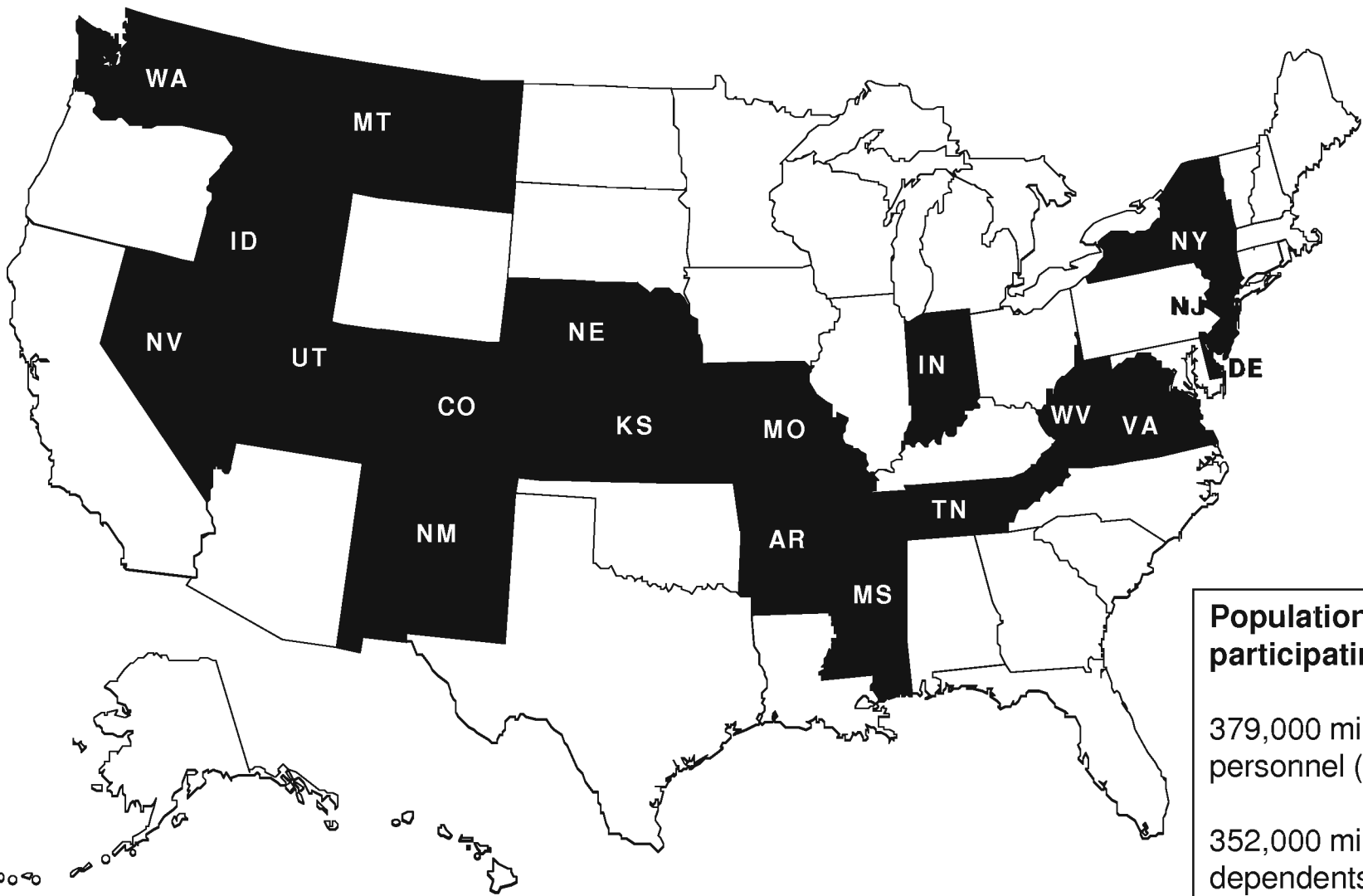
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- Earned Media

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The screenshot shows the FVAP website's 'Absentee Voting Overview' page. The navigation bar includes links for Home, About Us, How to Vote, Request a Ballot, Ballot Return, Ballot Tracking, FAQ, and Contact Us. A search bar and a 'Request a Ballot' button are located below the navigation. The main content area features a heading 'Absentee Voting Overview' and a sub-heading 'To Vote Absentee, Start By Telling Us Who You Are'. This section contains two images: one of a woman in a military uniform with the text 'I am a uniformed service member or a family member', and another of a woman with the text 'I am a citizen living overseas'. To the right, there is an 'Election Countdown' showing '228 Days' and a 'Voting Updates' section with a search bar and a 'Subscribe' button. At the bottom, there are social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn, which are circled in red.

FVAP Social Media

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Just in time for key voting week, FVAP launches online registration assistant to help ease the process - <http://tinyurl.com/23p9a8j>

Texas voters - give your input on pending voting rules - <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/about/news/releases/2010/06/14/10-shr1>

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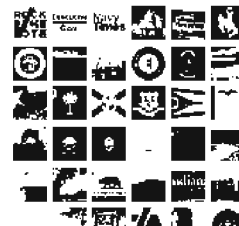
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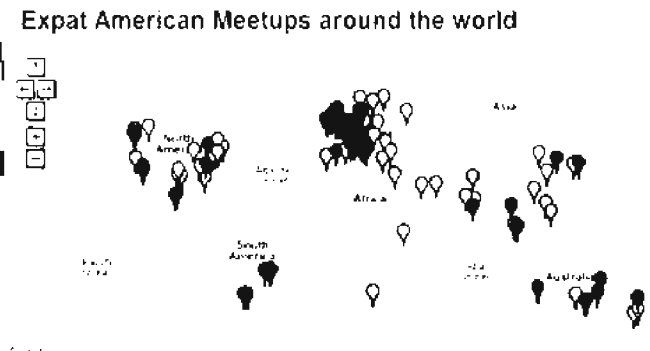
- **Digital/Online Media**

- Search engine ads
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- **Social Media (Voter & VAO Community Building)**

- Facebook
- Twitter
- MeetUp
- YouTube for spots and training videos



Election Official Assistance



➤ Call Centers & Assistance

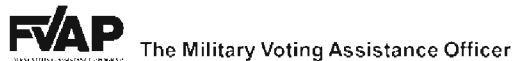
- Online chat capability
- 24/7 hours closer to election
- Direct assistance from FVAP

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- Registration and absentee ballot applications
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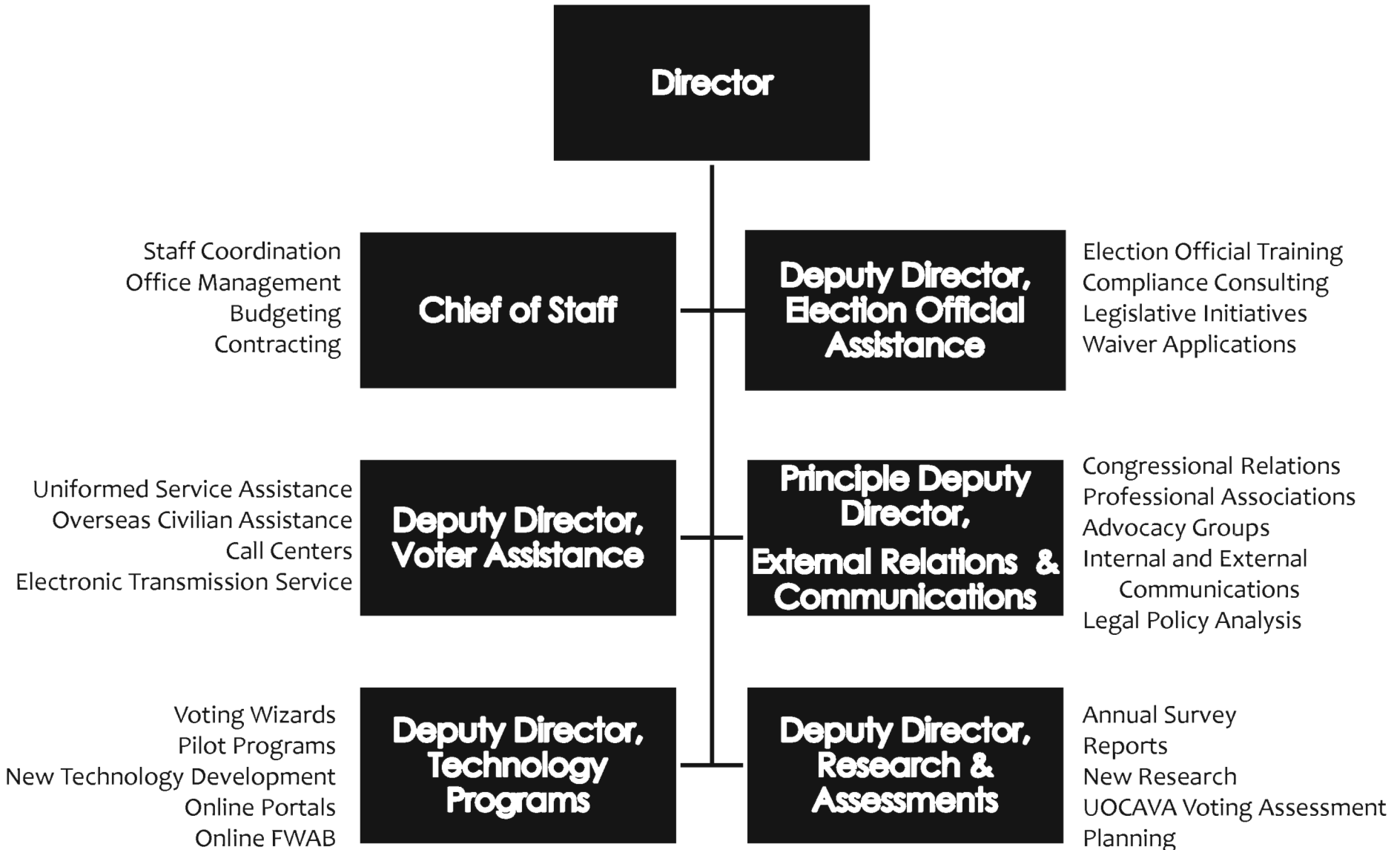


Creating an effective voting assistance plan:

- Display the 2010 Election Dates and motivational posters
- Reach out to younger citizens (18-24) who have statistically lower voter participation rates
- Include tenant organizations in your absentee voting activities, especially National Guard and Reserve Units



FVAP Reorganization



Post-Election Surveys

- **FVAP partners with Defense Manpower Data Center and Department of State**
 - Status of Forces Survey methodology started 2006
 - Surveys of:
 - Military Voters
 - Military Spouses
 - Overseas Voters
 - Military Voting Assistance Officers
 - Embassy Voting Assistance Officers
 - Local Election Officials

- **Need weighted LEO data**
 - Only way to understand final ballot results
 - Only way to understand overseas voters
 - Stratify by LEO jurisdiction size

- **OMB License Process**
 - Six to eight months
 - Public comment period

- **Combine with EAC in 2012?**
 - Single survey instrument
 - Give States access to data
 - Single set of questions



Uniform Law Commission



- **Original proposition was to allow States to define standards**
 - MOVE Act came year after start of ULC effort
 - Standardization in and of itself helpful for UOCAVA voters

- **FVAP encouraged participation in Fall 2009**
 - Drafting Committee participation was the key recommendation
 - Adoption if it comported to FVAP Legislative Recommendations
 - NASED provided input March 2010 and late June 2010

- **Adopted July 15, 2010 without opposition**

ULC participation is not part of FVAP scoring or program participation

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FVAP Plans & Initiatives And the MOVE Act

**Overseas Vote Foundation 2010 Summit
March 18th, 2010**

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 - FVAP encourages universal adoption of FWAB
- **Free Online Ballot Receipt System**
- **Cannot require notary**

Key Long-Term Issues

Ballot Delivery and Return

- States don't send out ballots early enough
- Military mail is too slow to support absentee voting
- States and local election officials don't have the money to support alternatives

Poor Data Drive Bad Policies

- States don't collect sufficient data on military and overseas voters and ballots
- FVAP data collection poor and not transparent in the past
- Erroneous beliefs:
 - Low voter registration
 - Low voter participation
 - Poor identification of root problems

FVAP Customers

Uniformed Services Voters

➤ **Both Military Personnel and their Dependents**

- All five Armed Services, USPHS, NOAA, Merchant Marine
- Dependents
- 1.5M members, 1.1M dependents

➤ **Both Domestic and Overseas**

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- 85% of dependents domestic

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- Permanent = federal only
- Temporary = all races; potential tax liability

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The Problem is Ballot Return

➤ **Military enjoys higher traditional voter performance rates**

- **Voter Registration Rate**
 - General Electorate = 70%
 - Military Electorate = 86%
- **Voter Participation Rate**
 - General Electorate = 64%
 - Military Electorate = 70%

➤ **Absentee Ballot Return Rates:**

- 91% = General Population
- 67% = UOCAVA voters

▪ **Absentee Ballot Delivery Failure Also Problem**

- 9% military ballots misaddressed
- 6% returned as undeliverable
- 17% of military requesting absentee ballots never received it

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FVAP Goals

- **1: UOCAVA voting success rates equal to or exceed general population rates**
 - Absentee ballot cast rate
 - Counted rate of those cast
 - FWAB utilization/success rate

- **2: UOCAVA voter registration and participation rate equal to or exceed general population (age and gender adjusted)**

- **3: Improve Ballot Delivery and Return Processes to fit available times**

- **4: Define the actual overseas citizen population**

- **5: Bring all States' Legislative Initiative Scores to 75%**

FVAP Lines of Operation

Goals	Improve Voter Success Rates	Improve Ballot Delivery & Return	Define the Overseas Civilian Population	Bring State Legislative Initiative Scores > 75%
Lines of Operation				
Direct to the Voter Assistance	Greater consistency of assistance	Education postal realities	Better identify overseas civilian demographics	
Leverage Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make process easier • Reduce voter errors 	Reduce reliance on postal mail		Encourage State adoption of FVAP technologies
Greater Election Official Assistance	Reduce unjustified voting rejection			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education need • Assist with fixes
Better Data; Greater Transparency	Better identify actual problem causes		Correctly identify Overseas Civilian voting performance	Tie legislative initiatives to actual UOCAVA voting failure

Voting Assistance Program

➤ Current Program

- Unit and Embassy Voting Assistance Officers
- Collateral Duty
- Service-run
- FVAP Guidance and Support
 - Forms
 - Instructions
 - Training

➤ Vision

- “FVAP.gov” as the best VAO
- “TurboTax/TaxCut”® the voting process
- Reduce need/reliance on Voting Assistance Officers
- Call Center and Online Chat
- Social Media Outreach



FVAP Focus Area: Improve Ballot Delivery & Return

- **Improve Ballot Delivery and Return**
 - Online Ballot Delivery and Marking Wizard
 - Expedited Ballot Return
 - Electronic Transmission Service

- **Expedited Ballot Delivery and Tracking**
 - Seven day return standard
 - All ballots sent by Express Mail
 - Open up Express Mail tracking system to States to meet Ballot Receipt Tracking System requirements?

- **Expanded Use of the FWAB**
 - Online FWAB Wizard
 - Increased emphasis on FWABs in month before election

Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) Wizard

Federal Voting Assistance Program – FPCA Wizard

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Street Address (required) |

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Also a Federal Candidate online FWAB

- Auto Ballot population with federal candidates by voting residence
- Online ballot marking, hard-copy wet signature, postal return

Ballot Delivery and Marking Wizard

- **FVAP Supported** = federal funding
- **Vendor Provided** = Existing technology deployment, choice of vendors
- **State Decided** = State say in vendor and ballot;
 - MOVE Act compliant
 - VR/EMS Integration requirements
 - Common Data Format?
- **Voter Adopted** = seamless, intuitive, and transparent process
- **RFQ Issued 16 March 2010**

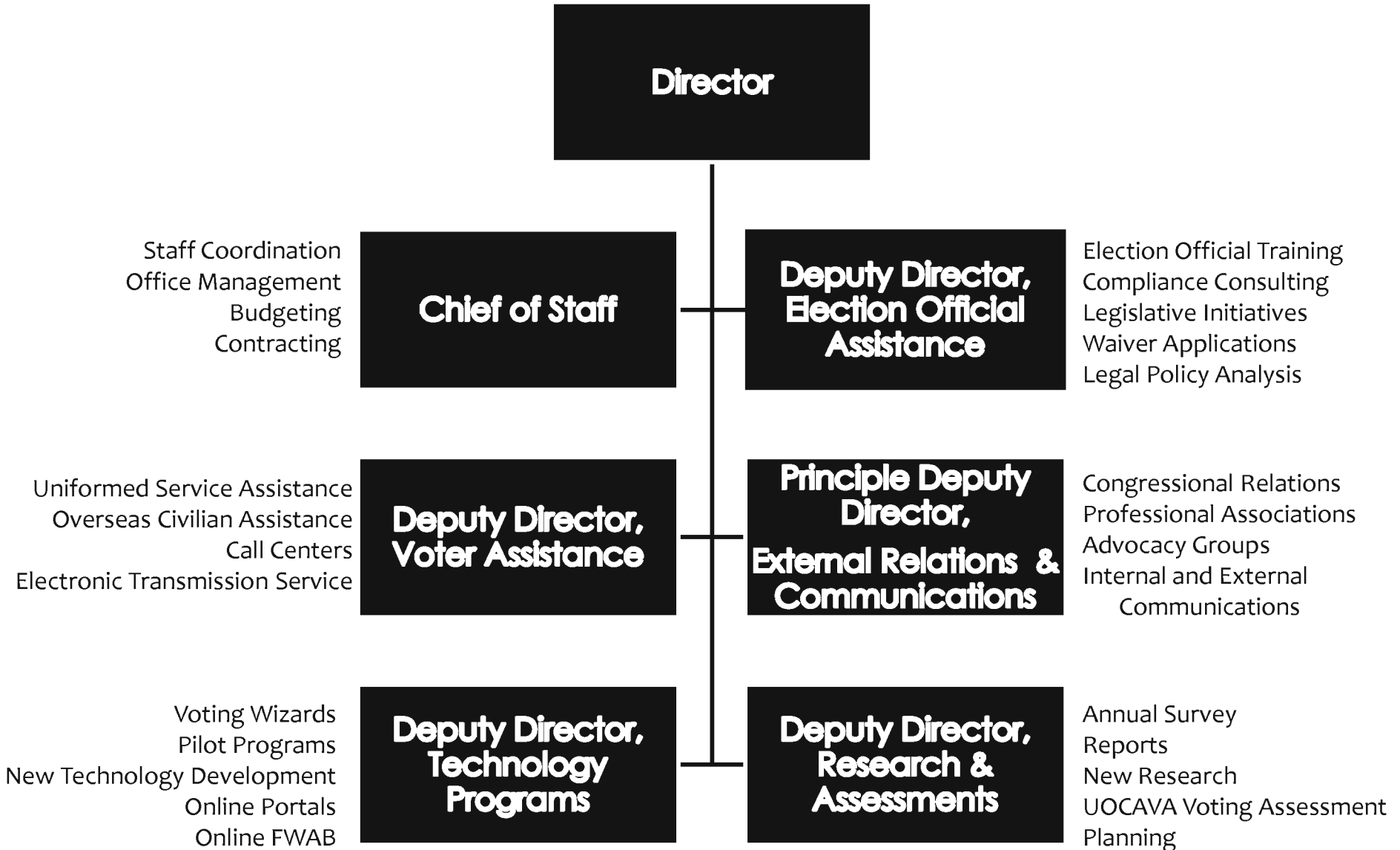
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- Adopted Status of Forces Survey for quadrennial report
- Coordinating with EAC and academic community
 - Define data standards
 - Coordinate/combine reports
 - Solve key data problems

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- Provide greater services
 - Wizards
 - Workshops
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Talking Points - FVAP 2010 Legislative Initiatives

Strategic Goal

- Bring the absentee voting success rate for Uniformed Service members, their families and citizens residing outside the US equal to that of the general population

Military and Overseas Voter Success Rates

- The US military registers and votes at greater rates than the national population.
 - The active duty military registration rate was 77% compared to a 71% national voter registration rate.
 - When adjusted to for being so much more male and so much younger than the national voting population, the registration rate for active duty military in the 2008 general election was 87% (+/-3%).
 - 86% of Federal employees living overseas were registered to vote.
 - The active duty military voter participation rate, when adjusted for age and gender differences, was 73% compared to a 64% national voter participation rate.
 - The unadjusted active duty military voter participation rate was 54%.
 - 76% of federal employees living overseas were registered to vote.
 - The overall UOCAVA voter absentee ballot return rate is 67%, whereas the national absentee ballot return rate is 91%.
 - The absentee ballot return rate for active duty military voters in the U.S. was 63% (+/-10).
 - The absentee ballot return rate for overseas active duty military voters was 67% (+/-7).
 - 17% of registered active duty military requested an absentee ballot but did not receive it.
 - The absentee ballot return rate for overseas civilians was 74% (+/-8).
- 94% of returned UOCAVA voter ballots cast were counted.

- Ballot transit time continues to be the principle obstacle to UOCAVA voter success. The process often takes longer than States and territories provide their voters, and voters often see the process as unnecessarily cumbersome.
 - Only 40% of election officials, who mailed advance ballots or absentee ballots, began mailing ballots on or before September 25, 2008 - that is approximately 40 days to receive the ballot, vote it, and return it to the local election official.
 - The primary reason ballots are not counted is because they are received after the deadline.
- Military voters enjoy their voting success despite the voting systems they must navigate, and significant problems still exist. Voters report the following challenges:
 - Residency qualification laws are confusing;
 - Difficulty maintaining current mailing address with Local Election Officials;
 - Delayed or no response from the Local Election Official regarding receipt of registration and ballot request; and
 - Complicated voting process.
- Because there was no clearly defined frame of overseas civilians and because of the low response rate to the survey, FVAP is unable to make a statistically significant analysis of these citizens.
- Previously, the Federal Employees portion of the Overseas Citizens population post elections survey was only of Defense Employees; however, the 2008 Survey of overseas Federal employees sample was designed to represent all Federal civilian employees living and working overseas.

MOVE and NVRA

- Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment (MOVE) Act requires States to send out absentee ballots to military voters at least 45 days prior to the election
- Send the blank ballot electronically, such as by email or online posting, to allow earlier access to the ballot
- Secretary of Defense recently elevated the powers of installation voting assistance offices so they will provide registration and absentee ballot application assistance at every change of duty station, before and after overseas deployments

State-by-State Legislative Initiatives Index: To measure how well FVAP is doing convincing States to change their laws to assist military and overseas civilian voting, FVAP developed a State-by-State index which measures States' adoption of FVAP's recommendations.

- The scores are weighted to give greater emphasis to those Initiatives that most directly address the key areas of military and overseas civilian voting failure.
- The Index' scores emphasize the key issue of ballot transmission and return failure, [REDACTED] of the score to the three Initiatives addressing that problem:
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 - Electronic transmission of absentee voting materials, preferably by email or online posting.
 - Universal use of the Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot (FWAB).

2010 Legislative Initiatives

- 45-day ballot transit time for all elections - LEOs should begin mailing ballots at least 45-days BEFORE the approaching election
- Email and online transmission of voting materials – because fax capabilities are generally unavailable to military and overseas voters, States should allow electronic alternatives like email and online voting
- Expanded use of the FWAB – expanding use of the FWAB eliminates the need for state write in absentee ballots and provides all UOCAVA voters a greater opportunity to vote in elections
- Participation with the Uniform Law Commission Effort and Adoption of Recommendations – The 2008 VAG was over 450 pages because each state has its own rules and regulations regarding the absentee voting process. The Commission's goal is to simplify the myriad of absentee voting regulations and procedures into a uniform process common to all 55 states and territories.
- Emergency Authority for State Chief Election Official – allows election official to designate alternative methods for voting
- Removal of witnessing requirement – MOVE Act removes the notarization requirement, so we are focusing on removal of the witnessing requirement. The voter's signature and date, under the self-administered oath on voting materials, should verify the legitimacy of the voter and the application or ballot.
- Late Registration Procedures



- Enfranchise Citizens Who Have Never Resided in the US – US citizens should be able to vote to vote in Federal elections in the State in which either parent is eligible to vote under UOCAVA

FVAP 18th Report on Military and Overseas Absentee Voting

- Report is currently in coordination by leadership and will be released as soon as approved.

Federal Voting Assistance Program 2010 Election Cycle Initiatives, Lessons Learned, & 2012 Initiatives

June 2011

What is the Key Election System Issue

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- Sep 1, 2006
- June 2008

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➤ **“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

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- Is email good enough?
- What about the non-participating State systems?
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- **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 2010 Key Initiatives

➤ Provide Direct to the Voter Assistance

- Make the process easy, quick, intuitive and seamless
- Reduce the reliance on Voting Assistance Officers
- Provide online wizards, including FPCA and FWAB
- **FVAP as a portal, not a service provider**
- **Requires extensive voter education**

➤ Get the Ballots To and From the Voters Quicker

- Online ballot download
- Express Mail Return of voted ballots

➤ Expanded Assistance for Election Officials

- Develop tools that voters will use and **States will adopt**
- Specifications to State election requirements, not federal contract rules
- Assist States change laws to comply with MOVE Act
- Assist States in compliance with MOVE Act

To Vote Absentee, Start By Telling Us Who You Are



I am a uniformed service member or a family member.

For active-duty members of the Armed Forces, Merchant Marine, Public Health Service, NOAA, and their family members.

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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.



What would you like to do?

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Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) for Absentee Ballot

Complete the Form

Uniformed Services Member > Washington > King

Eligibility

State

Jurisdiction

My Information

Voting Residence

Mailing Address

Method to Send Form

Method To Receive Ballot

Additional Information

Print and Finish

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) - - 1234 ↕

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

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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.

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

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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
 Ryan Harrison Carr
 MAILING OFFICE
 FPO AE 0204-619



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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, review and correct before mailing. **WARNING:** Knowingly providing false information in this application could result in criminal sanctions.

2010 AE 0204-619-0001

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

1. REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR ALL ELECTIONS IN WHICH IT IS POSSIBLE TO VOTE AND IT IS NECESSARY:

I am unable to vote because of my military service or my family's military service.

I am unable to vote because of my military service.

I am unable to vote because of my family's military service.

2. MY INFORMATION (Required):

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)
 Caryn Robin Harrison

DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY)
 07/11/61

LOCAL COUNTY NUMBER
 1734

STATE (2-DIGIT)
 WA

CITY OR TOWN (3-DIGIT)
 99483

ZIP CODE (5-DIGIT)
 99483-8118

3. MY VOTING RESIDENCE ADDRESS (Required):

STREET ADDRESS (Number, Street Name, Apt. No., Box No., P.O. No., etc.)
 93 Mockingbird Lane

CITY (3-DIGIT)
 King

STATE (2-DIGIT)
 WA

ZIP CODE (5-DIGIT)
 99483

4. WHERE TO SEND MY VOTING MATERIALS:

MAILING ADDRESS (Number, Street Name, Apt. No., Box No., P.O. No., etc.)
 99483-8118

POSTAL OFFICE (Number, Street Name, Apt. No., Box No., P.O. No., etc.)
 FPO AE 0204-619

5. I am the owner of a vehicle in the U.S. as shown on my driver's license: Yes No None

6. MY POLITICAL PARTY PREFERENCE (Optional, but may be required by state):
 Register with an affinity election:

7. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: (Indicate the period for which you want to receive ballots and instructions for how to request them during the voting assistance period for other appropriate purposes.)
 I am requesting ballots for the following election(s):

8. I affirm, under penalty of perjury, that:
 I am a member of the Uniformed Services of the Americas or an eligible spouse or dependent of such a member of the U.S. Armed Forces who is unable to vote because of my military service, or I am a member of the U.S. Armed Forces who is unable to vote because of my family's military service, and I have not been convicted of a felony or other disqualifying offense or been so judicially mandated; my voting materials have not been recalled; and
 I am not registering, requesting a ballot, or voting in any other jurisdiction in the U.S. and
 I am not registering and will not be voting in any other jurisdiction; and
 The information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.
 Understanding that a false statement of fact in completion of this document may constitute grounds for conviction of perjury.

9. SIGNATURE (Required):
 SIGNED: _____

DATE: _____

10. MAILING OFFICE (Required):
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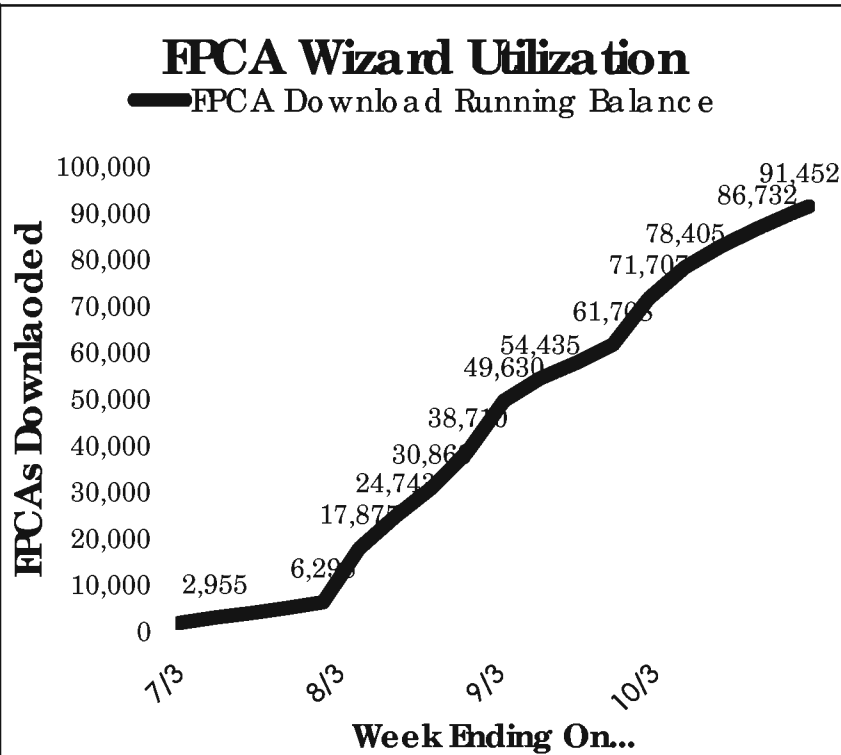
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2010 FPCA and FWAB Wizard Utilization

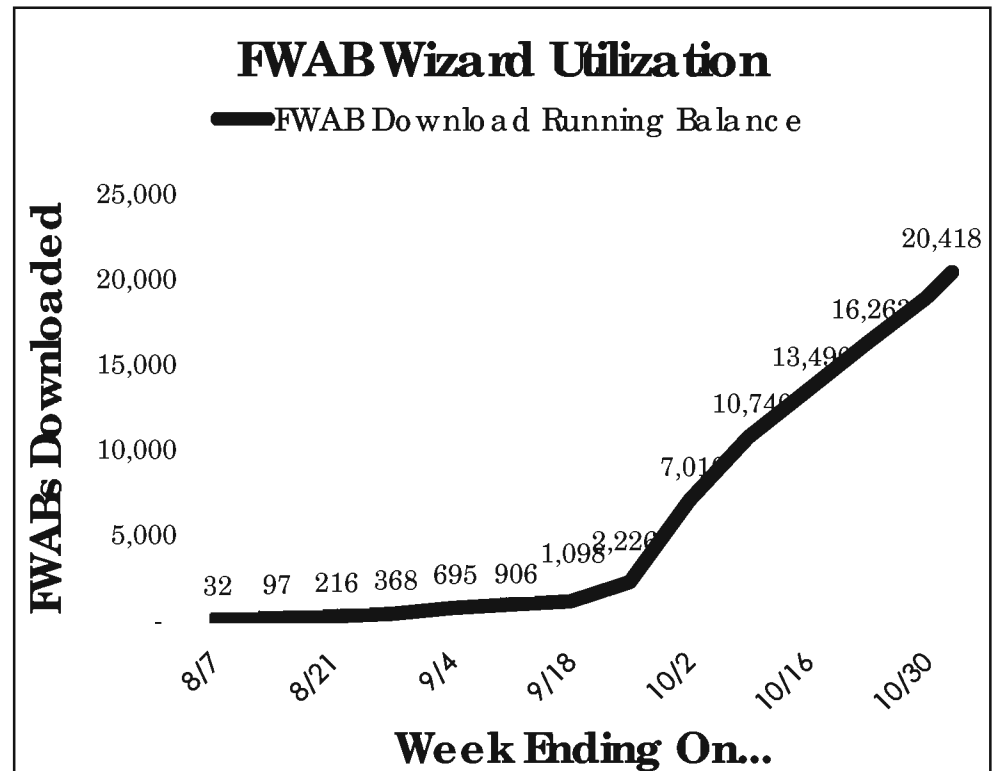
FPCA Wizard downloads:

- *National: 91,565*



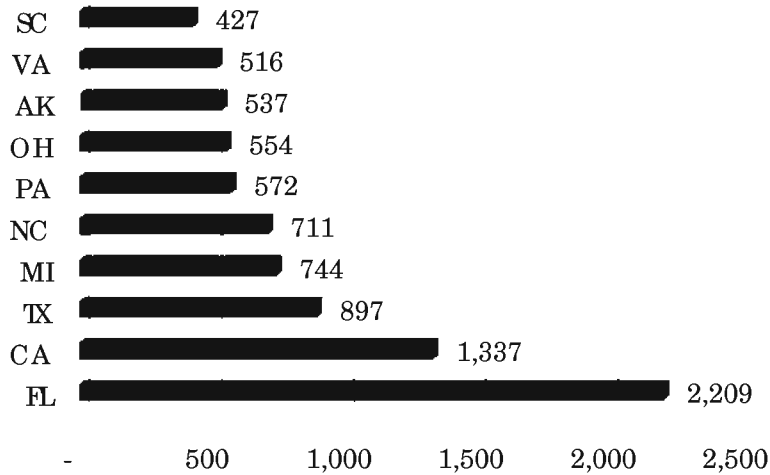
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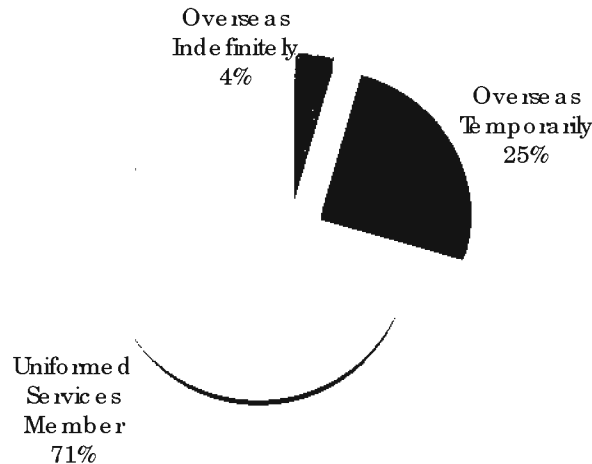
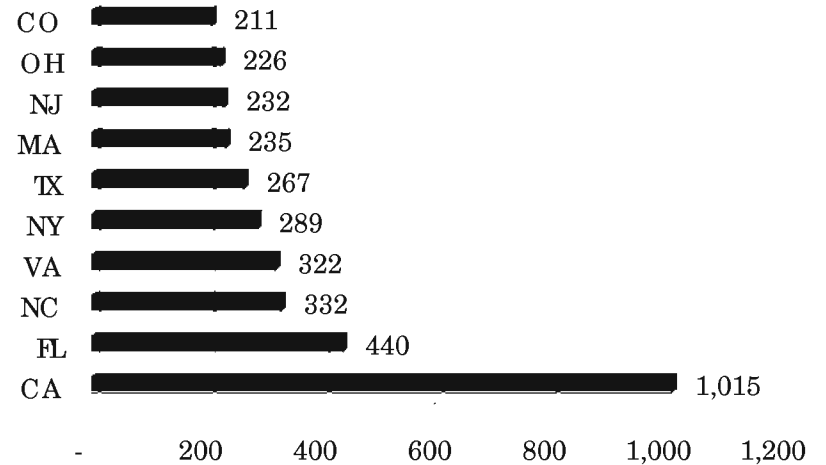


2010 FWAB Wizard Utilization

Uniformed Services FWABs Downloaded

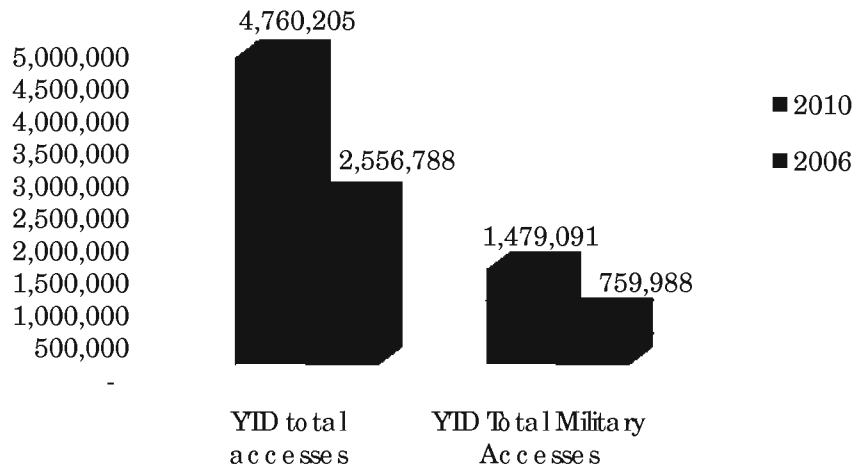


Total Overseas Citizen FWAB Downloads



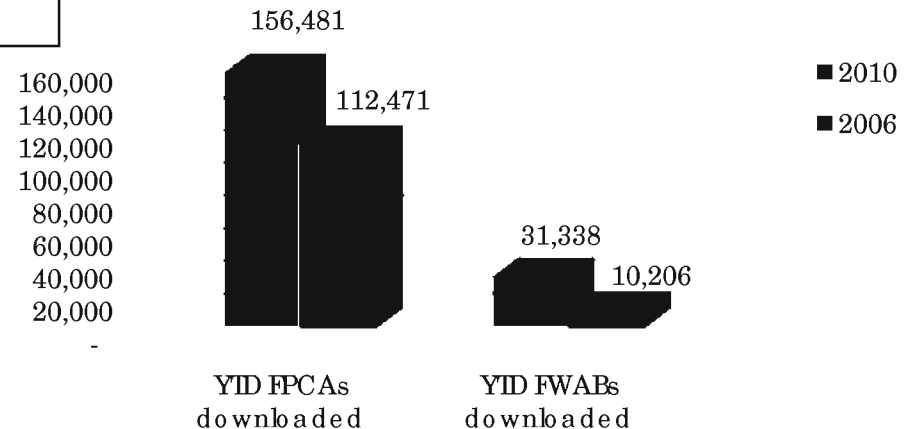
FVAP Website Utilization

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



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

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



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

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



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Register to Vote and/or Request Ballot

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

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](#)

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Get My Ballot Now

[Use Virginia's automated assistant to get a complete State ballot.](#)

or

[Use FWAP's automated assistant to complete and print a back-up write-in ballot for Federal candidates.](#)

Important Dates for UOCAVA citizens

General Election: 11/02/2010
Uniformed Service members Register by: 10/26/2010
Overseas Citizens Register by: 10/12/2010
Request ballot by: 10/26/2010
Return ballot by: 11/02/2010

[Please See Important Notice to Virginia Users of Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot \(FWAB\)](#)

Resources:

[Virginia Absentee Voting Guidelines](#)
[Virginia State Election website](#)

ALERT: [Deadlines for Return of Voted Ballots from APO/FPOs](#)

Would you rather fill out the form by hand?
[Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot](#)

Future:

Planning a federal grant structured program for states and localities



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:

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

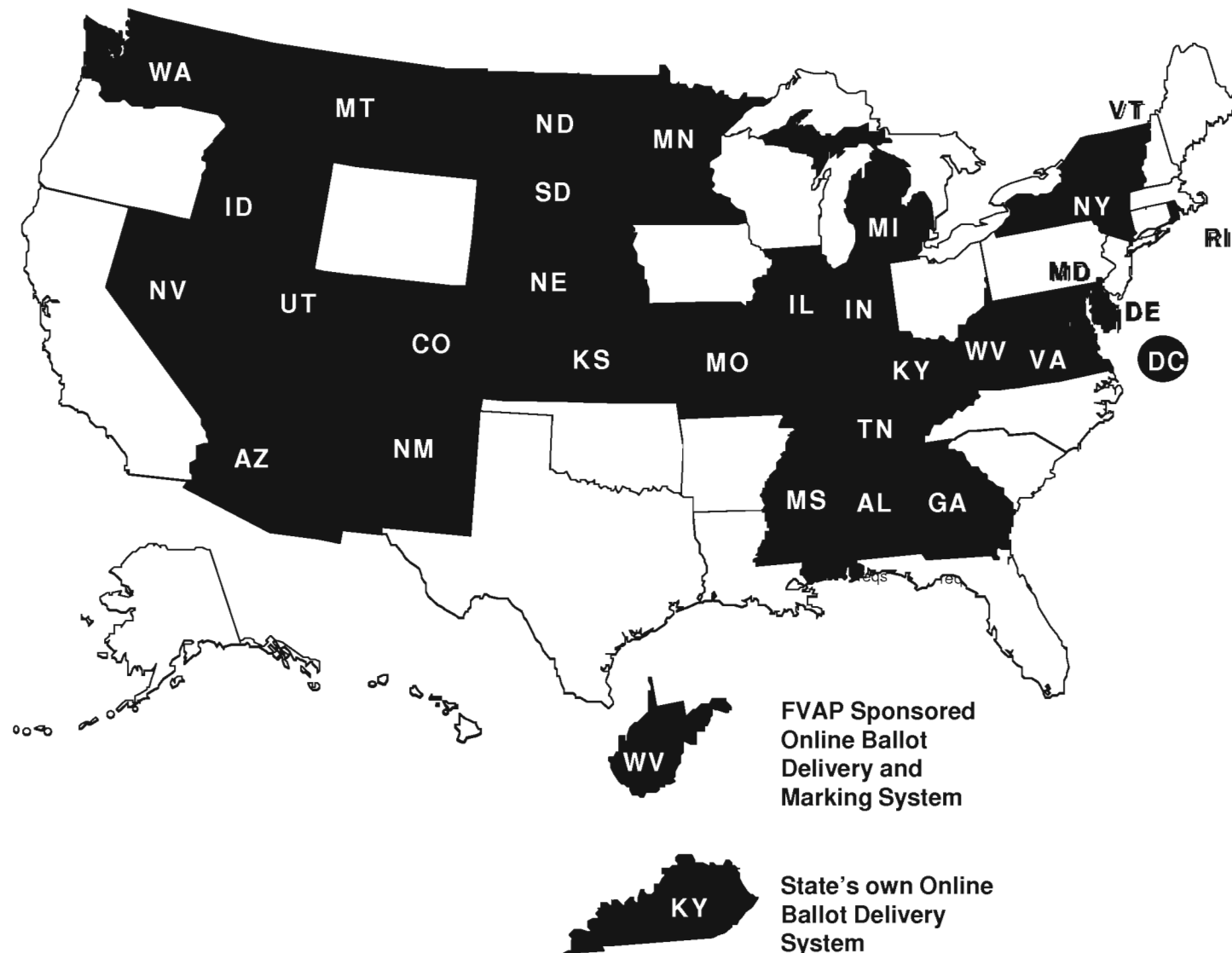
For technical issues with site availability only - (866) 257-2150

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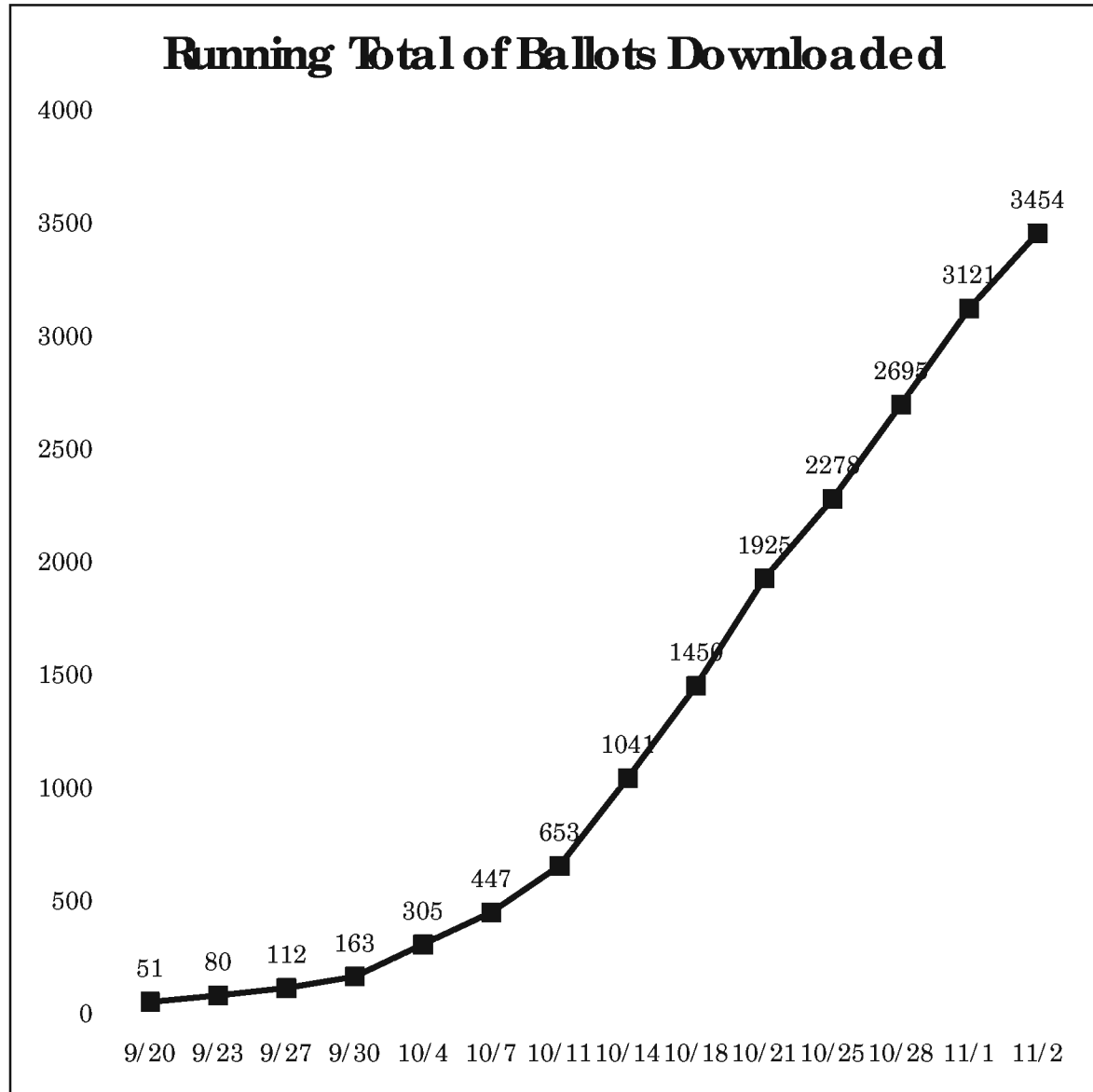
Online Ballot Wizards



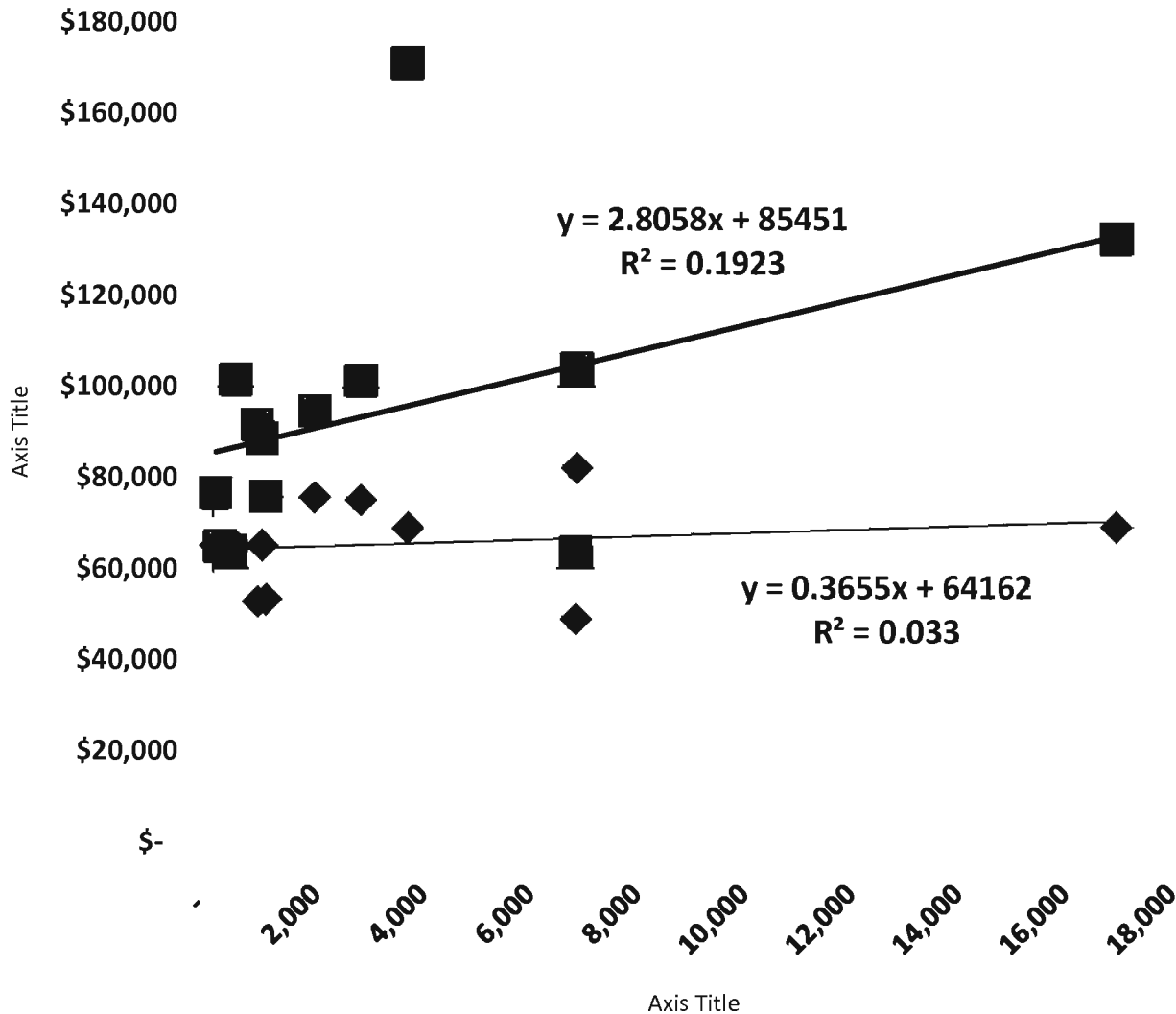
- 31 States total
 - 17 FVAP supported
 - 14 Own
- DE sent out 1/2 of all ballots using online wizard
- WV also has 5 Counties with full internet voting
- WA, CO also had additional, non-FVAP, systems

State Wizard Usage

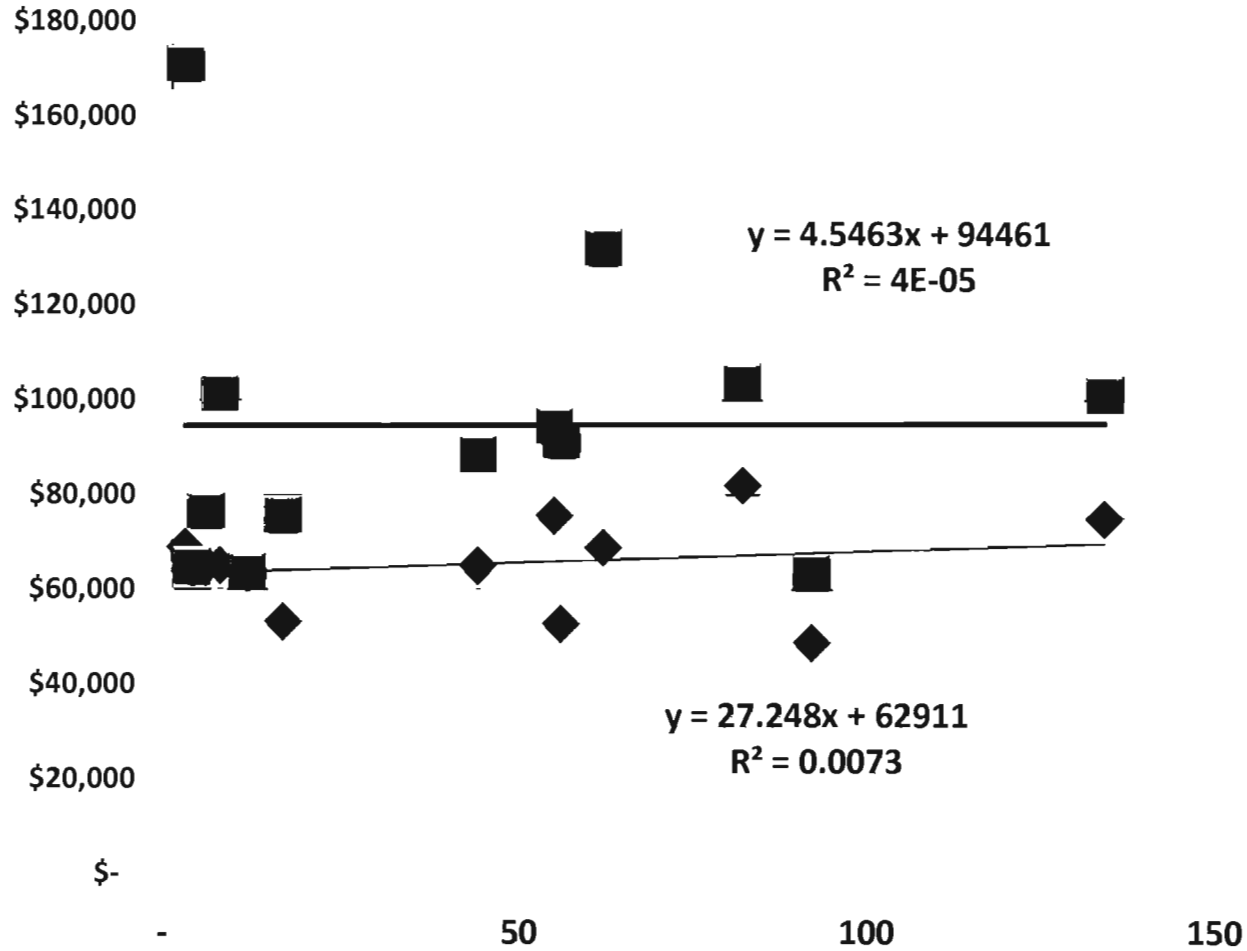
State	Vendor	Ballots Downloaded
Colorado	Democracy Live	31
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Idaho	Democracy Live	26
Indiana	Scytl	88
Kansas	Scytl	4
Mississippi	Scytl	146
Missouri	Scytl	142
Montana	Konnech	540
Nebraska	Scytl	19
Nevada	Konnech	100
New Mexico	Scytl	25
New York	Scytl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



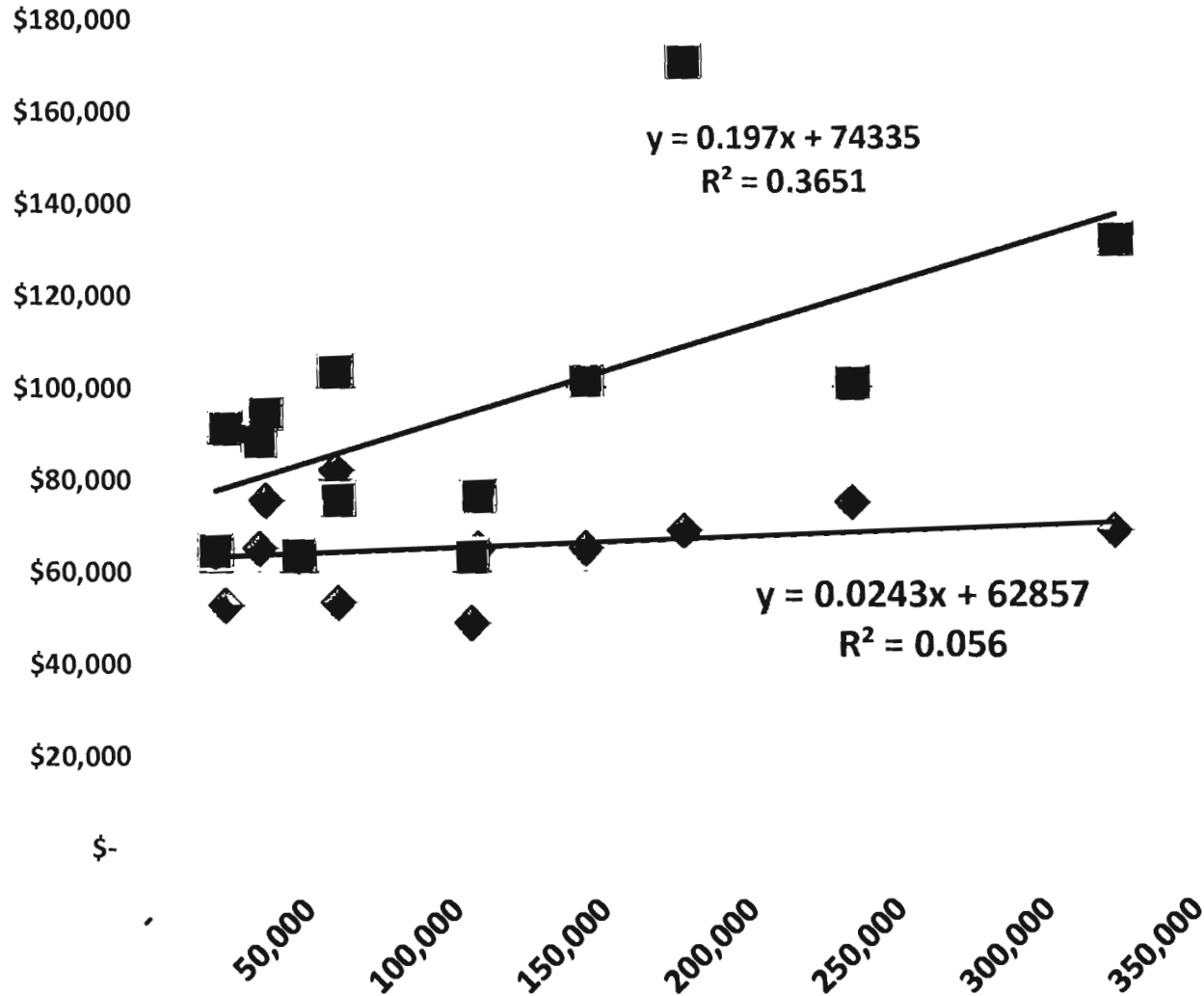
Correlation of # Ballot Styles to Contract Cost



Correlation of # Jurisdictions to Contract Cost



Correlation of # UOCAVA Voters to Contract Cost



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
- ***Need to make voters aware of online ballot delivery instead of defaulting to FWAB***

➤ 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



<https://twitter.com/FVAP>



Following

Just in time for key voting week, FVAP launches online registration assistant to help ease the process - <http://tinyurl.com/23p9a8j>

Texas voters - give your input on pending voting rules - http://www.sos.state.tx.us/about/news/releases/2010/06/14/10_snrp

Kudos - DC is doing something very "unique" - <http://tinyurl.com/27rnc4z>

Next week is a key week for voting absentee. Are you registered? Go to www.fvap.gov to get registered. We're here for you!



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DoD - Supporting military and overseas citizens absentee voting. We're here for you!

Honor the past, support the future - VOTE!

If you're looking for the official source of information

Name FVAP
Location Arlington, VA
Web <http://www.fvap.gov>
Bio The Department of Defense Federal Voting Assistance Program - Supporting and facilitating military and overseas absentee voting.

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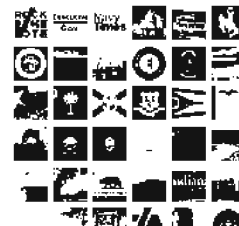
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Following



Federal Voting Assistance Program, DoD Do you think there is a problem with absentee voting? What do you think it is? Ballot receipt? Registration regulations are too complex? Laws? Tell us what you think.

Wall Info Photos Discussions Boxes Video >> +

What's on your mind?

Attach:

Share

Options



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Federal Voting Assistance Program, DoD Kudos to McGuire-Jix-Lakehurst joint publication for helping to get the word out <http://www2.jointbasemdl.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123212348>

Online program helps military families vote absentee
What is Defense Services The new app is

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Federal Voting Assistance Program, DoD Sweet article by Airman McFadden (Hurlburt Field, FL) - <http://www2.hurlburt.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123212450>



Feature - Voting- it does a country good

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Tuesday, September 28, 2010

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PostOpinion Eric Holder: A confirmation crisis in our courts



(Photo: AP)

A tearful Karzai appeals for peace

President creeps in speech, says he worries his son might not be able to grow up in Afghanistan.
 • Video: A call for faster Afghan peace talks

OPINIONS

Where's the Change?

Milbank: David Axelrod, leaving Washington in defeat.
 Gerson: Hate Washington
 Sargent: How to handle 'whining'



- Capehart: Obama cracks whip on Democrats
- Holder: A confirmation crisis in our courts
- Robinson: Eddie Long 'like David against Goliath'
- Petri: Why Americans fail religion tests

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BOB WOODWARD: OBAMA'S WARS

President was cautioned that strategy faced risks

For months the vice president kept the pressure on, urging against a dramatic war escalation; 'It's not the number, it's the strategy,' he said.

» Bob Woodward

- Obama: 'We are stronger' | Interview transcript
- Part One | 365+ comments | Complete coverage

POSTPOLITICS 2010 ELECTIONS

Obama: 'A Christian by choice'

At a backyard chat in N.M., the president offers rare personal comments about his religious faith.

» Anne E. Kornblut and William Branigin 4:07 p.m. ET

A White House rescue mission

THE TAKE At tonight's Wisconsin rally, Dems count on Obama to lead charge to bring out vote.

» Dan Balz

- Dems blast GOP on education issues | Media Notes
- Senate Republicans block outsourcing bill

Court eyes corporate privacy

In batch of new cases, justices also revisit tangled legal history of Playboy model, Anna Nicole Smith.

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wp Senate GOP blocks bill that would promote less outsourcing

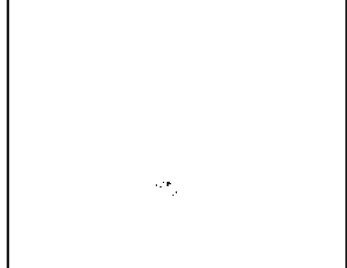
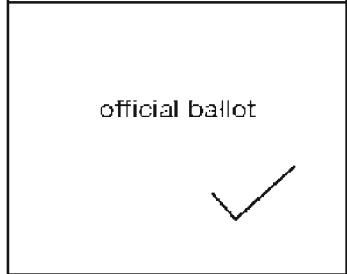


FEATURES & RESOURCES

TOP SECRET AMERICA

| Washington Post Investigates

Reporters Dana Priest and Bill Arkin spent two years investigating the top-secret world the U.S. government created in response to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.



Visit FVAP.gov to fill out your Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot before it's too late.

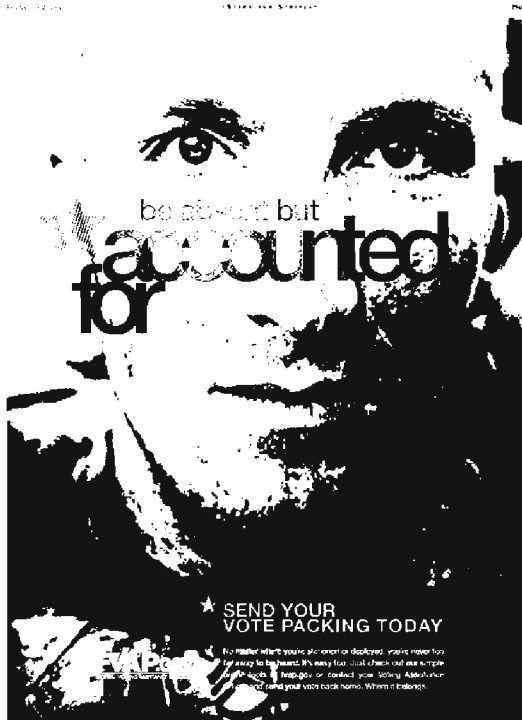
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*Defense
Times*



- Full Page Ads
- 4th of July
 - Register
 - VAOs
- End of September
 - Send in Ballot
 - Ballot Download
 - FWAB

*Military
Spouse
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*International
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Tribune*

Military TV spot



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



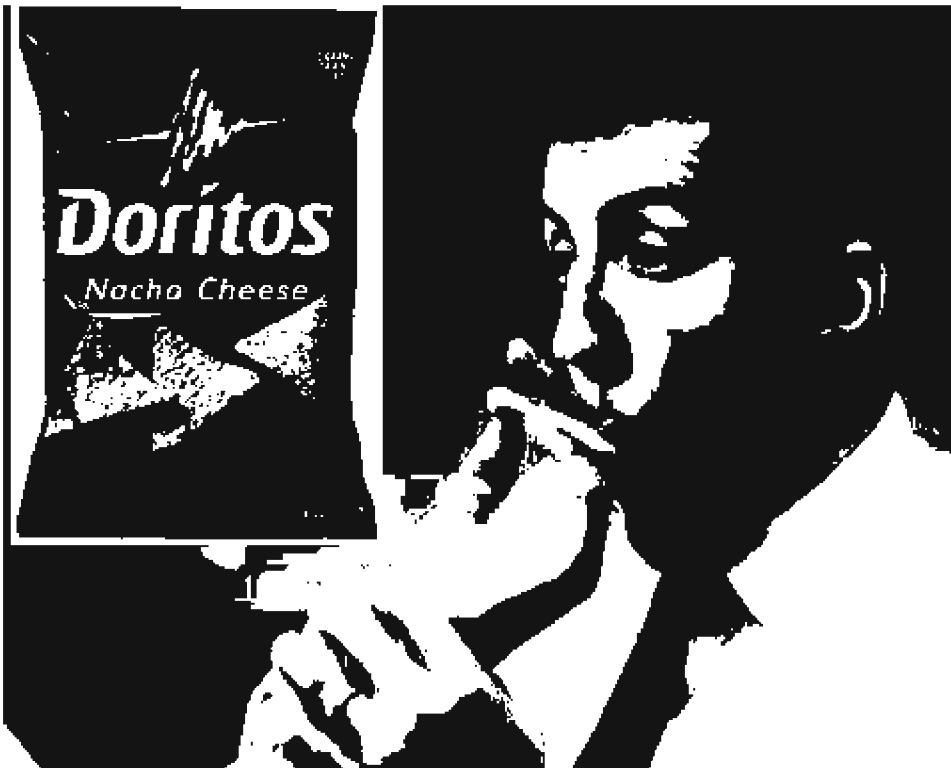
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Challenge.gov

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**Video Contest to Run
 Public Service
 Announcements**

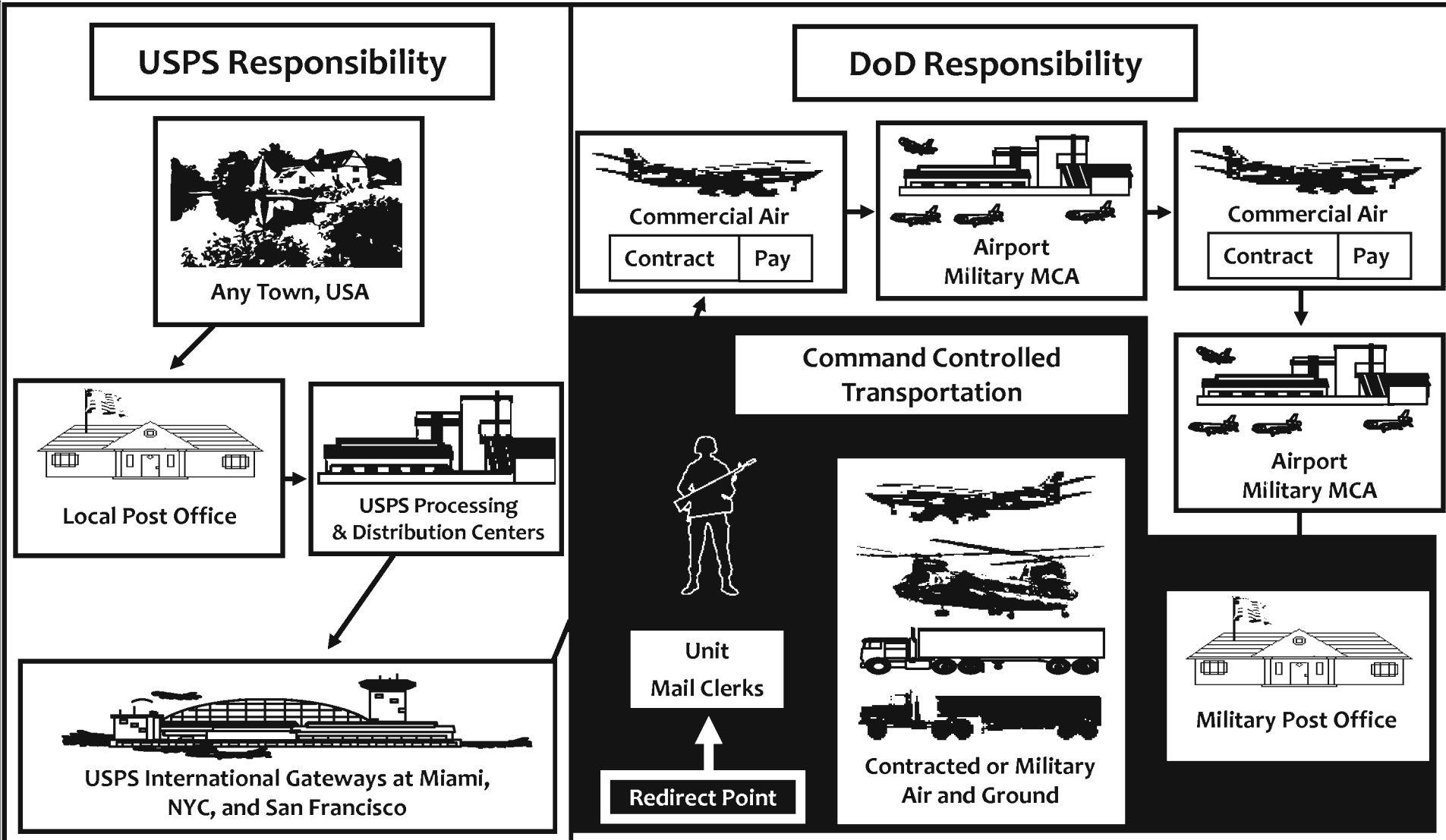
Postal Delivery Realities

- **2008 Data: Still Long One Way Delivery Times**
 - September 2008 Priority Delivery
 - USS IWO JIMA – 30.58 days
 - USS THEADORE ROOSEVELT – 28.76 days
 - USS LINCOLN – 22.77 days
 - October 2008 Priority Delivery
 - USS WASP – 28.50 days
 - USS IWO JIMA – 27.50 days
 - USMC CAMP TAQADDUM – 23.74 days
 - **And this is to MPO, not to delivery points down range**

- **MPSA 2008 Ballot Delivery Recommendations Parallel Data**
 - OIF/OEF – 28 days
 - Other overseas – 21 days
 - **These are RETURN recommendations**

- **Unfair to Expect Faster Delivery**
 - The problem is the States haven't sent out the ballots early enough
 - MOVE Act hopefully will address much of this

How Ballots Move To & From Ground Forces



How Ballots Move To & From Deployed Navy Sailors

Vertical on Deck



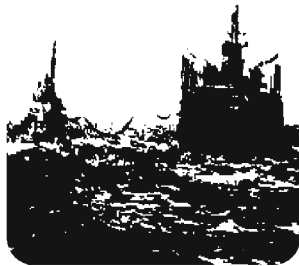
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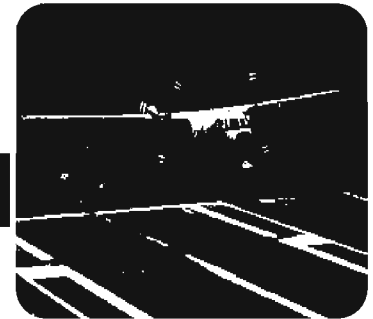
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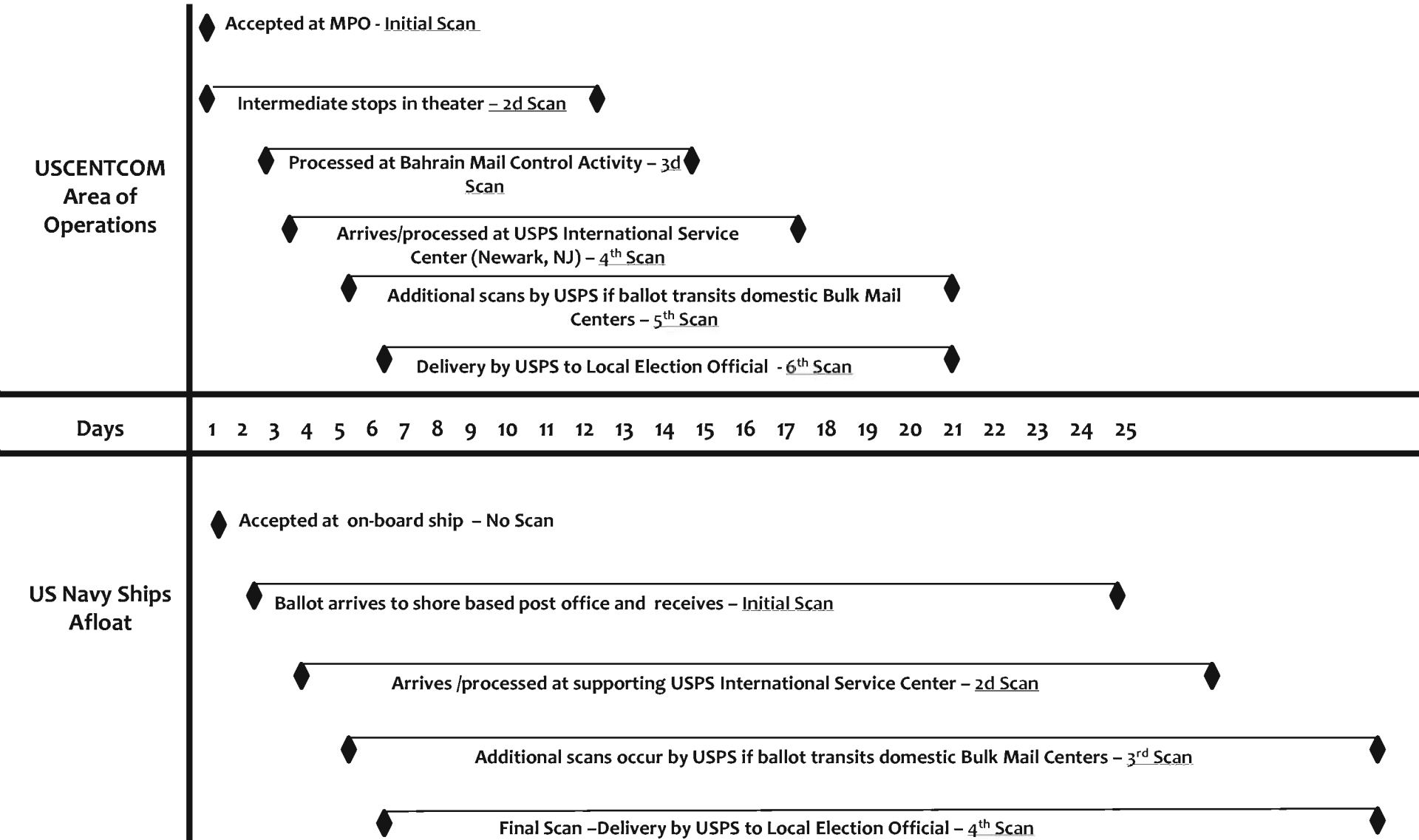


Military Sealift



Carrier On Deck

Projected Ballot Timeline



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**

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 support:**
 - FVAP advertised in September-October ads and 30 day emails
 - Extensive voter alerts and social media marketing



AMPS Automated Military Postal System MSG GRACE JOHNSON

Change User Role | Log Out | Print

Home Internal Mail Operations **Transportation** Plans/Policy Knowledge World 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 Postage
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2	963069998	03/05/2010 14:32	ES 990964951 US	N	63143	MO	0 lb 1 oz	21.85	14.96
3	963069998	03/22/2010 15:17	ES 990964951 US	N	64051	MO	0 lb 1 oz	21.85	14.96
4	963389998	05/18/2010 15:41	EH 990106367 US	A	96814	HI	0 lb 14 oz	15.70	14.96
5	963709998	02/16/2010 13:19	ES 990841997 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 990838973 US	N	72601	AR	0 lb 3 oz	21.85	14.96
8	963709998	03/08/2010 13:40	ES 9908358987 US	N	72601	AR	0 lb 2 oz	18.30	14.96
9	963709998	03/08/2010 09:29	ES 990858995 US	N	78621	TX	0 lb 1 oz	21.85	14.96
TOTAL								186.15	134.64
USPS owes DoD									51.51



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Track & Confirm

Search Results

Label/Receipt Number: **ES99 0246 665U 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 >](#)

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 USC ENTICOM)
 - 7 @ over 30 days (All originated in USC ENTICOM)
 - US Navy Ships Ballots Averaged 8 Days (From shore based MPOs to election office)

2010 Post-Election Survey

Surveys

- **Active Duty Military**
- **Military Dependents** – First time ever
- **Overseas Civilians**
 - Controlled sample based on State Department warden list emails
 - Convenience Sample
- **Voting Assistance Officers**
 - State Department
 - Military Units

Key Elements & Discoveries

- **Need quality data:**
 - Weight for voter population demographics
 - Weight for jurisdiction size
 - Weight for non-response
- **FVAP drives program to those results**
- **1/3 military voters vote in person**

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 Goals

- **Improve voter success rates to meet or exceed the general absentee population voter success rates by 2014.**
 - Absentee ballot cast rate
 - Counted rate of those cast
 - FWAB utilization/success rate

- **Bring State Legislative Initiative Scores to 75% by 2014.**

- **Quantify the overseas civilian population by 2012.**
 - Geographic Distribution
 - Demographics

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

Voter Initiatives

- **Outreach**
 - Communications
 - Partnerships
 - Online training

- **Improve online Wizards**
 - Bar Codes
 - FWAB Candidate Data Improvements

- **FPCA/FWAB Redesign**

- **Wounded Warrior Research**
 - Catalogue disabilities and voting assistance requirements
 - Mock Election

- **Databases**
 - VAO
 - LEOs
 - Voting Laws and Regulations

Election Official Initiatives

- **Grant Research Program**

- **Legislative Initiatives/
UMOVA/Index Scores**

- **LEO Training:**
 - In-person
 - CERA
 - Online

Technology Initiatives

- **Security Research**
 - Blank Ballot Delivery
 - National Level Threats
 - DISN-only systems (TGDC)

- **Website Architecture**

- **System Tests against EAC Pilot
Testing Requirements**



➤ Call Centers & Assistance

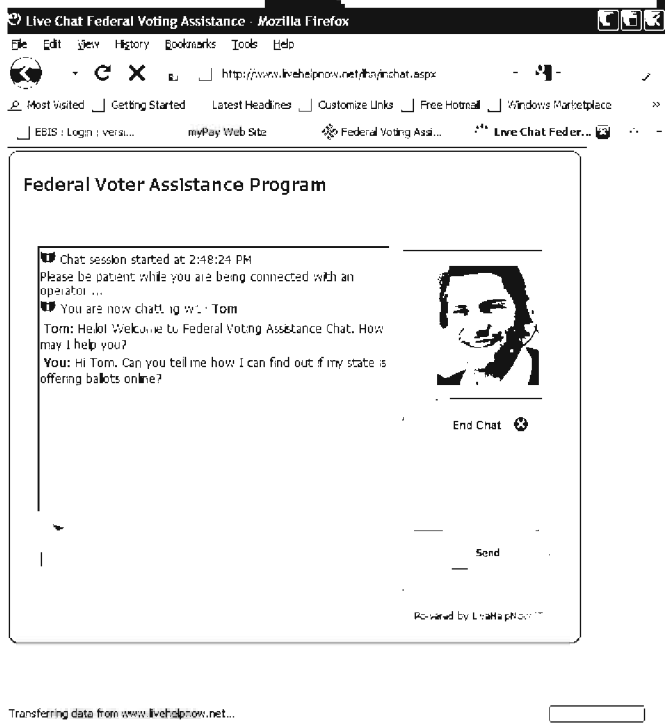
- Online chat capability
- 24/7 availability
- Direct assistance from FVAP

➤ Compliance Consulting

- MOVE Act compliance
- Registration and absentee ballot applications
- FWABs

➤ Ease Burdens

- Allow linking to FVAP tools
- Combine surveys with EAC



Uniform State Laws

- **Uniform Military and Overseas Voter Act (UMOVA)**
- **Uniform Law Commission**
 - State-run organization
 - Uniform Laws for individual States
- **Standardize voting procedures for military and overseas voters**
 - Secretary of State Trip Report
 - 290 page VAG to 10-15 pages
- **Endorsements**
 - CSG
 - CSG-West
 - AMOVR
- **Adoption raises Index Score to 88%**



State Legislative Initiatives

- **State-by-State Index**
 - 0-100 scale
 - Measures FVAP success in convincing States to adopt Legislative Initiatives
 - **0-50 – Unsuccessful**
 - **50-75 – Partially Successful**
 - **75-100 – Successful**
- **Scores**
 - **National = 73%**
 - **Up from 53% in Oct 09**
- **Scores weighted on Where Voting Failure Occurs**
 - Greatest Scores given to areas with greatest impact on most significant failure
 - 45-day prior =30 points
 - Email/online = 30 points
 - Universal FWAB = 20 points

Legislative Initiative	Uniformed Services Weighting	Overseas Citizens Weighting
45 Day Transit Time	30	30
Electronic Transmission	30	30
FWAB	20	20
Late Registration	7	4
Emergency Authority	7	5
Elimination of Notary/Witness	4	8
Never Resided in U.S.	2	3
Uniform Law Commission	0*	0*

FVAP would score itself as successful for States:

- 45-day prior ballot delivery,
- email/online transmission of blank ballots,
- allows the FWAB for all elections

Grants Process

General Info

- **Multiple competitive awards totaling \$16,200,000**
- State and local governments
- Full Grant **notice available from**
 - Announcement Number
BAA HQ0034-FVAP-11-BAA-0001
 - Or go to Grants.gov and search under “FVAP” keyword search
- **Deadline** to submit is 5 pm (EDT) July 11, 2011

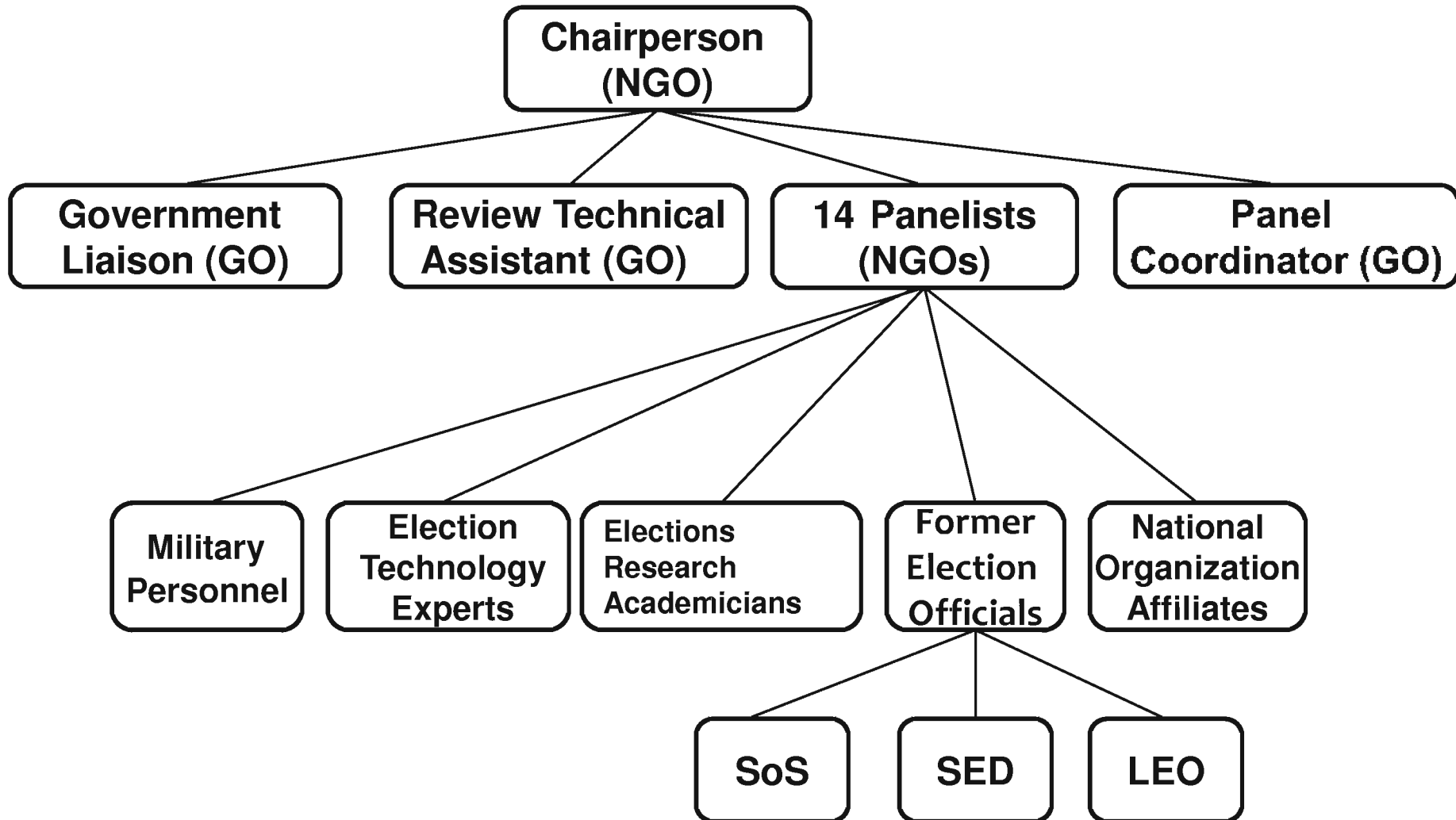
Technical Criteria

- **Significance:** Addresses key problems
- **Sustainability:** Available beyond term of grant
- **Impact:** Number of UOCAVA voters served;
- **Strategic Approach:** Well-defined hypothesis and plan to test validity of hypothesis
- **Innovation:** Discovery or implementation of new technologies
- **Scalability:** application across jurisdictions
- **Collaboration:** Involvement of other election jurisdictions/partners
- **Cost Benefit Analysis:** Anticipated Return on Investment

Possible Grants Program Areas

- Data Collection Automation
- Data Reporting Automation
- Online Registration
- Better integration of VRDB with
 - UOCAVA systems
 - Data collection and reporting
- Online Absentee Ballot Request
- Online and Expedited Blank Ballot Delivery
- Online Voted Ballot Tracking
- Website improvement
- **No electronic ballot transmission in a live election**

Grants Technical Review





Federal Voting Assistance Program Department of Defense

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Federal Voting Assistance Program 2010 Election Cycle Initiatives, Lessons Learned, & 2012 Initiatives

June 2011

What is the Key Election System Issue

- **Military Voter Registration Not the Problem**
 - 71% = General Electorate
 - 77% = Military voters
- **Voter Participation Rates not the problem**
 - 64% = General Electorate
 - 53% = Military voters
 - 71% = Adjusted military voters
- **Overwhelming voting failure is in ballot delivery and return times**
- **Absentee Ballot Return Rates:**
 - 91% = General Population
 - 67% = UOCAVA voters
 - 62% = Military Voters

2008 Election		
Stage of voting process	Number of additional failures over general voting population	% of total failure
Registration Failure	4,783	1.3%
Ballot Delivery Failure	23,548	6.4%
Ballot Return Failure	296,759	81.1%
Ballot Casting Failure	41,012	11.2%
Total	366,102	

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?

Uniformed Services Voters

- **Both Military Personnel and their Dependents**
 - All five Armed Services, USPHS, NOAA, Merchant Marine
 - Dependents
 - 1.5M members, 1.1M dependents

- **Both Domestic and Overseas**
 - 75% of members domestic
 - ~85% of dependents domestic

Overseas Citizens

- **US Citizens Residing Abroad**
 - 2 – 4 million
 - Difficulty estimating actual numbers

- **Permanent vs. Temporary Residence**
 - Permanent = federal only
 - Temporary = all races; potential tax liability

2/3 of the known UOCAVA voters are uniformed service voters

MOVE Act: Federal Requirements

➤ **More online tools**

- FWAB
 - Federal Candidate list
 - Requires States accept for LEOs?
- State UOCAVA Election Official and Electronic Communications Address Database
- Online Voter Portals

➤ **Expedited ballot return**

- Overseas Uniformed Services Personnel
- Sent NLT 7 days prior to election; Free
- Working with MPSA to coordinate with tracking system and possibly integrate with State requirements

➤ **Expanded voter outreach**

- Installation Voting Assistance Offices
- Advertising and communications
 - Online FWAB
 - 30, 60, 90 day prior notices

➤ **Improved data collection**

- Coordinate with States and EAC
- Covers Election Day Survey info
- Online repository

➤ **Reports**

- Voting Assistance Program analysis and plan
- MOVE Act implementation
- Annual survey and overall effectiveness
- DOJ on enforcement
- EAC and NIST on Internet Voting Standards

MOVE Act: State Requirements

- **Transmit ballots 45 days prior to election**
 - Waivers allowed by Secretary of Defense, ICW Attorney General
 - Not perpetual – apply every election
 - Need to show adequate time available for voters
- **Transmit ballots electronically**
 - Does not define electronically
 - Fax alone provides little help to military voters
- **Accept Federal Write-In Absentee Ballots for all federal elections**
 - Continued usefulness of SWABs?
 - FVAP encourages universal adoption of FWAB
- **Free Online Ballot Receipt System**
- **Cannot require notary**

➤ **Assistance:**

- FVAP exists to **help** Uniformed Services personnel, their voting age dependents, and overseas civilian **successfully exercise their right to vote** in federal elections in order that they have an **equal opportunity with the general population** to vote and to have that 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 2010 Key Initiatives

➤ Provide Direct to the Voter Assistance

- Make the process easy, quick, intuitive and seamless
- Reduce the reliance on Voting Assistance Officers
- Provide online wizards, including FPCA and FWAB
- **FVAP as a portal, not a service provider**
- **Requires extensive voter education**

➤ Get the Ballots To and From the Voters Quicker

- Online ballot download
- Express Mail Return of voted ballots

➤ Expanded Assistance for Election Officials

- Develop tools that voters will use and **States will adopt**
- Specifications to State election requirements, not federal contract rules
- Assist States change laws to comply with MOVE Act
- Assist States in compliance with MOVE Act

To Vote Absentee, Start By Telling Us Who You Are



I am a uniformed service member or a family member.

For active-duty members of the Armed Forces, Merchant Marine, Public Health Service, NOAA, and their family members.

[Get Started](#)



I am a citizen living outside the U.S.

For United States citizens who are living outside the U.S. for work, school or other reasons.

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If neither of these choices apply to you, please visit www.canivote.org

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35 Days

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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.



What would you like to do?

Register to Vote and/or Request Ballot

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Get My Ballot Now

[Get Started](#)

Track My Ballot

[Get Started](#)

Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) for Absentee Ballot

Complete the Form

Uniformed Services Member > Washington > King

Eligibility

State

Jurisdiction

My Information

Voting Residence

Mailing Address

Method to Send Form

Method To Receive Ballot

Additional Information

Print and Finish

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) - - 1234 ↕

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.

[< Back](#) [Continue >](#)

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

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Additional Information

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- Voting City/Town/Village is missing on the [Voting Residence](#) page
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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.

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[Finish](#)

Online FWAB Tool

Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)

Complete the Form

My State:

My City:

My Address:

My Zip:

My Telephone:

My E-Mail:

My Political Party:

My Ballot Question:

Print and Finish

U.S. Representative/Delegate/Resident Commissioner

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My Party:

My Address:

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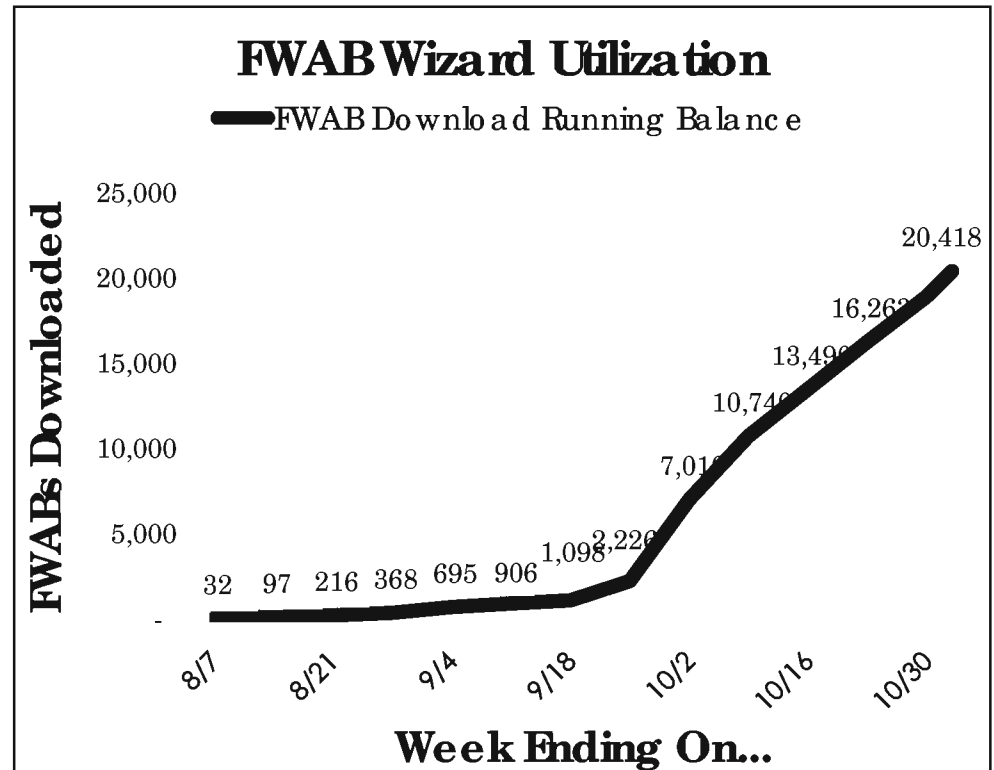
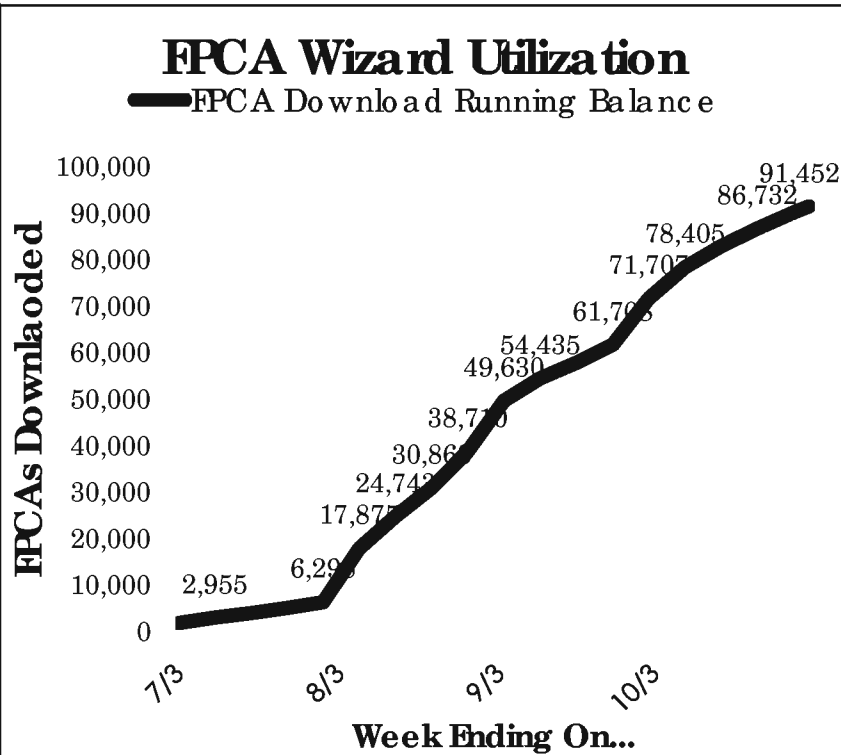
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OFFICIAL FEDERAL WRITE-IN ABSENTEE BALLOT	
PRESIDENT/VICE PRESIDENT	
U.S. SENATOR*	
Donald Kaplan (Unaffiliated)	
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE/DELEGATE**/RESIDENT COMMISSIONER**	
Mark Grannis (Libertarian)	
<small>* Legal residents of the District of Columbia may only file for President, Vice President and Congress. ** Legal residents of American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands may only file for Delegate or Resident Commissioner of the Congress.</small>	
ADDENDUM	
Voters may allow the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot to be used to indicate and record a written vote on a ballot other than general elections or on a ballot other than Federal election. To do so, you also need to fill in the "How to Use the Guide" instructions that also appear on your ballot. We are thankful for any of these reasons why you may want to use a ballot other than general elections: to indicate the candidate you wish to vote for (for example, a Governor, Attorney General, Mayor, State Senator, etc.) and the name and/or party affiliation in the candidate system was not known.	
OFFICE	CANDIDATE NAME or PARTY AFFILIATION
Governor	Mouse Mickey
LI. Governor	Independent
Attorney General	Duck Daffy

2010 FPCA and FWAB Wizard Utilization

FPCA Wizard downloads:

- *National: 91,565*

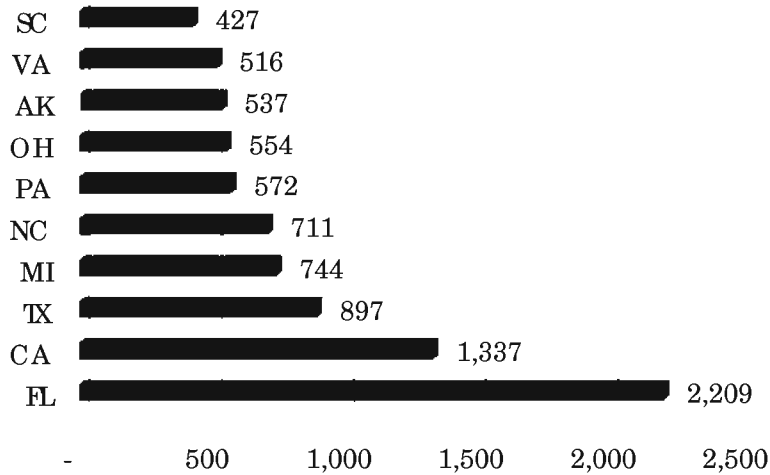


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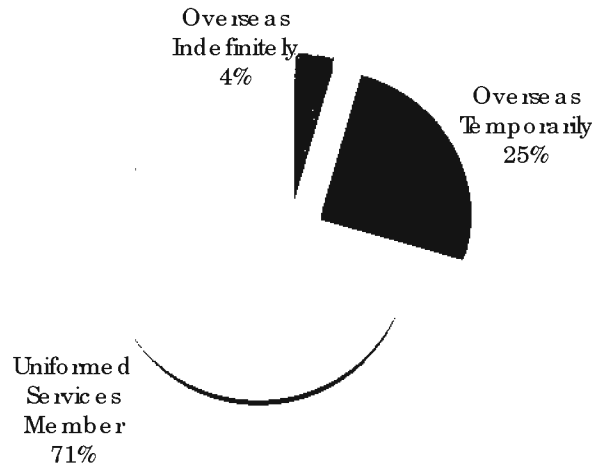
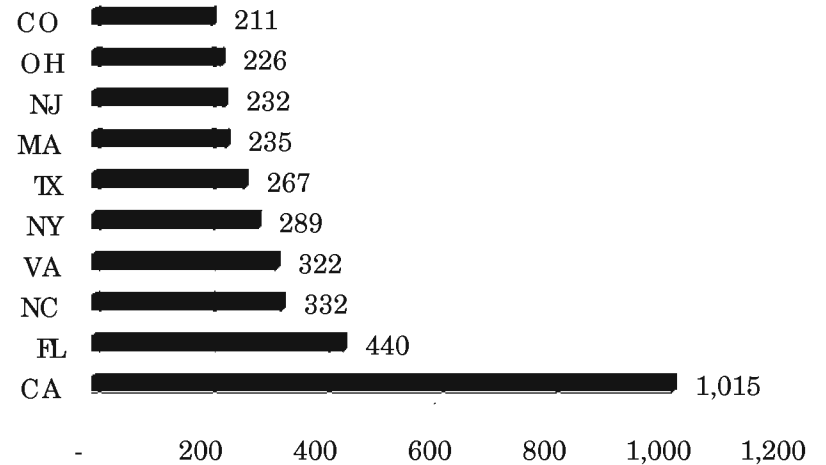
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2010 FWAB Wizard Utilization

Uniformed Services FWABs Downloaded

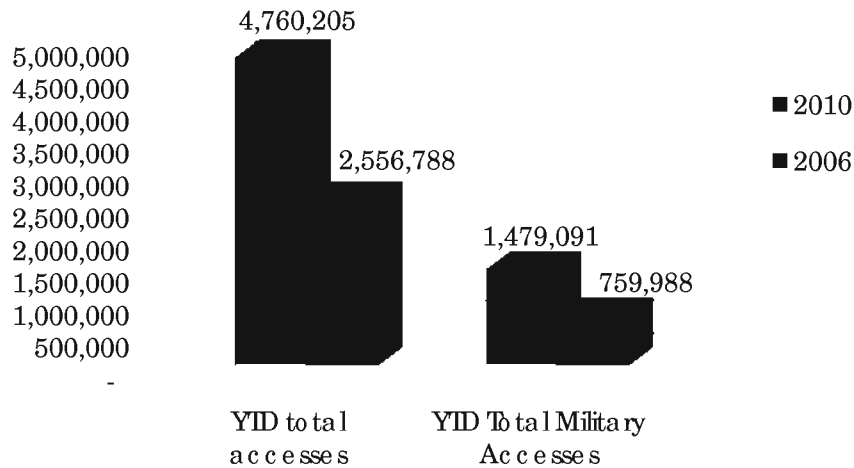


Total Overseas Citizen FWAB Downloads



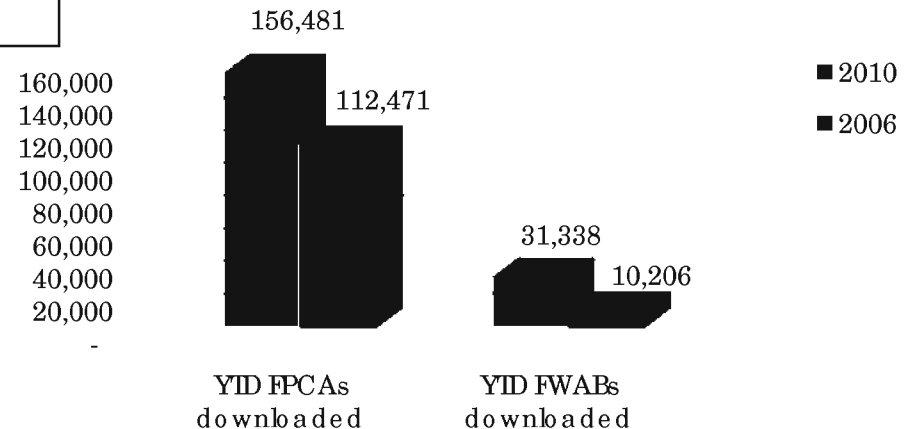
FVAP Website Utilization

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



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

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



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

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



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Register to Vote and/or Request Ballot

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

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](#)

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Get My Ballot Now

[Use Virginia's automated assistant to get a complete State ballot.](#)

or

[Use FWAP's automated assistant to complete and print a back-up write-in ballot for Federal candidates.](#)

Important Dates for UOCAVA citizens

General Election: 11/02/2010
Uniformed Service members Register by: 10/26/2010
Overseas Citizens Register by: 10/12/2010
Request ballot by: 10/26/2010
Return ballot by: 11/02/2010

[Please See Important Notice to Virginia Users of Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot \(FWAB\)](#)

Resources:

[Virginia Absentee Voting Guidelines](#)
[Virginia State Election website](#)

ALERT: [Deadlines for Return of Voted Ballots from APO/FPOs](#)

Would you rather fill out the form by hand?
[Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot](#)

Future:

Planning a federal grant structured program for states and localities



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:

[EVAP online 24x7 chat support](#)
[EVAP Help Site and Toll-Free #s](#)
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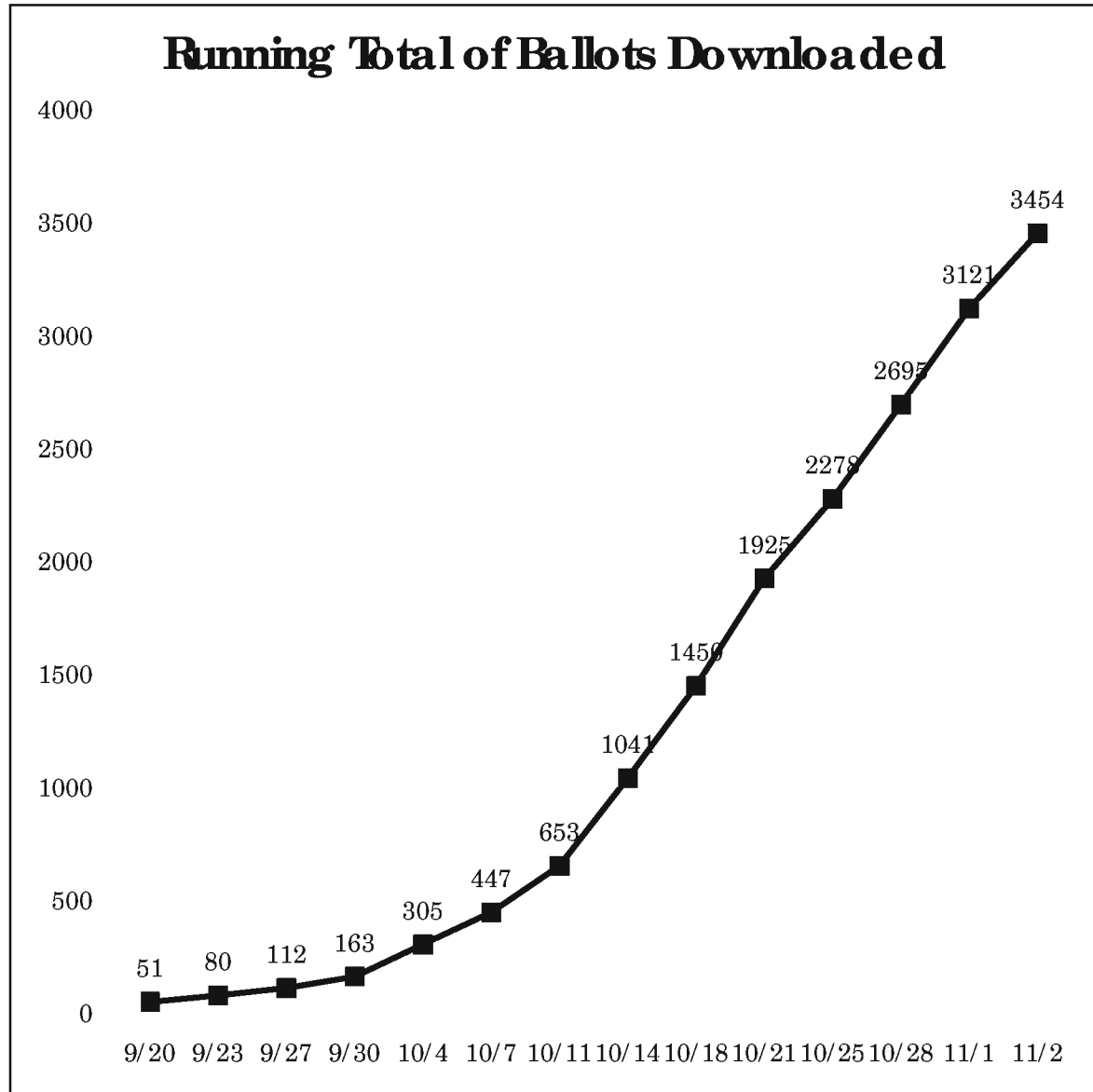
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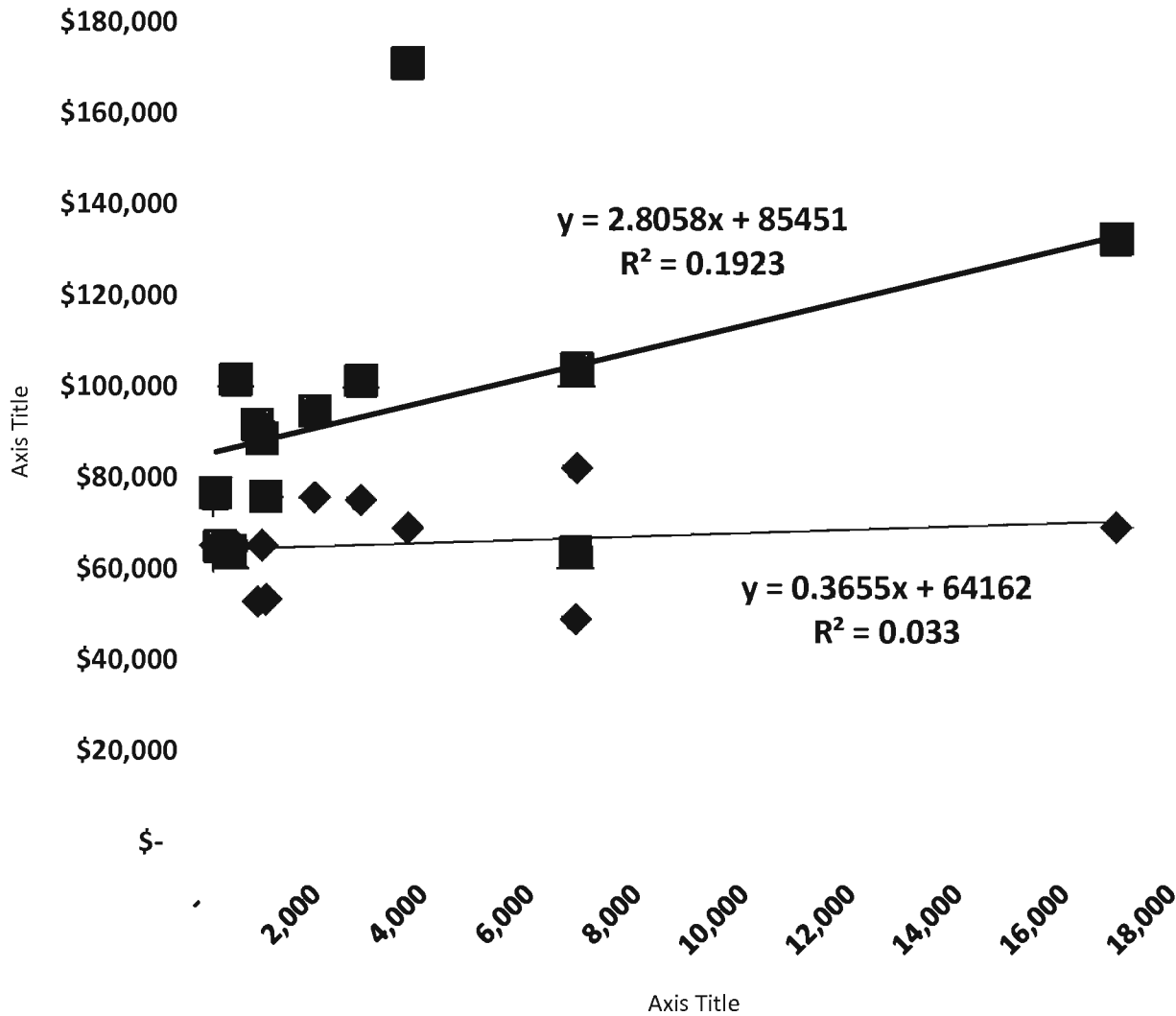
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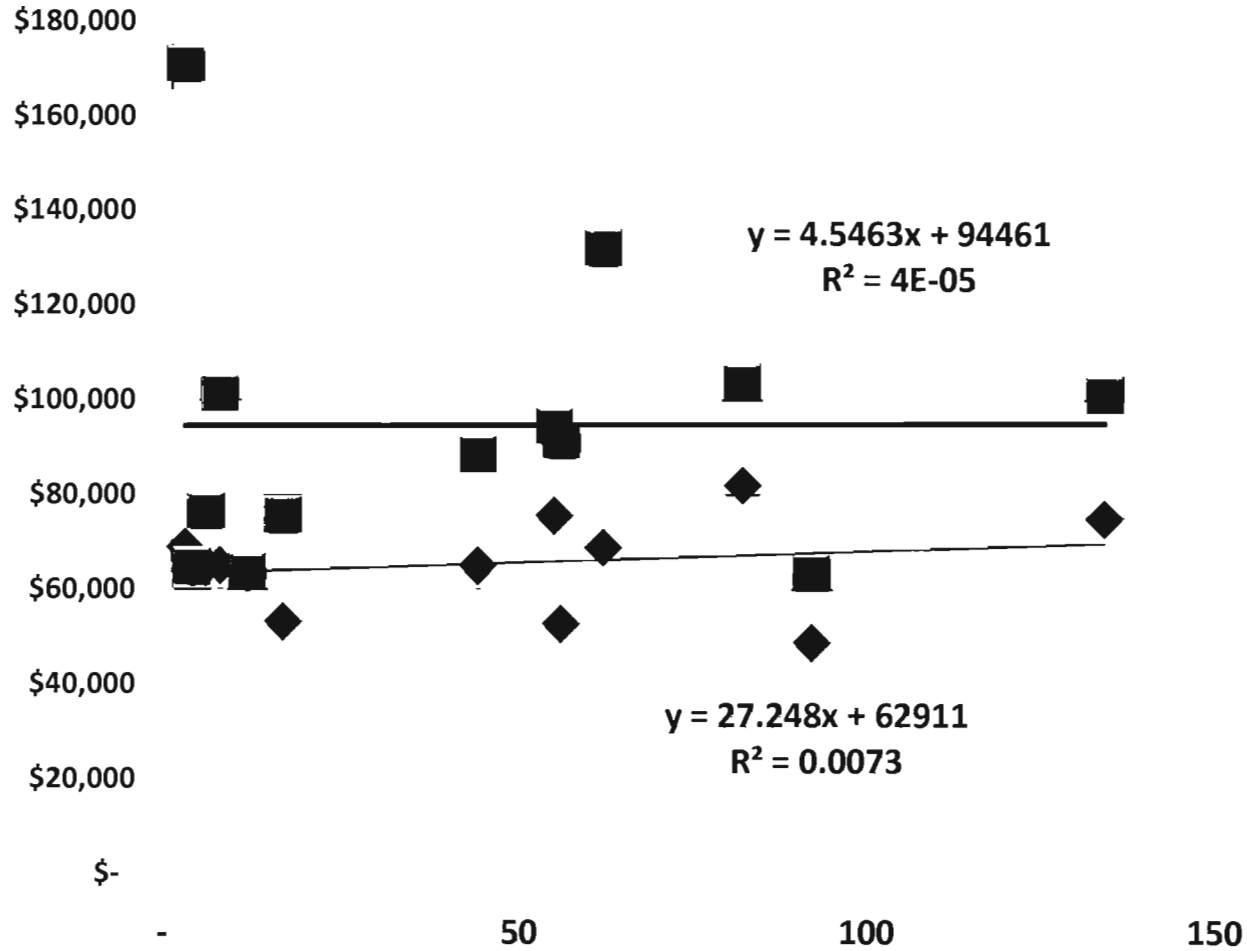
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Idaho	Democracy Live	26
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Kansas	Scytl	4
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Missouri	Scytl	142
Montana	Konnech	540
Nebraska	Scytl	19
Nevada	Konnech	100
New Mexico	Scytl	25
New York	Scytl	927
Utah	Everyone Counts	203
Virginia	Credence	706
Washington	Scytl	188
West Virginia	Democracy Live	33
Grand Total		3,454



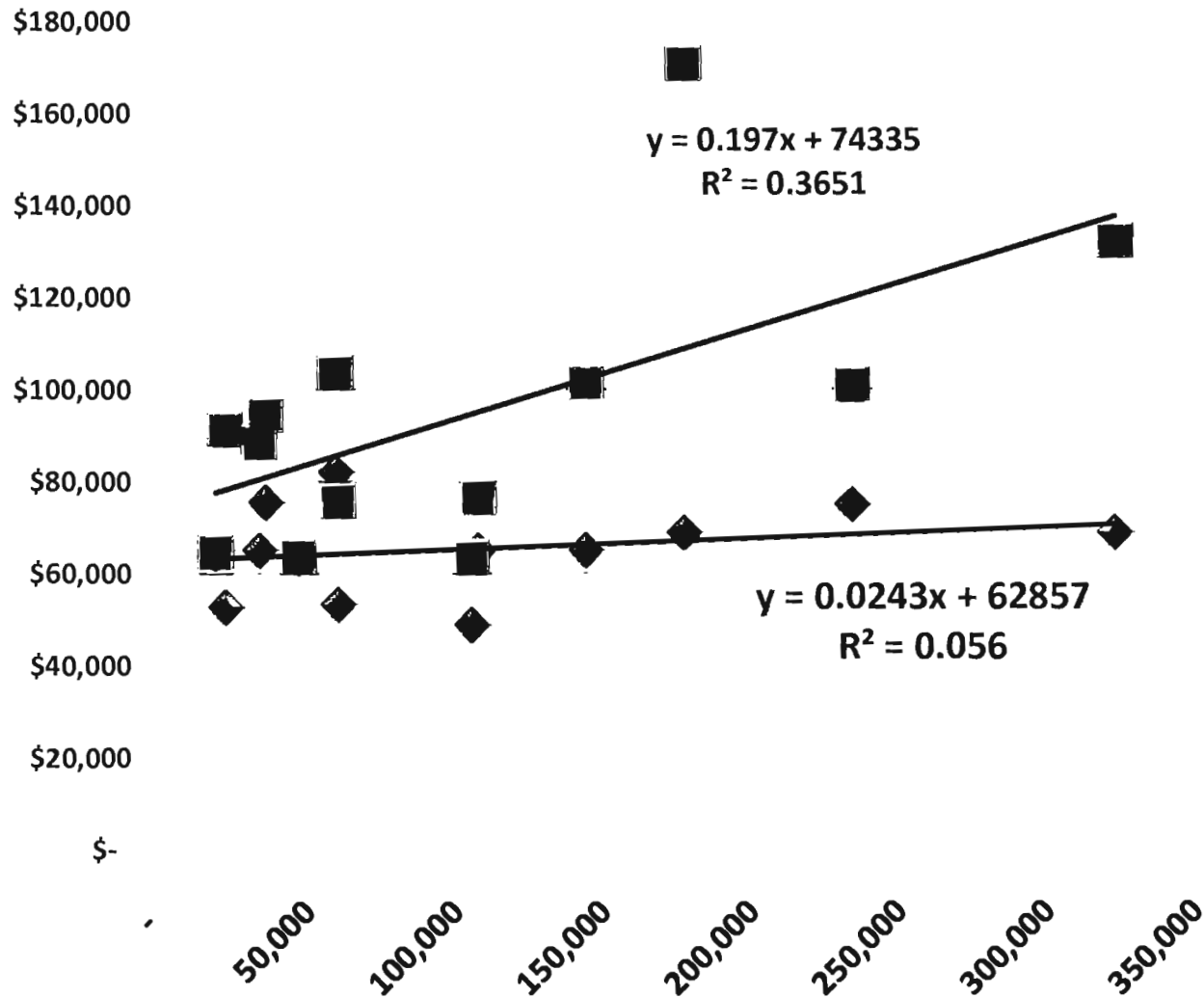
Correlation of # Ballot Styles to Contract Cost



Correlation of # Jurisdictions to Contract Cost



Correlation of # UOCAVA Voters to Contract Cost



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
- ***Need to make voters aware of online ballot delivery instead of defaulting to FWAB***

➤ 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



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Following

Just in time for key voting week, FVAP launches online registration assistant to help ease the process - <http://tinyurl.com/23p9a8j>

Texas voters - give your input on pending voting rules - http://www.sos.state.tx.us/about/news/releases/2010/06/14/10_snrp

Kudos - DC is doing something very "unique" - <http://tinyurl.com/27rnc4z>

Next week is a key week for voting absentee. Are you registered? Go to www.fvap.gov to get registered. We're here for you!



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DoD - Supporting military and overseas citizens absentee voting. We're here for you!

Honor the past, support the future - VOTE!

If you're looking for the official source of information

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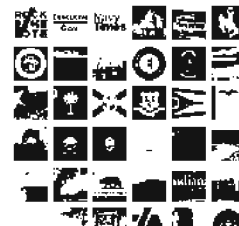
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Federal Voting Assistance Program, DoD Do you think there is a problem with absentee voting? What do you think it is? Ballot receipt? Registration regulations are too complex? Laws? Tell us what you think.

Wall Info Photos Discussions Boxes Video >> +

What's on your mind?

Attach:

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Options



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Online program helps military families vote absentee
What is Defense Services The new app is

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President weeps in speech, says he worries his son might not be able to grow up in Afghanistan.
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Where's the Change?

Milbank: David Axelrod, leaving Washington in defeat.
 Gerson: Hate Washington
 Sargent: How to handle 'whining'



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- Robinson: Eddie Long 'like David against Goliath'
- Petri: Why Americans fall religion tests

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BOB WOODWARD: OBAMA'S WARS

President was cautioned that strategy faced risks

For months the vice president kept the pressure on, urging against a dramatic war escalation. 'It's not the number, it's the strategy,' he said.

» Bob Woodward

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Obama: 'A Christian by choice'

At a backyard chat in N.M., the president offers rare personal comments about his religious faith.

» Anne E. Kornblut and William Branigin 4:07 p.m. ET

A White House rescue mission

THE TAKE At tonight's Wisconsin rally, Dems count on Obama to lead charge to bring out vote.

» Dan Balz

- Dems blast GOP on education issues | Media Notes
- Senate Republicans block outsourcing bill

Court eyes corporate privacy

In batch of new cases, justices also revisit tangled legal history of Playboy model, Anna Nicole Smith.

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wp Senate GOP blocks bill that would promote less outsourcing

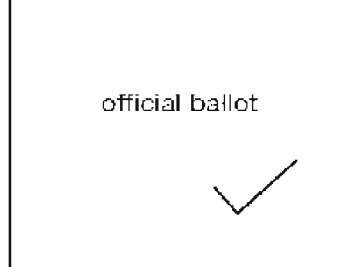
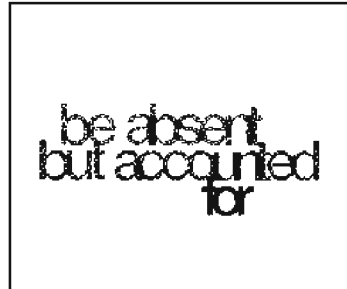


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TOP SECRET AMERICA

| Washington Post Investigates

Reporters Dana Priest and Bill Arkin spent two years investigating the top-secret world the U.S. government created in response to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.



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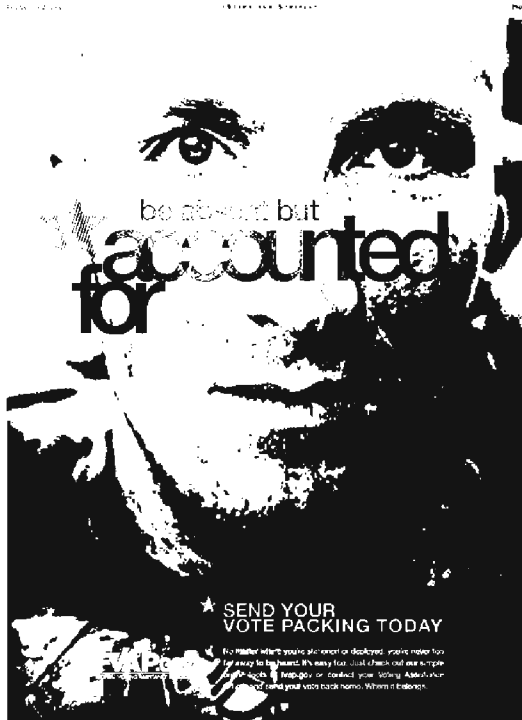
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FEDERAL VOTING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Newspaper Ads

*Stars &
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- Full Page Ads
- 4th of July
 - Register
 - VAOs
- End of September
 - Send in Ballot
 - Ballot Download
 - FWAB

*Military
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*International
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Military TV spot



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



Pull back to reveal pen andBallot





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**Video Contest to Run
 Public Service
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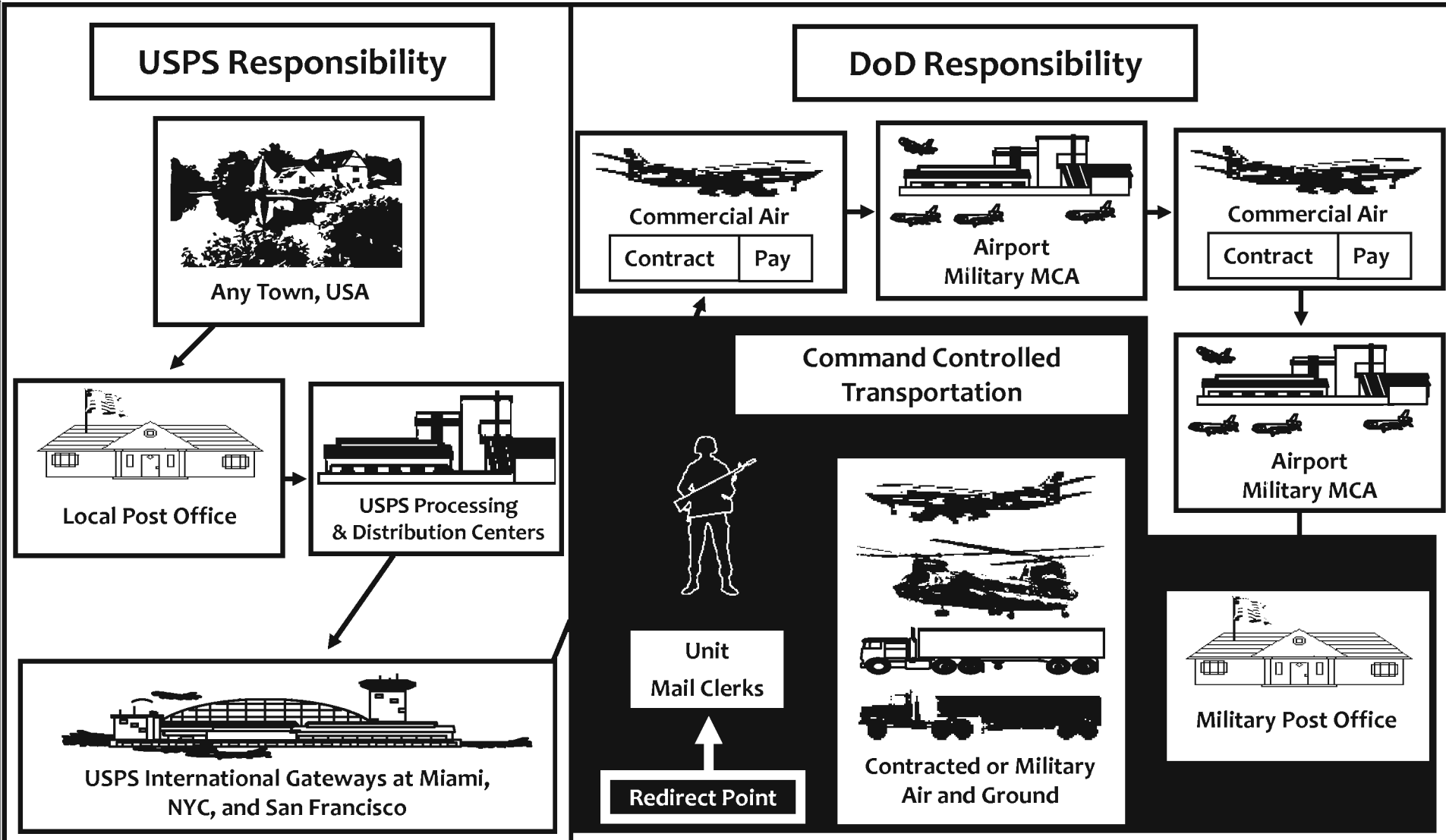
Postal Delivery Realities

- **2008 Data: Still Long One Way Delivery Times**
 - September 2008 Priority Delivery
 - USS IWO JIMA – 30.58 days
 - USS THEADORE ROOSEVELT – 28.76 days
 - USS LINCOLN – 22.77 days
 - October 2008 Priority Delivery
 - USS WASP – 28.50 days
 - USS IWO JIMA – 27.50 days
 - USMC CAMP TAQADDUM – 23.74 days
 - **And this is to MPO, not to delivery points down range**

- **MPSA 2008 Ballot Delivery Recommendations Parallel Data**
 - OIF/OEF – 28 days
 - Other overseas – 21 days
 - **These are RETURN recommendations**

- **Unfair to Expect Faster Delivery**
 - The problem is the States haven't sent out the ballots early enough
 - MOVE Act hopefully will address much of this

How Ballots Move To & From Ground Forces



How Ballots Move To & From Deployed Navy Sailors

Vertical on Deck



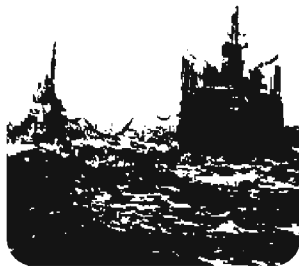
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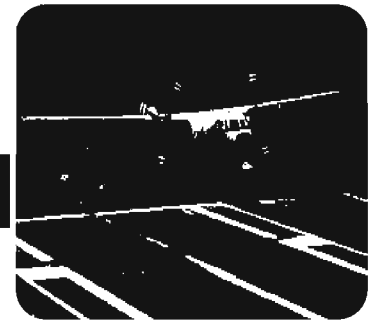
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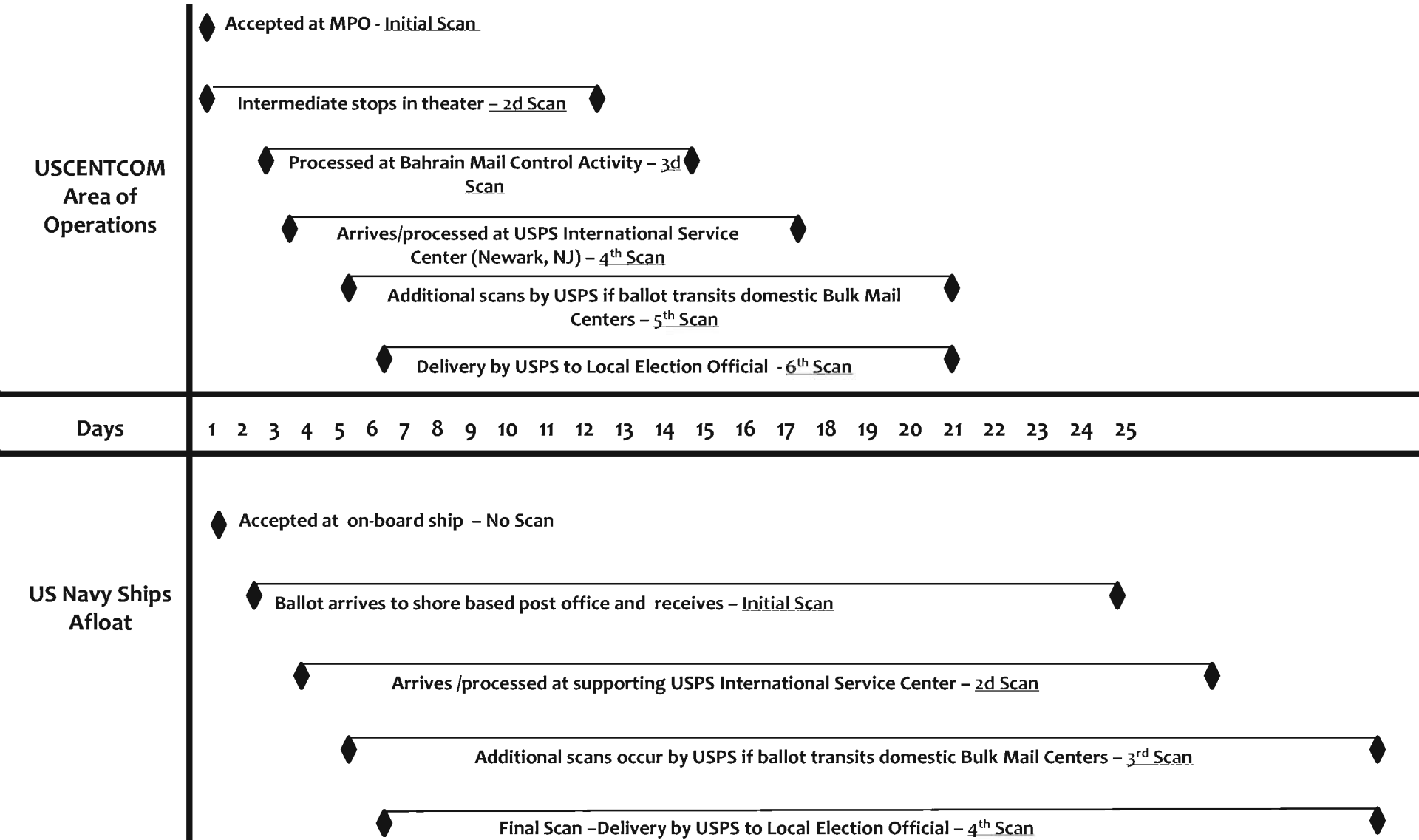


Military Sealift



Carrier On Deck

Projected Ballot Timeline



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**

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 support:**
 - \$550K FY09 and FY10 for mail barcode scanners
 - FVAP advertised in September-October ads and 30 day emails
 - Extensive voter alerts and social media marketing

Back



Return For Your Records
EM 123 456 789 US
For tracking visit us at usps.com

Instructions:

1. Peel label. Align with center line to top of envelope.
2. Fold remaining label over envelope. Barcode to front.
3. Tear tab at perforation.
4. Keep tab for your records.

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WAIVER OF SIGNATURE
Guaranteed By End Of Day
LS-BEL11-04-00 JAN 2010

AMPS Automated Military Postal System MSC GRACE JOHNSON

Change User Role | Log Out | Print

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 Postage
1	096459998	03/03/2010 16:21	ES 990246565 US	N	39502	MS	0 lb 1 oz	21.05	14.96
2	963069998	03/05/2010 14:32	ES 990964951 US	N	63143	MO	0 lb 1 oz	21.85	14.96
3	963069998	03/22/2010 15:17	ES 990964951 US	N	64051	MO	0 lb 1 oz	21.85	14.96
4	963389998	05/18/2010 15:41	EH 990106367 US	A	96814	HI	0 lb 14 oz	15.70	14.96
5	963709998	02/16/2010 13:19	ES 990841991 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 990838973 US	N	72601	AR	0 lb 3 oz	21.85	14.96
8	963709998	03/08/2010 13:40	ES 9908358987 US	N	72601	AR	0 lb 2 oz	18.30	14.96
9	963709998	03/08/2010 09:29	ES 990858995 US	N	78621	TX	0 lb 1 oz	21.85	14.96
TOTAL								186.15	134.64
USPS owes DoD									51.51



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Track & Confirm

Search Results

Label/Receipt Number: **ES99 0246 665U 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 >](#)

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 USC ENTICOM)
 - 7 @ over 30 days (All originated in USC ENTICOM)
 - US Navy Ships Ballots Averaged 8 Days (From shore based MPOs to election office)

2010 Post-Election Survey

Surveys

- **Active Duty Military**
- **Military Dependents** – First time ever
- **Overseas Civilians**
 - Controlled sample based on State Department warden list emails
 - Convenience Sample
- **Voting Assistance Officers**
 - State Department
 - Military Units

Key Elements & Discoveries

- **Need quality data:**
 - Weight for voter population demographics
 - Weight for jurisdiction size
 - Weight for non-response
- **FVAP drives program to those results**
- **1/3 military voters vote in person**

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%
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- **Bring State Legislative Initiative Scores to 75% by 2014.**

- **Quantify the overseas civilian population by 2012.**
 - Geographic Distribution
 - Demographics

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

Voter Initiatives

- **Outreach**
 - Communications
 - Partnerships
 - Online training

- **Improve online Wizards**
 - Bar Codes
 - FWAB Candidate Data Improvements

- **FPCA/FWAB Redesign**

- **Wounded Warrior Research**
 - Catalogue disabilities and voting assistance requirements
 - Mock Election

- **Databases**
 - VAO
 - LEOs
 - Voting Laws and Regulations

Election Official Initiatives

- **Grant Research Program**

- **Legislative Initiatives/
UMOVA/Index Scores**

- **LEO Training:**
 - In-person
 - CERA
 - Online

Technology Initiatives

- **Security Research**
 - Blank Ballot Delivery
 - National Level Threats
 - DISN-only systems (TGDC)

- **Website Architecture**

- **System Tests against EAC Pilot
Testing Requirements**



➤ Call Centers & Assistance

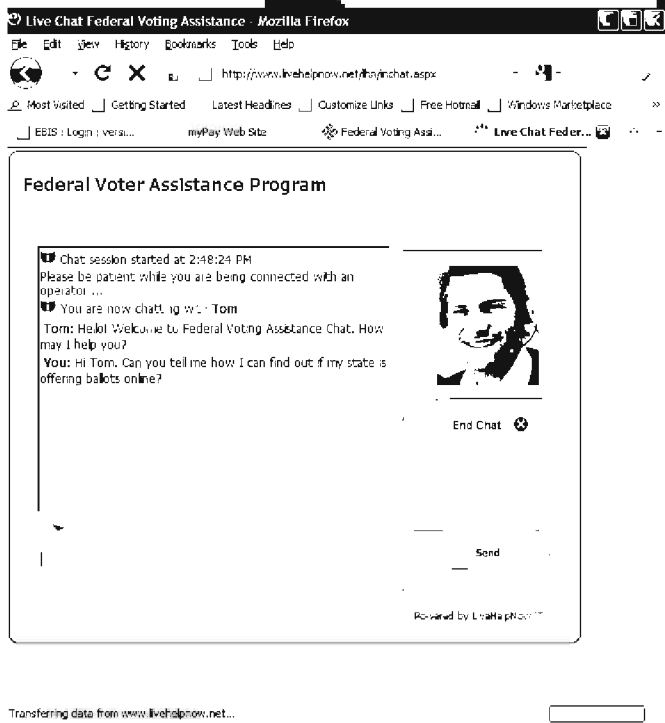
- Online chat capability
- 24/7 availability
- Direct assistance from FVAP

➤ Compliance Consulting

- MOVE Act compliance
- Registration and absentee ballot applications
- FWABs

➤ Ease Burdens

- Allow linking to FVAP tools
- Combine surveys with EAC



Uniform State Laws

- **Uniform Military and Overseas Voter Act (UMOVA)**
- **Uniform Law Commission**
 - State-run organization
 - Uniform Laws for individual States
- **Standardize voting procedures for military and overseas voters**
 - Secretary of State Trip Report
 - 290 page VAG to 10-15 pages
- **Endorsements**
 - CSG
 - CSG-West
 - AMOVR
- **Adoption raises Index Score to 88%**



State Legislative Initiatives

- **State-by-State Index**
 - 0-100 scale
 - Measures FVAP success in convincing States to adopt Legislative Initiatives
 - **0-50 – Unsuccessful**
 - **50-75 – Mixed**
 - **75-100 – Successful**
- **Scores**
 - **National = 73%, up from 53% in Oct 09**
 - **New York = 54%, ranks 42nd**
- **Scores weighted on Where Voting Failure Occurs**
 - Greatest Scores given to areas with greatest impact on most significant failure
 - 45-day prior = 30 points
 - Email/online = 30 points
 - Universal FWAB = 20 points

Legislative Initiative	Uniformed Services Weighting	Overseas Citizens Weighting
45 Day Transit Time	30	30
Electronic Transmission	30	30
FWAB	20	20
Late Registration	7	4
Emergency Authority	7	5
Elimination of Notary/Witness	4	8
Never Resided in U.S.	2	3
Uniform Law Commission	0*	0*

FVAP would score itself as successful for States:

- 45-day prior ballot delivery,
- email/online transmission of blank ballots,
- allows the FWAB for all elections

Grants Process

General Info

- **Multiple competitive awards totaling \$16,200,000**
- State and local governments
- Full Grant **notice available from**
 - Announcement Number
BAA HQ0034-FVAP-11-BAA-0001
 - Or go to Grants.gov and search under “FVAP” keyword search
- **Deadline** to submit is 5 pm (EDT) July 11, 2011

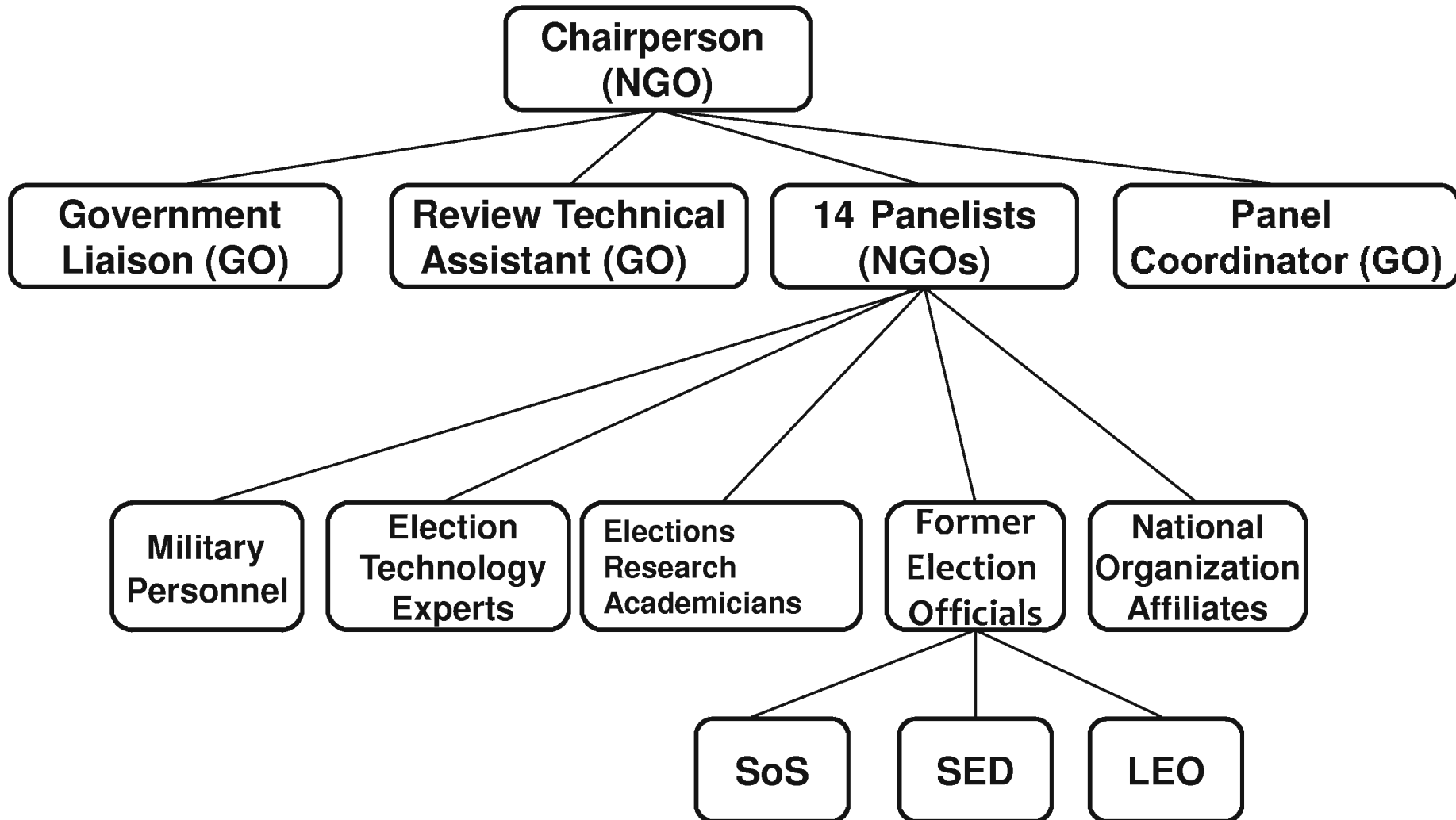
Technical Criteria

- **Significance:** Addresses key problems
- **Sustainability:** Available beyond term of grant
- **Impact:** Number of UOCAVA voters served;
- **Strategic Approach:** Well-defined hypothesis and plan to test validity of hypothesis
- **Innovation:** Discovery or implementation of new technologies
- **Scalability:** application across jurisdictions
- **Collaboration:** Involvement of other election jurisdictions/partners
- **Cost Benefit Analysis:** Anticipated Return on Investment

Possible Grants Program Areas

- Data Collection Automation
- Data Reporting Automation
- Online Registration
- Better integration of VRDB with
 - UOCAVA systems
 - Data collection and reporting
- Online Absentee Ballot Request
- Online and Expedited Blank Ballot Delivery
- Online Voted Ballot Tracking
- Website improvement
- **No electronic ballot transmission in a live election**

Grants Technical Review





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Federal Voting Assistance Program 2012 Preparations

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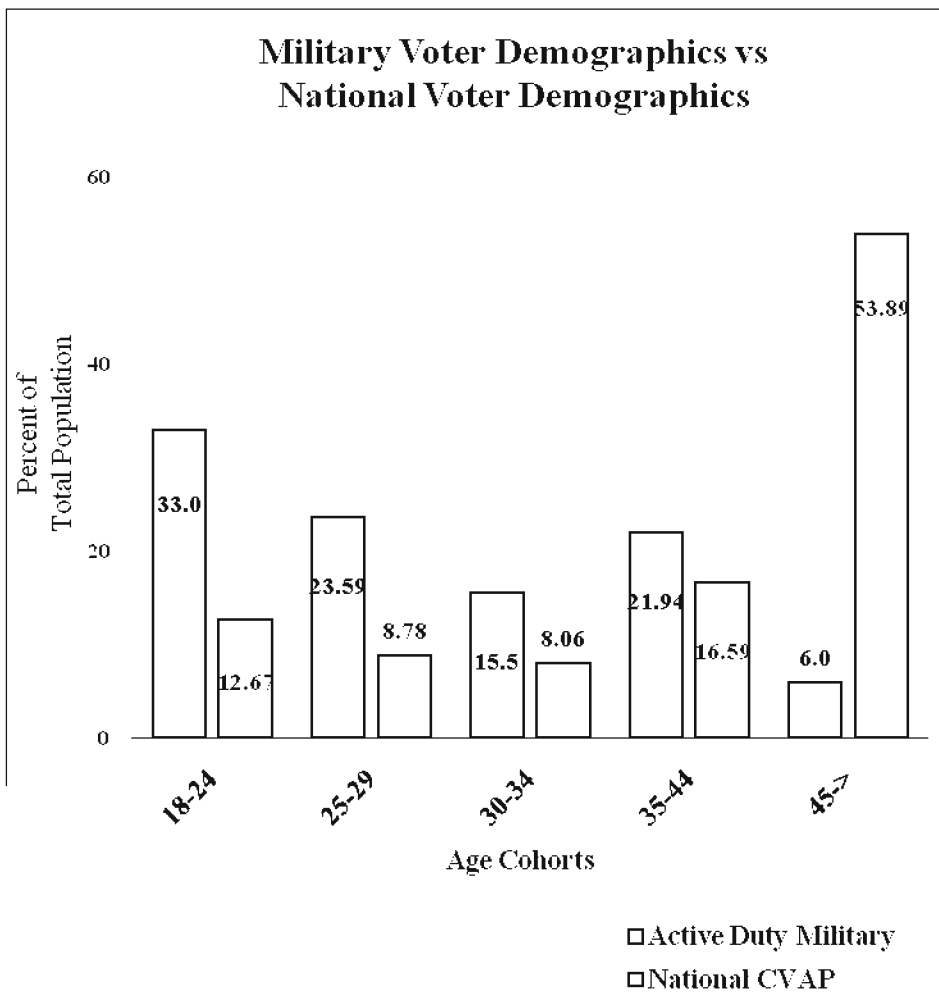
National Military and Veterans Alliance

September 19, 2011

What is the Key Election System Issue

- **Military Voter Registration Not the Problem**
 - 71% = General Electorate
 - 77% = Military voters
- **Voter Participation Rates not the problem**
 - 64% = General Electorate
 - 53% = Military voters
 - 71% = Adjusted military voters
- **Overwhelming voting failure is in ballot delivery and return times**
- **Absentee Ballot Return Rates:**
 - 91% = General Population
 - 67% = UOCAVA voters
 - 62% = Military Voters

2008 Election		
Stage of voting process	Number of additional failures over general voting population	% of total failure
Registration Failure	4,057	1.5%
Ballot Delivery Failure	20,068	7.5%
Ballot Return Failure	206,771	77.6%
Ballot Casting Failure	35,645	13.4%
Total	266,540	



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
 - Maui 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

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➤ **Assistance:**

- FVAP exists to **help** Uniformed Services personnel, their voting age dependents, and overseas civilian **successfully exercise their right to vote** in federal elections in order that they have an **equal opportunity with the general population** to vote and to have that 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.

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- **Every State provides sufficient opportunity to successfully cast a military/overseas absentee ballot, by 2014.**

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➤ **Provide Direct to the Voter Assistance**

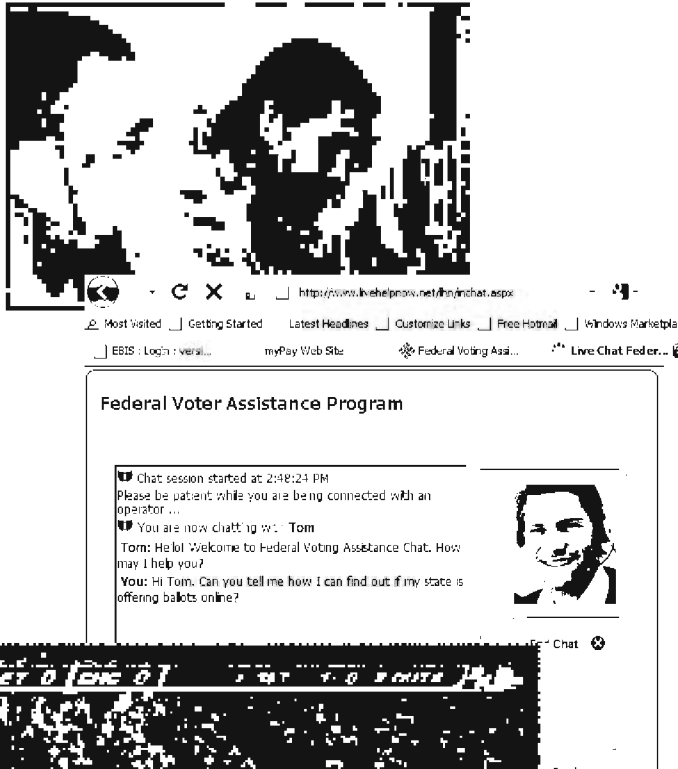
- Make the process easy, quick, intuitive and seamless
- Reduce the reliance on Voting Assistance Officers
- Provide online wizards, including FPCA and FWAB
- **FVAP as a portal, not a service provider**
- **Requires extensive voter education**

➤ **Get the Ballots To and From the Voters Quicker**

- Online ballot download
- Express Mail Return of voted ballots

➤ **Expanded Assistance for Election Officials**

- Develop tools that voters will use and **States will adopt**
- Specifications to State election requirements, not federal contract rules
- Assist States change laws to comply with MOVE Act
- 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

- 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

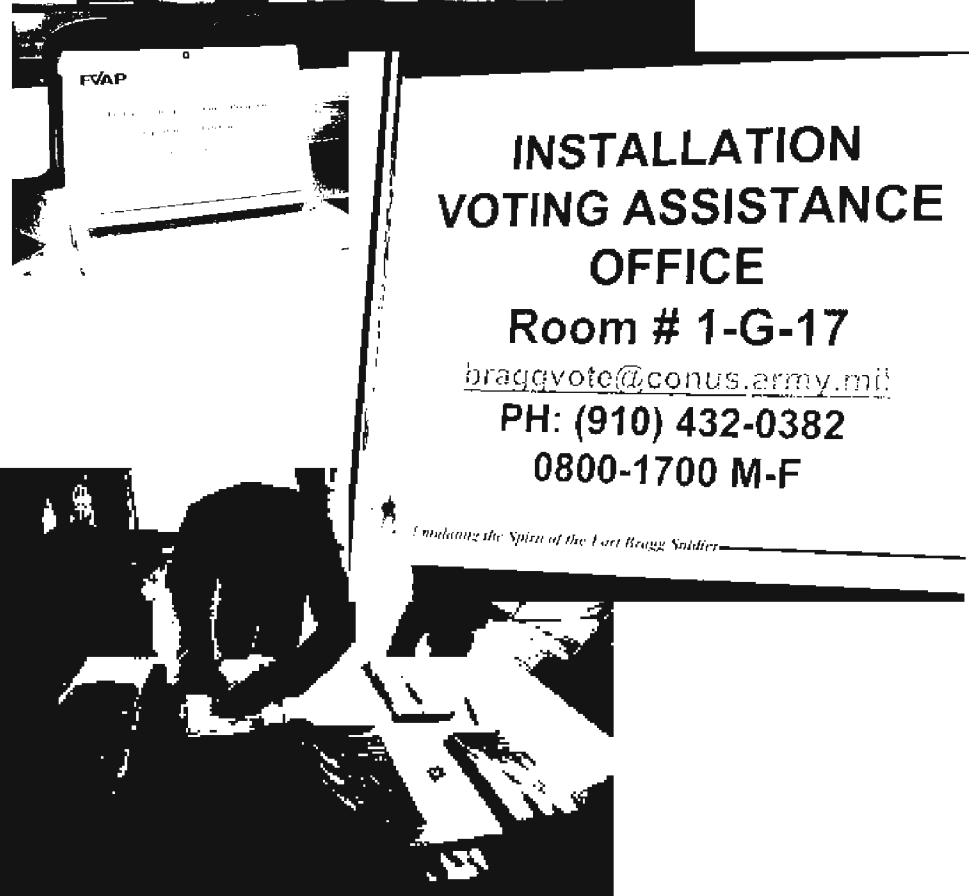
- VAO contact
- LEOs contact
- Voting Laws and Regulations
- Updated military voter addresses



Voter Assistance Officer Improvements



- **Installation Voter Assistance Office “In a Box”**
- **Voting Assistance Tiger Teams**
 - Contingency Operations
 - Deploying Guard & Reserve
- **Continued Improved Training**
 - Interactive, Online
 - Integrated in Service training databases
- **VAO Database**
 - Contact information
 - Metrics



To Vote Absentee, Start By Telling Us Who You Are



I am a uniformed service member or a family member.

For active-duty members of the Armed Forces, Merchant Marine, Public Health Service, NOAA, and their family members.

[Get Started](#)



I am a citizen living outside the U.S.

For United States citizens who are living outside the U.S. for work, school or other reasons.

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If neither of these choices apply to you, please visit www.canivote.org

Election Countdown

35 Days

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

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
 Ryan Harrison Case
 MAILING ONLY
 FPO AE 0204-019



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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, review and correct before mailing. **WARNING:** Knowingly providing false information in this application could result in criminal sanctions.

2010 AE 0204-019-000

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

1. REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR ALL ELECTIONS IN WHICH IT IS POSSIBLE TO VOTE AND IT IS NECESSARY: YES

YES (PLEASE CHECK THE ONE CATEGORY THAT BEST DESCRIBES YOUR STATUS. YOU MAY CHECK MORE THAN ONE CATEGORY.)
 MILITARY OR OTHER OVERSEAS LOCATION - U.S. OVERSEAS MILITARY
 MILITARY OR OTHER OVERSEAS LOCATION - U.S. OVERSEAS CIVILIAN

2. MY INFORMATION (Required):

3. MY VOTING RESIDENCE ADDRESS (Required) (Residential and non-residential, including service, are both permitted.)

4. WHERE TO SEND MY VOTING MATERIALS

5. MY POLITICAL PARTY PREFERENCE (Optional, but may be required by state or require vote in primary elections)

6. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Designate the period for which you want to receive ballots and instructions for how to designate it during the voting assistance period for other appropriate purposes.)

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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) - - 1234 ↕

Driver's License or ID Number (required) ↕

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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.

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Get My Ballot Now

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

or

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

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**

Future:

Planning a federal grant structured program for states and localities



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:

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

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

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Check Status of Your Ballot

Under the federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA) of 2002, every voter who casts a provisional ballot is entitled to find out from his/her **county elections official** if the ballot was counted and if not, the reason why it was not counted.

Under California **Elections Code section 3017**, a voter who casts a vote-by-mail ballot can find out if the ballot arrived at his/her **county elections office**. Some county elections officials also tell voters if the vote-by-mail ballot was counted and if it wasn't, the reasons why it was not counted.

Each county elections official allows voters to check the status of his/her vote-by-mail and provisional ballot either through the county website, by telephone, or both.

To find out if your vote-by-mail ballot was received by your county elections official or if your provisional ballot was counted, please click on the appropriate link below or call the phone number listed for the county elections office. For further information about the elections services provided in your county, visit our **County Elections offices** page.

County	Check Vote-By-Mail Ballot Status	Check Provisional Ballot Status
Alameda	<u>Alameda - Vote-By-Mail</u>	(800) 834-6454
Alpine	(530) 694-2281	(530) 694-2281
Amador	<u>Amador - Vote-By-Mail</u>	(209) 223-6465
Butte	<u>Butte - Vote-By-Mail</u>	(800) 894-7761
Calaveras	(209) 754-6376	(209) 754-6376
Colusa	<u>Colusa - Vote-By-Mail</u>	(877) 458-0501
Contra Costa	<u>Contra Costa - Vote-By-Mail</u>	<u>Contra Costa - Provisional Voting Free Access</u>
Del Norte	(707) 465-0383	(707) 465-0383

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
- ***Need to make voters aware of online ballot delivery instead of defaulting to FWAB***

➤ 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



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Following

Just in time for key voting week, FVAP launches online registration assistant to help ease the process - <http://tinyurl.com/23p9a8j>

Texas voters - give your input on pending voting rules - <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/about/news/releases/2010/06/14/10-shr10>

Kudos - DC is doing something very "unique" - <http://tinyurl.com/27tne4z>

Next week is a key week for voting absentee. Are you registered? Go to www.fvap.gov to get registered. We're here for you!



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DoD - Supporting military and overseas citizens absentee voting. We're here for you!

Honor the past, support the future - VOTE!

If you're looking for the official source of information

Name FVAP
Location Arlington, VA
Web <http://www.fvap.gov>
Bio The Department of Defense Federal Voting Assistance Program - Supporting and facilitating military and overseas absentee voting.

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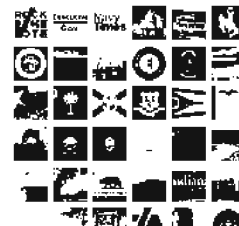
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Federal Voting Assistance Program, DoD Do you think there is a problem with absentee voting? What do you think it is? Ballot receipt? Registration regulations are too complex? Laws? Tell us what you think.

Wall Info Photos Discussions Boxes Video >> +

What's on your mind?

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Options



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Federal Voting Assistance Program, DoD Kudos to McGuire-Jix-Lakehurst joint publication for helping to get the word out <http://www2.jointbasemdl.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123212348>

Online program helps military families vote absentee
What is Defense Services The new app is

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Federal Voting Assistance Program, DoD Sweet article by Airman 1st Class McFadden (Hurlburt Field, FL) - <http://www2.hurlburt.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123212450>



Feature - Voting- it does a country good

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Tuesday, September 28, 2010 Markets: DJIA -0.43% NASDAQ -0.41% S&P 500 -0.49%

PostOpinion Eric Holder: A confirmation crisis in our courts



(Photo: AP)

A tearful Karzai appeals for peace

President creeps in speech, says he worries his son might not be able to grow up in Afghanistan.
 • Video: A call for faster Afghan peace talks

OPINIONS

Where's the Change?

Milbank: David Axelrod, leaving Washington in defeat.
 Gerson: Hate Washington
 Sargent: How to handle 'whining'



- Capehart: Obama cracks whip on Democrats
- Holder: A confirmation crisis in our courts
- Robinson: Eddie Long 'like David against Goliath'
- Petri: Why Americans fall religion tests

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BOB WOODWARD: OBAMA'S WARS

President was cautioned that strategy faced risks

For months the vice president kept the pressure on, urging against a dramatic war escalation; 'It's not the number, it's the strategy,' he said.

» Bob Woodward

- Obama: 'We are stronger' | Interview transcript
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POSTPOLITICS 2010 ELECTIONS

Obama: 'A Christian by choice'

At a backyard chat in N.M., the president offers rare personal comments about his religious faith.

» Anne E. Kornblut and William Branigin 4:07 p.m. ET

A White House rescue mission

THE TAKE At tonight's Wisconsin rally, Dems count on Obama to lead charge to bring out vote.

» Dan Balz

- Dems blast GOP on education issues | Media Notes
- Senate Republicans block outsourcing bill

Court eyes corporate privacy

In batch of new cases, justices also revisit tangled legal history of Playboy model, Anna Nicole Smith.

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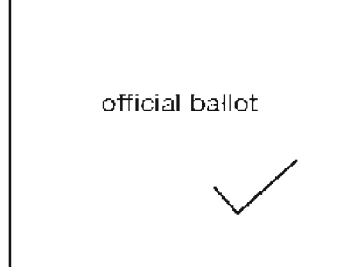
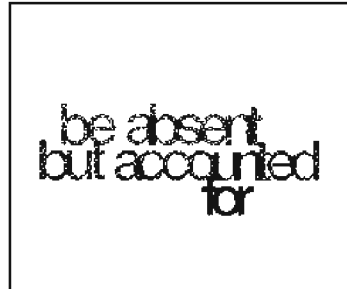


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TOP SECRET AMERICA

| Washington Post Investigates

Reporters Dana Priest and Bill Arkin spent two years investigating the top-secret world the U.S. government created in response to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.



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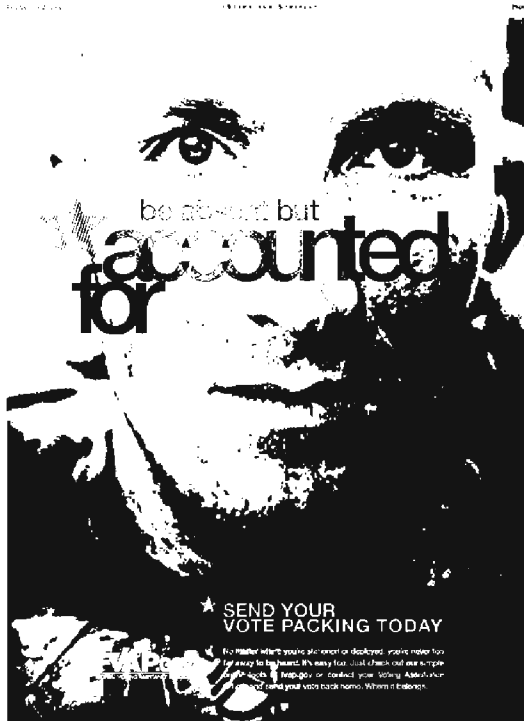
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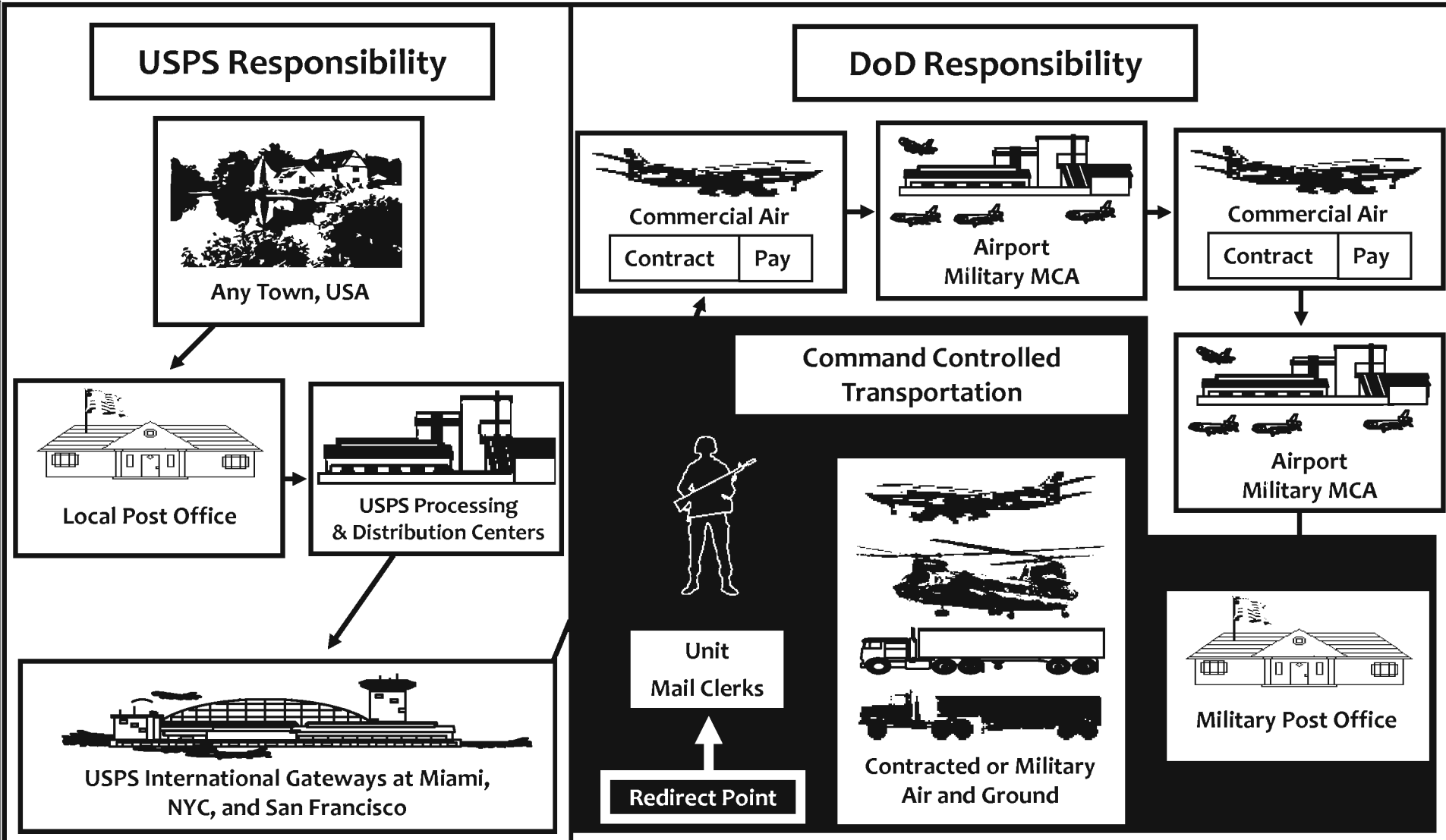
Postal Delivery Realities

- **2008 Data: Still Long One Way Delivery Times**
 - September 2008 Priority Delivery
 - USS IWO JIMA – 30.58 days
 - USS THEADORE ROOSEVELT – 28.76 days
 - USS LINCOLN – 22.77 days
 - October 2008 Priority Delivery
 - USS WASP – 28.50 days
 - USS IWO JIMA – 27.50 days
 - USMC CAMP TAQADDUM – 23.74 days
 - **And this is to MPO, not to delivery points down range**

- **MPSA 2008 Ballot Delivery Recommendations Parallel Data**
 - OIF/OEF – 28 days
 - Other overseas – 21 days
 - **These are RETURN recommendations**

- **Unfair to Expect Faster Delivery**
 - The problem is the States haven't sent out the ballots early enough
 - MOVE Act hopefully will address much of this

How Ballots Move To & From Ground Forces



How Ballots Move To & From Deployed Navy Sailors

Vertical on Deck



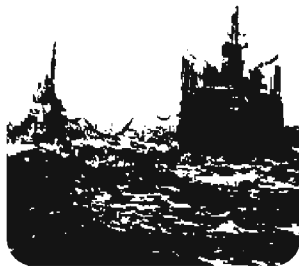
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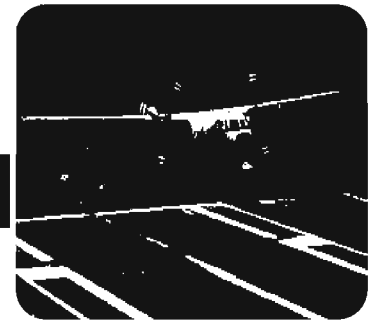
Vertical Replenishment



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Military Sealift



Carrier On Deck

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 support:**
 - \$550K FY09 and FY10 for mail barcode scanners
 - FVAP advertised in September-October ads and 30 day emails
 - Extensive voter alerts and social media marketing



AMPS Automated Military Postal System MSC GRACE JOHNSON

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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

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3	963069998	03/22/2010 15:17	ES 990964951 US	N	64051	MO	0 lb 1 oz	21.85	14.96
4	963389998	05/18/2010 15:41	EH 990106367 US	A	96814	HI	0 lb 14 oz	15.70	14.96
5	963709998	02/16/2010 13:19	ES 990841991 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 990839973 US	N	72601	AR	0 lb 3 oz	21.85	14.96
8	963709998	03/08/2010 13:40	ES 9908358987 US	N	72601	AR	0 lb 2 oz	18.30	14.96
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USPS owes DoD									51.51



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Label/Receipt Number: **ES99 0246 665U S**
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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.

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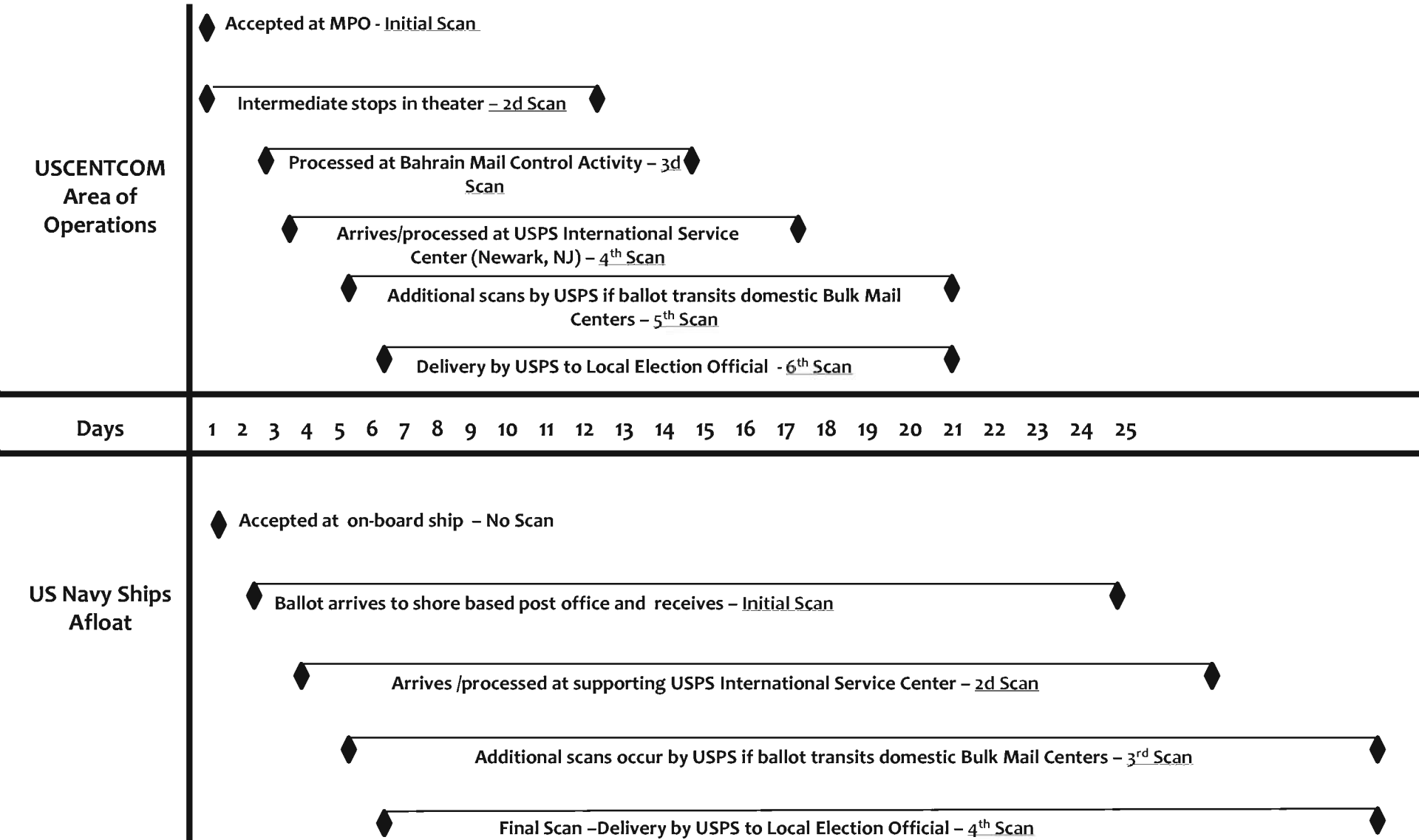
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Delivery status and transit time from acceptance to delivery.

- **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 USC ENTCOM)
 - 7 @ over 30 days (All originated in USC ENTCOM)
 - US Navy Ships Ballots Averaged 8 Days (From shore based MPOs to election office)

Projected Ballot Timeline



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

Grants Process

General Info

- **Multiple competitive awards totaling \$16,200,000**
- State and local governments
- Full Grant **notice available from**
 - Announcement Number
BAA HQ0034-FVAP-11-BAA-0001
 - Or go to Grants.gov and search under “FVAP” keyword search

Technical Criteria

- **Significance:** Addresses key problems
- **Sustainability:** Available beyond term of grant
- **Impact:** Number of UOCAVA voters served;
- **Strategic Approach:** Well-defined hypothesis and plan to test validity of hypothesis
- **Innovation:** Discovery or implementation of new technologies
- **Scalability:** application across jurisdictions
- **Collaboration:** Involvement of other election jurisdictions/partners
- **Cost Benefit Analysis:** Anticipated Return on Investment

Possible Grants Program Areas

- Data Collection Automation
- Data Reporting Automation
- Online Registration
- Better integration of VRDB with
 - UOCAVA systems
 - Data collection and reporting
- Online Absentee Ballot Request
- Online and Expedited Blank Ballot Delivery
- Online Voted Ballot Tracking
- Website improvement
- **No electronic ballot transmission in a live election**

State Legislative Initiatives

Legislative Initiative	Uniformed Services Weighting	Overseas Citizens Weighting
45 Day Transit Time	30	30
Electronic Transmission	30	30
FWAB	20	20
Late Registration	7	4
Emergency Authority	7	5
Elimination of Notary/Witness	4	8
Never Resided in U.S.	2	3
Uniform Law Commission	0*	0*

- **State-by-State Index**
 - 0-100 scale
 - Measures FVAP success in convincing States to adopt Legislative Initiatives
 - **0-50 – Unsuccessful**
 - **50-75 – Mixed**
 - **75-100 – Successful**
- **Scores weighted on Where Voting Failure Occurs**
 - Greatest Scores given to areas with greatest impact on most significant failure
 - 45-day prior =30 points
 - Email/online = 30 points
 - Universal FWAB = 20 points

FVAP would score itself as successful for States:

- 45-day prior ballot delivery,
- email/online transmission of blank ballots,
- allows the FWAB for all elections

FVAP.GOV Prioritized Legislative Initiatives

FEDERAL VOTING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

1. **60 (45) Day Ballot Transit Time**

2. **Electronic Transmission of Election Materials**

3. Expand Use of FWAB

4. Uniform Law Commission

The Most Important

5. Late Registration Procedures

6. Emergency Authority of CEO

7. Elimination of Notarization/Witnessing Requirements

8. Enfranchise Citizens Who Never Resided in the U.S.

FVAP developed State-by-State scoring index

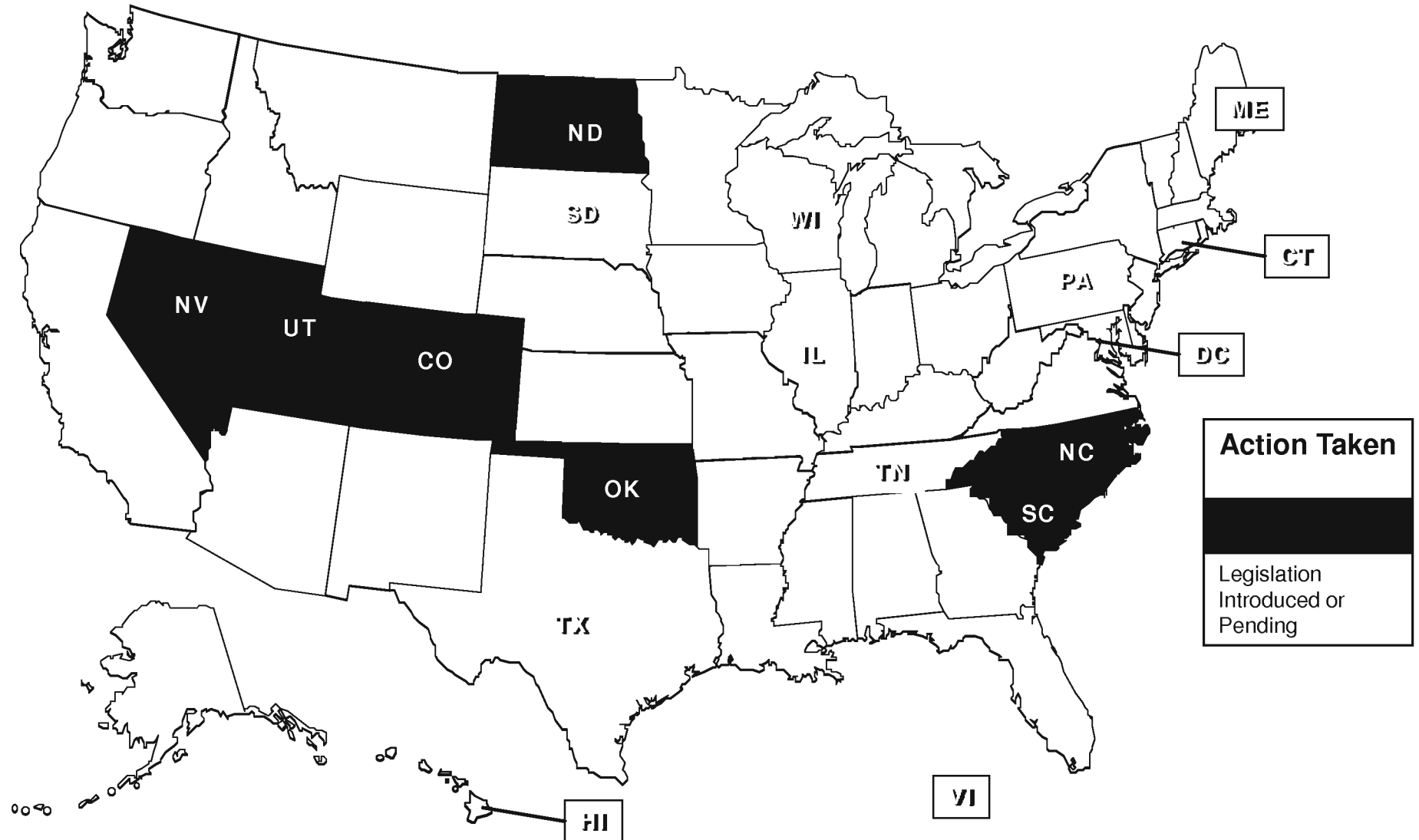
- Evaluate individual State success on adopting Legislative Initiatives.
- Weights are scored to their importance in addressing points of voting failure.

Uniform State Laws

- **Uniform Military and Overseas Voter Act (UMOVA)**
- **Uniform Law Commission**
 - State-run organization
 - Uniform Laws for individual States
- **Standardize voting procedures for military and overseas voters**
 - Secretary of State Trip Report
 - 290 page VAG to 10-15 pages
- **Endorsements**
 - CSG
 - CSG-West
 - AMOVR
- **Adoption raises Index Score to 88%**



2011 UMOVA Action



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?**



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Federal Voting Assistance Program 2012 Preparations

NMVA

National Military and Veterans Alliance

September 19, 2011

UOCAVA Voting System Objectives Meeting Tentative Agenda

Location:

Building 222, Room A314
NIST Main Campus
100 Bureau Drive
Gaithersburg, MD 20852

Notes:

Call extension 2934 in the lobby of Building 222 to be escorted to the meeting room. Wireless Internet access is available at the meeting. Users must sign NIST's Visitor Network Access Agreement with regard to security patches, anti-virus software, etc. Please show up to the meeting at least 30 minutes early to fill out the necessary paperwork.

Monday, June 29, 2009

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| 9:00 am - 9:15 am | Welcoming Remarks from NIST
John Wack, NIST
Andrew Regenscheid, <i>NIST</i> |
| 9:15 am - 9:30 am | Welcoming Remarks from the EAC
Commissioner Davidson, <i>EAC</i> |
| 9:30 am – 10:00 am | Innovative Approaches to Overseas Voting
Paul Lux, <i>Okaloosa County</i> |
| 10:00 am – 10:30 am | Washington State Online Voter Registration System
Paul Miller, <i>Washington Secretary of State, Elections Division</i> |
| 10:00 am - 10:15 am | BREAK |
| 10:15 am - 10:45 pm | Everyone Counts Perspective on UOCAVA Requirements
Aaron Contorer, <i>Everyone Counts</i> |
| 10:45 am - 11:15 am | Overview of FVAP Voting Projects
Scott Wiedmann, Sara Richman & Susan Leader, <i>FVAP</i> |
| 11:15 am - 11:45 am | Internet Voting Requirements
Pablo Sarrias & Hugh Gallagher, <i>ScytI</i> |
| 11:45 pm - 1:15 pm | LUNCH |
| 1:15 pm – 3:00 pm | System Objectives Discussion
Moderator : Andrew Regenscheid, <i>NIST</i> |
| 3:00 pm – 3:30 pm | BREAK |
| 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm | Usability and Accessibility in Remote Voting Systems
Moderators: Sharon Laskowski and Lana Lowry, <i>NIST</i> |
| 5:00 pm | ADJOURN |

Tuesday, June 30, 2009

- 9:00 am – 9:30 am **Comparison of VOI/SERVE/ODBP**
Carol Paquette, *EAC Contractor*
- 9:30 am - 10:00 am **EAC Risk Assessment and UOCAVA Voting**
Alec Yasinsac, *SAIT Laboratory*
- 10:00 am – 10:30 am **How Technology Can Help Overseas Voting- A Personal Perspective**
David Wagner, *University of California- Berkeley*
- 10:30 am - 11:00 am **BREAK**
- 11:00 am - 12:00 pm **Discussion: Security Objectives I**
Moderator: TBD
- 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm **LUNCH**
- 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm **Discussion: Security Objectives II**
Moderator: TBD
- 3:00 pm - 3:15 pm **BREAK**
- 3:15 pm - 4:45 pm **Discussion: Remote UOCAVA Voting System Architectures**
Moderator: Nelson Hastings, *NIST*
- 4:45 pm – 5:00 pm **Wrap-up**
- 5:00 pm **ADJOURN**



FVAP Views on Solutions & Challenges

**NIST-EAC-FVAP Workshop on UOCAVA Voting Systems
August 6th, 2010**

The Problem is Ballot Return

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

- **Absentee Ballot Return Rates:**
 - 91% = General Population
 - 67% = UOCAVA voters

- **Absentee Ballot Delivery Failure Also Problem**
 - 9% military ballots misaddressed
 - 6% returned as undeliverable
 - 17% of military requesting absentee ballots never received it = ~200,000

2008 General Election Results – Military Voters		
Stage of voting process	Number of additional failures over general voting population	% of total failure
Registration Failure	3,936	1.4%
Ballot Delivery Failure	20,064	6.9%
Ballot Return Failure	213,779	74.0%
Ballot Casting Failure	51,283	17.7%
Total	289,062	

Postal Delivery Realities

- **2008 Data: Still Long One Way Delivery Times**
 - September 2008 Priority Delivery
 - USS IWO JIMA – 30.58 days
 - USS THEADORE ROOSEVELT – 28.76 days
 - USS LINCOLN – 22.77 days
 - October 2008 Priority Delivery
 - USS WASP – 28.50 days
 - USS IWO JIMA – 27.50 days
 - USMC CAMP TAQADDUM – 23.74 days
 - **And this is to MPO, not to delivery points down range**

- **MPSA 2008 Ballot Delivery Recommendations Parallel Data**
 - OIF/OEF – 28 days
 - Other overseas – 21 days
 - **These are RETURN recommendations**

- **Unfair to Expect Faster Delivery**
 - The problem is the States haven't sent out the ballots early enough
 - MOVE Act hopefully will address much of this

Internet Voting Mandate

➤ **2002 National Defense Authorization Act**

“The Secretary of Defense shall carry out a demonstration project under which ***absent uniformed services voters*** are permitted to ***cast ballots*** in the regularly scheduled general election ... through an ***electronic voting system***. The project shall be carried out with participation of sufficient numbers ... so that the results are ***statistically relevant***.”

➤ **2005 National Defense Authorization Act**

“...the Secretary may delay the implementation of such demonstration project until the Election Assistance Commission ... has established electronic absentee voting guidelines and certifies that it will assist the Secretary...”

Not the MOVE Act

2002 Committee Reports

➤ 2002 House Report

- "...testing of electronic voting systems that aim to solve the time and distance challenges that have plagued military voters, particularly those residing at overseas duty locations."
- "The Committee expects the Secretary ... to expand the demonstration project to reach **as many military voters as possible.**"
- "The committee believes that the method for absentee voting that holds the most promise for protecting the voting rights of military members in the future is **electronic voting using computers.**"

➤ 2002 Senate Report

- "In the committee's view, the Federal Voting Assistance Program's Voting Over the Internet (VOI) Pilot Project ... demonstrated that ***a remote internet registration and voting system can provide electoral process integrity;***"
- "[The VOI project] provided insight into issues that must be considered for ***broader use of remote registration and voting via the internet.***"
- "The committee encourages ... a judicious and methodical progression from the current by-mail process to a ***secure, easy-to-use, and expedient remote internet registration and voting system.***"

2005 Committee Reports

➤ 2005 Senate Report

- The committee recognizes the effort by the Department of Defense, working in concert with state, county and federal election officials, to bring the **SERVE program** to fruition, and urges continued examination of feasible means to **carry out secure electronic voting**.

➤ 2005 Conference Report

- “***The House bill ... would repeal the requirement ... for the Secretary of Defense to conduct a demonstration project to permit absentee uniformed service voters to cast their ballots through an electronic voting system. The Senate amendment ... would authorize delay in carrying out an electronic voting demonstration project until November 2006. The House recedes with an amendment that would delay the electronic voting demonstration project...***”
- “***The Department of Defense's Secure Electronic Registration and Voting Experiment (SERVE) was an important prototype for electronic voting that should not be abandoned.***”

2007 Laws & GAO

2007 National Defense Authorization Act

- “the Secretary of Defense shall [report] to the Congress ... in ***detail plans for expanding the use of electronic voting technology*** for individuals covered under the [UOCAVA].”
- “...[The GAO shall report to] Congress...the assessment of ...The ***progress of [DoD] and the [EAC] in developing a secure, deployable system for Internet-based electronic voting*** pursuant to [the 2005 NDAA].”

2007 GAO Report

- [DoD should c]reate an ***integrated, comprehensive, long-term, results-oriented plan for future electronic voting programs*** that specifies, ... the goals to be achieved along with tasks including identifying safeguards for the security and privacy of all DOD’s voting ***systems—both electronic and Internet.***
- The plan should also ***specify milestones, time frames, and contingencies;***
- ***Synchronize them with planned development of the Commission’s guidelines for Internet voting;***

2007 FVAP Internet Voting Report

- **“Recommendations for future electronic voting projects include:**
 - **working up to a large scale system** starting with a small number of states or limiting capabilities;...
 - **identifying and mitigating actual and perceived risks** by educating people about risk management practices;...
 - **ensuring that the system will be testable** and that those tests can be reproduced;
 - **developing guidelines for electronic or internet-based registration**, ballot delivery, and voting systems which maintain the integrity of the process;
 - and assessing methods for **voter identification and authentication involving digital certificate technologies.**”

- **“A complete internet voting system would provide:**
 - voter identification and authentication,
 - voter registration,
 - election administration,
 - ballot delivery,
 - voting,
 - tabulation, and
 - results reporting.”

Properties of Electronic Voting System:

Accuracy
Reliability
Privacy
Security
Transparency

FVAP-EAC MOU

➤ Key Planning Factors

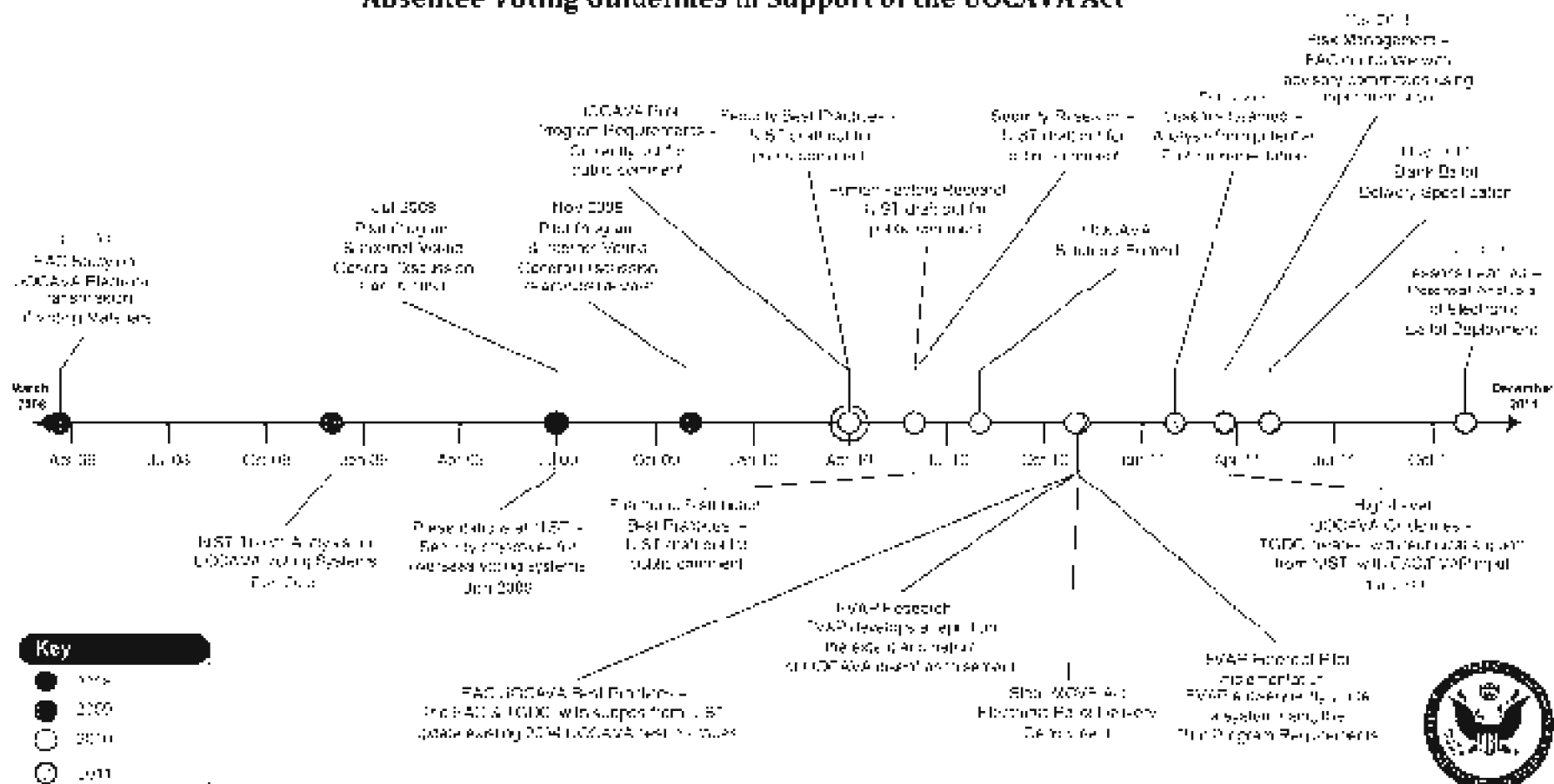
- EAC-NIST IAA
 - NIST research on use of electronic technology in absentee voting
 - NIST work with EAC and DoD to select a preferred technology
 - Develop electronic UOCAVA absentee voting standards
 - FVAP given comment opportunity on EAC's direction to NIST regarding draft standards

➤ Concept of Operations

- FVAP give EAC info on prior electronic voting projects
- NIST identify one or more ways in which electronic technology can improve UOCAVA absentee voting
- EAC and FVAP identify technologies with greatest utility.
- NIST then develops technical standards, at EAC's direction, to be included in final electronic absentee voting guidelines

Phase	Timeline
Acquire Funding & Concept of Development	6 months
Communications Plan	45 months
Contracting Process	1 month
Design Phase	4 months
Development Phase	15 months
Testing Phase	6 months
System Deployment/Election Official Training	5.5 months
Operations Phase	14 months
Evaluation and Reporting Phase	48 months
Total	48 months

Roadmap Timeline for the Development of Remote Electronic Absentee Voting Guidelines in Support of the UOCAVA Act



FVAP Ideas on Path Forward

Define the Measures

- Acceptable risk level ***policy decision has already been made***
 - It ***IS*** the current voting system
 - Accepts 1/3 of absentee ballots never returned
- ***We should accept equivalent risk in new UOCAVA systems***
 - May have different probability or impact
 - Can reduce probability and/or mitigate impact
 - Goal is to keep risk level at least the same, if not better

Measure Systems

- Use the EAC Risk Assessment Tool & NIST IT Risk Assessment Tools?
- Evaluate the postal mail UOCAVA absentee ballot system as the baseline
- Develop comparable measures for other voting systems and measure them
- **Also examine national level threat risks**

Establish Properties

- What “properties” are necessary for an electronic absentee voting system?
- To achieve the same level of risk as current system
- Even if DON’T believe Properties are technologically feasible

Can You Make the “Washington Declaration”?

FVAP Requested Considerations

- **Put on your scientific game face**
 - Don't make claims that can't be tested and replicated
 - Expertise vs. evidence

- **The policy decision's already been made**
 - Electronic Absentee Voting System Development is the law
 - Federal agencies must execute the law

- **Does the Balkanization of US Election System provide security advantages?**
 - Diversification
 - Defense in Depth
 - Dispersal

- _____ **Independence vs.** _____ **Assurance**

Quotes to Contemplate

- "I think there is a world market for maybe five computers," Thomas Watson, chairman of IBM, 1943.



- "No one will need more than 637 kb of memory for a personal computer—640K ought to be enough for anybody," Bill Gates, Microsoft, 1981.



- "Who the hell wants to hear actors talk?" H.M. Warner, Warner Bros., 1927



Arthur C. Clarke's "3 Laws of Predictions"

- When a distinguished but elderly scientist states that something is possible, he is almost certainly right. When he states that something is impossible, he is very probably wrong;
- The only way of discovering the limits of the possible is to **venture past them into the impossible**;
- **Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic.**



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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
ON COOPERATION IN DEVELOPING
ELECTRONIC ABSENTEE VOTING GUIDELINES**

between the

U.S. ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

and the

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

I. PARTIES

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") constitutes an agreement between the U.S. Election Assistance Commission ("EAC" or "the Commission") and the U.S. Department of Defense ("DoD").

II. AUTHORITIES

Section 567 of the Ronald Reagan National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005 directs the EAC to establish "electronic absentee voting guidelines" for use in the DoD's Electronic Voting Demonstration Project. Pub. L. No. 108-375, § 567, 118 Stat. 1919 (2004). Section 1604 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2002, as amended by section 567, requires that in the first regularly scheduled general election for Federal office which occurs after the EAC notifies the Secretary [of Defense] that the Commission has established electronic absentee voting guidelines and certifies that it will assist the Secretary in carrying out the project, "the Secretary of Defense shall carry out a demonstration project under which absent uniformed services voters are permitted to cast ballots. . . through an electronic voting system." Pub. L. No. 107-107 § 1604 (a)(1); 115 Stat. 1277, 42 U.S.C. 1977ff (note) (2004), *as amended by P.L. 108-375 at §567.*

III. PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

This MOU is to establish a working relationship between EAC and DoD to facilitate creation of the electronic absentee voting guidelines. EAC has entered into an Inter-Agency Agreement with the National Institute of Standards and Technology ("NIST"), under which NIST will conduct research on the use of electronic technology in absentee voting by military and overseas voters throughout the world, work with EAC and DoD to select a preferred method of using such technology, and develop standards for the use of electronic technology in the administration of absentee voting by U.S. military and overseas citizens.

In furtherance of these tasks, EAC requires information from DoD about the current status of military and overseas citizen voting. In addition, after NIST has identified one or more ways in which electronic technology can be used to improve absentee voting by U.S. military

and overseas citizens, EAC will need DoD's cooperation and assistance to determine which method(s) presented provide the greatest utility to the parties involved. Subsequent to this determination, NIST pursuant to its Interagency Agreement with EAC will develop technical standards to be included in the final electronic absentee voting guidelines that will be adopted by the EAC.

IV. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

1. Pursuant to this agreement, DoD will work with and provide to EAC relevant requested information about present status, methods and procedures relating to military and overseas voting.
2. DoD and EAC will meet to review, discuss and provide feedback on the options identified by NIST for using technology to improve absentee voting for military and overseas citizens. DoD will work with EAC to identify one or more methods for using technology in military and overseas citizen voting on which NIST should conduct additional research and for which NIST should develop standards for the implementation of that technology. As a result of these determinations, EAC will direct NIST to develop technical standards for the use of technology in absentee voting for military and overseas citizens.
3. During the NIST research and standards development process, DoD will provide comment and feedback to EAC, and its direction to NIST, regarding how the proposed and draft standards will impact DoD protocol, procedures and regulations. The goal of this input is to ensure that EAC and NIST develop standards that are appropriate, applicable and which can be implemented by DoD, as required by Pub. L. No. 108-375.
4. Either party may release information or publish material related to this MOU or the subject matter covered by this MOU only after coordinating with the other party. For the purposes of responding to Freedom Information Act Requests, the coordination or referral of requests shall be accomplished consistent with the timeframes and requirements of the Act. The parties shall make reasonable efforts to coordinate on Congressional Requests in the timeframes requested by the member or committee.

V. FUNDS

No funds are to be transferred by either party to the other in performance of either parties' responsibilities and obligations under this MOU.

VI. DURATION OF AGREEMENT

This MOU shall remain in effect until EAC delivers final guidelines to DoD for the use of technology in military and overseas citizen voting as required by Pub. L. No. 108-375 or until terminated pursuant to the provisions of Section VII(2), *infra*.

VII. MODIFICATION AND TERMINATION

1. This MOU may be amended at any time by the mutual written consent of the parties. Modifications will supersede prior terms which would be in conflict. All other agreement terms shall remain in effect.
2. Either party may terminate this agreement by providing 90 days written notice to the other party. This MOU does not involve the exchange of funds nor establish any obligation on the part of either party to make payment now or in the future to the other party.
3. This MOU constitutes the entire agreement between the parties for its stated purpose, and no modification or addition will be valid unless signed by the parties and appended to this agreement. Any terms of this MOU found to be inconsistent with current EAC or DOD directives, policies or other regulations will be invalid, but the remaining terms will remain in effect.

X. PRINCIPAL CONTACTS

The principal contacts for this instrument are:

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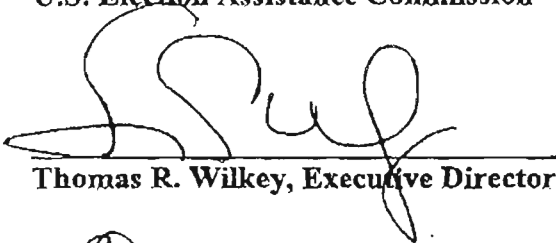
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XI. EFFECTIVE DATE

This MOU will be effective when signed by both parties.

Signed on behalf of:

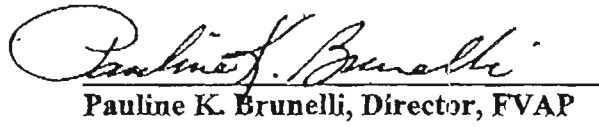
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Thomas R. Wilkey, Executive Director

October 31 2007
Date

U.S. Department of Defense



Pauline K. Brunelli, Director, FVAP

October 31, 2007
Date



FEDERAL VOTING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON, DC 20301-1155

January 30, 2008

The Honorable Rosemary Rodriguez
Chair, U.S. Election Assistance Commission
1225 New York Avenue, Suite 1100
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Chairwoman Rodriguez:

Title V, Subtitle I, Military Voting, Section 567, of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) of 2005, amended the NDAA for Fiscal Year 2002 to delay the Department of Defense (DoD) electronic voting demonstration project until the first regularly scheduled general Federal election after the Election Assistance Commission (EAC) notifies the Secretary of Defense that the Commission has established electronic absentee voting guidelines and certifies that it will assist the Secretary of Defense in carrying out the demonstration project.

In support of this effort, the DoD's Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) has provided to the EAC reports on Voting Over the Internet, the Secure Registration and Voting Experiment, Expanding the Use of Electronic Voting Technology for UOCAVA Citizens, and other electronic voting projects conducted.

On January 24, 2008, in support of the Memorandum of Agreement entered into by the Director, FVAP and the EAC, FVAP hand-delivered the Secure Electronic Registration and Voting Experiment: Threat Risk Assessments (Phases 2 and 3); Security Overview and security requirements documents to the EAC.

During a January 25, 2008 conference call, the EAC, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), and FVAP discussed previous DoD electronic voting projects and the purpose served by developing guidelines for DoD's future electronic voting demonstration project as mandated by NDAA FY05. This letter is to clarify our understanding of the electronic absentee voting guidelines development process.

The U.S. Government Accountability Office's review of electronic absentee voting initiatives for military and overseas citizens echoed earlier DoD reports by stating that the creation of an action plan is a key component for the development of electronic absentee voting guidelines. The following are high level tasks required for development of the EAC plan:

- Research current and future planned electronic voting technology in industry and other nations that could support absentee voting by military and overseas voters throughout the world
- Identify one or more methods for using technology in military and overseas citizen voting to investigate or pursue (EAC and DoD)
- Develop draft guidelines for use when creating a system
- Obtain review of the draft guidelines by
 - NIST internal elements
 - DoD elements, e.g. FVAP, the Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA), Joint Task Force for Global Network Operations (JTF-GNO), the Defense Information Assurance Program (DIAP), etc.
 - The EAC Technical Guidelines Development Committee (TGDC)
 - The EAC Standards and Advisory Boards
- Other stakeholders as identified

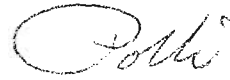
Note: the review process requires significant time to ensure that all possible stakeholder issues are addressed and resolved.

Once the guidelines have been approved and published, the DoD will begin the development of an electronic absentee voting system. After analysis of the current election calendar and experience with recent voting related projects, FVAP has developed the following high level task list with the approximate time to develop this system (schedule tentative and subject to change):

<u>Internet Voting System</u>	<u>Months</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Acquire Funding	6	
Concept Development w/high level requirements	6	In parallel with Acquire Funding
Communications Plan	45	Starts with Concept Development, ends after operations phase.
Contracting Process	1	Done at end of Concept Development Phase
Design Phase	4	
Development Phase	15	
Testing Phase	6	
System Deployment/Election Official training (55 states/territories/District of Columbia)	5.5	Assuming two weeks at each site with 5 deployment teams working simultaneously—could be done during operations phase based on when primary elections occur
Operations Phase	14	Begins November 1 of the year before the federal election year/ends December 31 of the election year
Evaluation and Reporting Phase	48	Starts with Concept Development, ends March 31 of the year after the federal election year
Total Months	48	

We appreciated the opportunity to conduct an FVAP mission brief for NIST on January 30, 2008 and look forward to working with you on the development of the electronic absentee voting guidelines. Please let me know if there is any other information we can provide.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "P. K. Brunelli".

P. K. Brunelli
Director

cc:

Ms. Donetta Davidson, Commissioner
Mr. Thomas Wilke, Executive Director



FEDERAL VOTING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON, DC 20301-1155

The Honorable Gineen Bresso Beach
Chair, U.S. Election Assistance Commission
1225 New York Avenue, Suite 1100
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Chairwoman Beach:

In October, 2007 my predecessor signed the attached Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) establishing a working relationship between the Election Assistance Commission (EAC) and the Department of Defense to facilitate creation of electronic absentee voting guidelines as required by legal authorities cited in the MOU. This agreement states that it remains in effect until the responsibilities of the parties have been completed unless otherwise affirmatively terminated. As I am relatively new in my current position, I want to communicate to you my desire to continue the cooperative effort established by this MOU between the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) and the EAC.

I appreciate the strong support EAC has provided FVAP, especially in developing the "roadmap" for these standards, and will respond shortly to your latest version of the roadmap so that we can integrate it with this MOU and move forward aggressively on the issues we face. Thank you very much for your strong support and I look forward to continuing our mutual effort to develop the electronic absentee voting guidelines.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Bob Carey", is written over the typed name.

Bob Carey
Director

Attachment:
As stated

Federal Voting Assistance Program 2010 Election Cycle Initiatives and Lessons Learned

February 9, 2011

What is the Key Election System Issue

- **Military Voter Registration Not the Problem**
 - 71% = General Electorate
 - 77% = Military voters
- **Voter Participation Rates not the problem**
 - 62% = General Electorate
 - 53% = Military voters
 - 71% = Adjusted military voters
- **Overwhelming voting failure is in ballot delivery and return times**
- **Absentee Ballot Return Rates:**
 - 91% = General Population
 - 67% = UOCAVA voters
 - 62% = Military Voters

2008 Election		
Stage of voting process	Number of additional failures over general voting population	% of total failure
Registration Failure	4,783	1.3%
Ballot Delivery Failure	23,548	6.4%
Ballot Return Failure	296,759	81.1%
Ballot Casting Failure	41,012	11.2%
Total	366,102	

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?

- **Provide Direct to the Voter Assistance**
 - Make the process easy, quick, intuitive and seamless
 - Reduce the reliance on Voting Assistance Officers
 - Provide online wizards, including FPCA and FWAB
 - **FVAP as a portal, not a service provider**
 - **Requires extensive voter education**

- **Get the Ballots To and From the Voters Quicker**
 - Online ballot download
 - Express Mail Return of voted ballots

- **Expanded Assistance for Election Officials**
 - Develop tools that voters will use and **States will adopt**
 - Specifications to State election requirements, not federal contract rules
 - Assist States change laws to comply with MOVE Act
 - Assist States in compliance with MOVE Act

To Vote Absentee, Start By Telling Us Who You Are



**I am a uniformed service member
or a family member.**

For active-duty members of the Armed Forces, Merchant Marine, Public Health Service, NOAA, and their family members.

[Get Started](#)



**I am a citizen
living outside the U.S.**

For United States citizens who are living outside the U.S. for work, school or other reasons.

[Get Started](#)

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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.



What would you like to do?

Register to Vote and/or Request Ballot

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Register to Vote and/or Request Ballot

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

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](#)

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Register to Vote and/or Request Ballot

Use Arizona's automated assistant to automatically register to vote and/or request an absentee ballot.

or

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

Important Dates for UOCAVA citizens

General Election: 11/06/2012
Register by: TBD
Request ballot by: TBD
Return ballot by: TBD

Resources:

[Arizona Absentee Voting Guidelines](#)
[Arizona State Election website](#)

Would you rather fill out the form by hand?

[Registration and Ballot Request](#)

Linking to FVAP Wizard instead of Blank FPCA Form will make it easier for UOCAVA voters



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or

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Election Deadlines

General Election: 11/06/2012

Register by: TBD

Request ballot by: TBD

Return ballot by: TBD

Resources:

[Washington Absentee Voting Guidelines](#)

[Washington State Election website](#)

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Check Status of Your Ballot

Under the federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA) of 2002, every voter who casts a provisional ballot is entitled to find out from his/her **county elections official** if the ballot was counted and if not, the reason why it was not counted.

Under California **Elections Code section 3017**, a voter who casts a vote-by-mail ballot can find out if the ballot arrived at his/her **county elections office**. Some county elections officials also tell voters if the vote-by-mail ballot was counted and if it wasn't, the reasons why it was not counted.

Each county elections official allows voters to check the status of his/her vote-by-mail and provisional ballot either through the county website, by telephone, or both.

To find out if your vote-by-mail ballot was received by your county elections official or if your provisional ballot was counted, please click on the appropriate link below or call the phone number listed for the county elections office. For further information about the elections services provided in your county, visit our **County Elections offices** page.

County	Check Vote-By-Mail Ballot Status	Check Provisional Ballot Status
Alameda	<u>Alameda - Vote-By-Mail</u>	(800) 834-6454
Alpine	(530) 694-2281	(530) 694-2281
Amador	<u>Amador - Vote-By-Mail</u>	(209) 223-6465
Butte	<u>Butte - Vote-By-Mail</u>	(800) 894-7761
Calaveras	(209) 754-6376	(209) 754-6376
Colusa	<u>Colusa - Vote-By-Mail</u>	(877) 458-0501
Contra Costa	<u>Contra Costa - Vote-By-Mail</u>	<u>Contra Costa - Provisional Voting Free Access</u>
Del Norte	(707) 465-0383	(707) 465-0383

Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) for Absentee Ballot

Complete the Form

Uniformed Services Member > Washington > King

Eligibility

My Information

State

First Name (required)

Telephone ↕

Jurisdiction

Middle Name (required)

Fax (required) ↕

My Information

Voting Residence

Last Name (required)

E-Mail Address (required)

Mailing Address

Suffix ↕

Gender ↕

Method to Send Form

Previous Name

Date of Birth (required) ↕

Method To Receive Ballot

Political Party ↕

Additional Information

Print and Finish

Social Security Number (required) - - 1234 ↕

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

Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) for Absentee Ballot

Complete the Form

Uniformed Services Member > Washington > King

Eligibility

State

Jurisdiction

My Information

Voting Residence

Mailing Address

Method to Send Form

Method To Receive Ballot

Additional Information

Print and Finish

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- Rural Route is missing on the [Voting Residence](#) page
- Voting Address is missing on the [Voting Residence](#) page
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- 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.

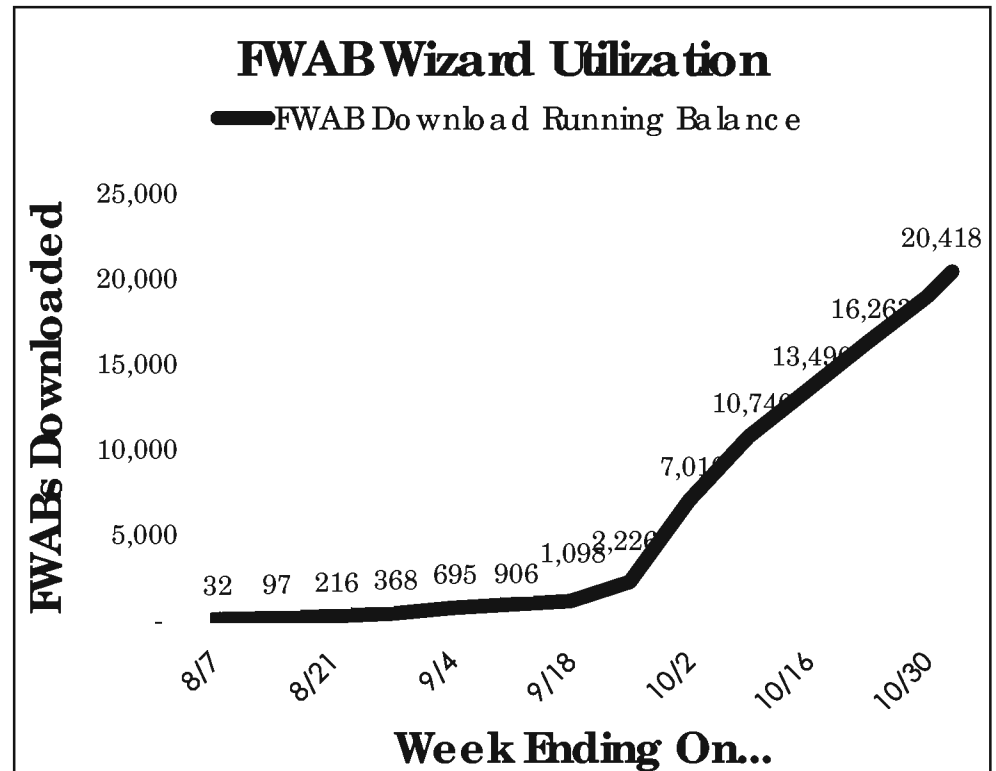
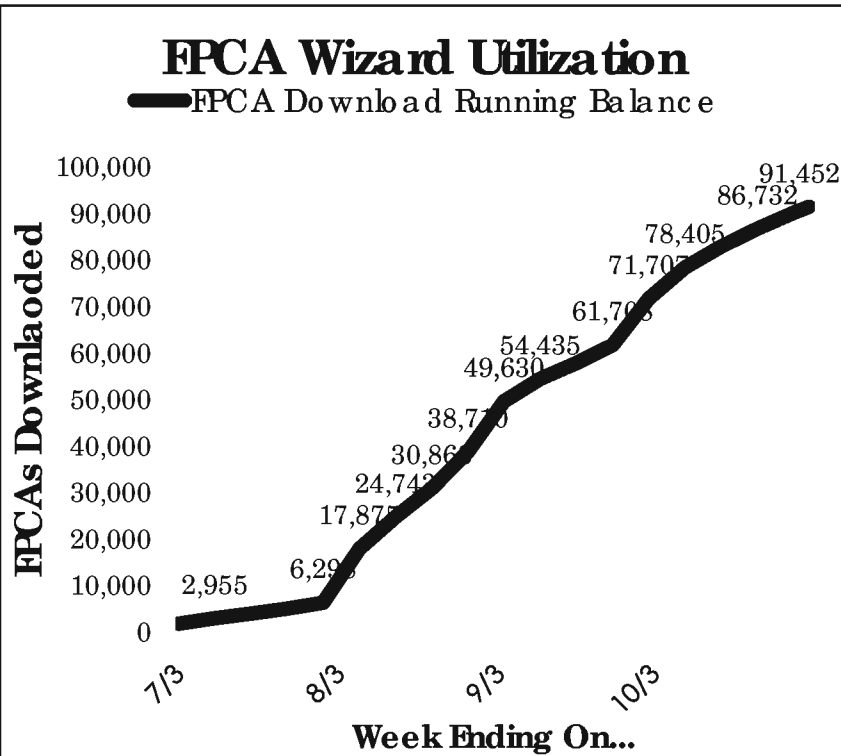
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2010 FPCA and FWAB Wizard Utilization

FPCA Wizard downloads:

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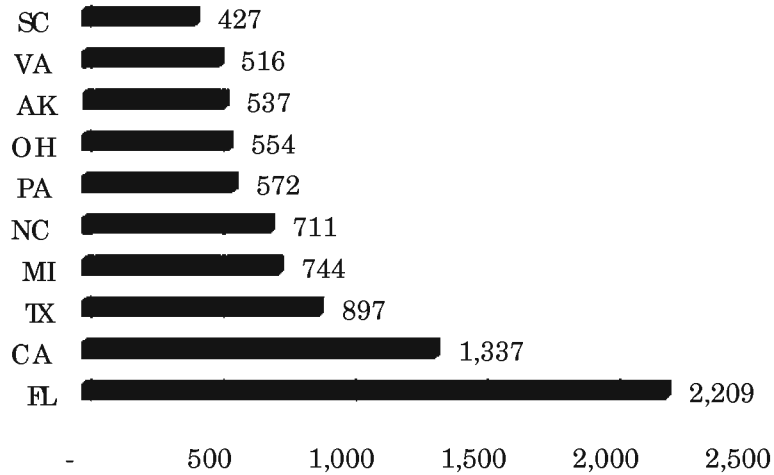


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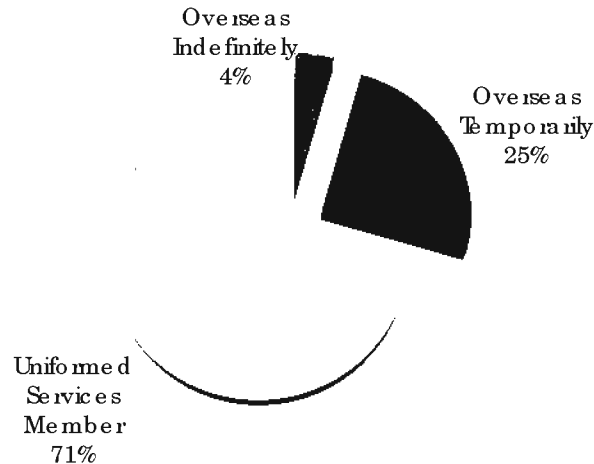
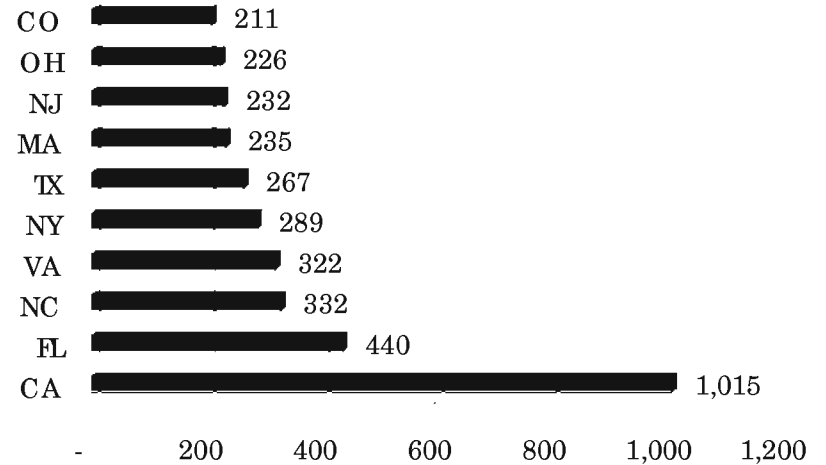
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2010 FWAB Wizard Utilization

Uniformed Services FWABs Downloaded

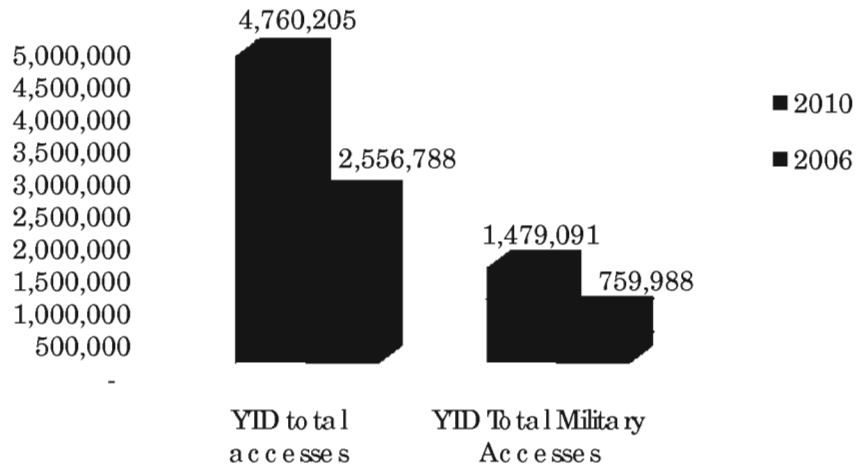


Total Overseas Citizen FWAB Downloads



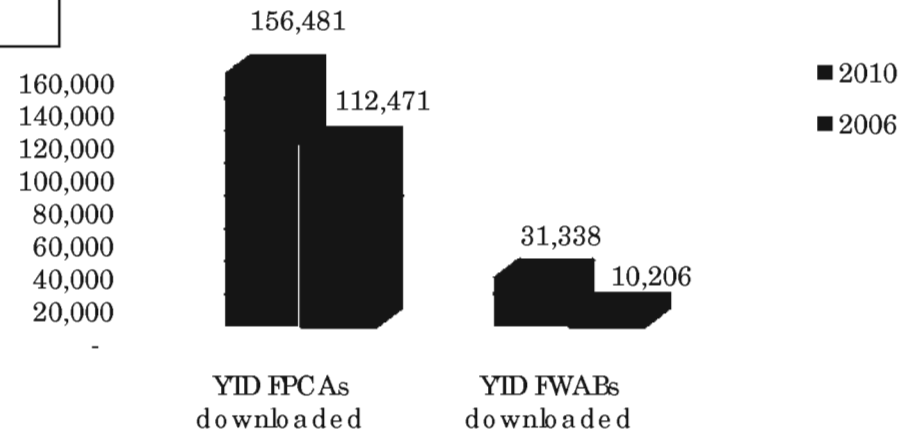
FVAP Website Utilization

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



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

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



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

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Uniformed Service members Register by: 10/26/2010
Overseas Citizens Register by: 10/12/2010
Request ballot by: 10/26/2010
Return ballot by: 11/02/2010

[Please See Important Notice to Virginia Users of Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot \(FWAB\)](#)

Resources:

[Virginia Absentee Voting Guidelines](#)
[Virginia State Election website](#)

ALERT: [Deadlines for Return of Voted Ballots from APO/FPOs](#)

Would you rather fill out the form by hand?
[Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot](#)

Future:

Planning a federal grant structured program for states and localities



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:

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

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

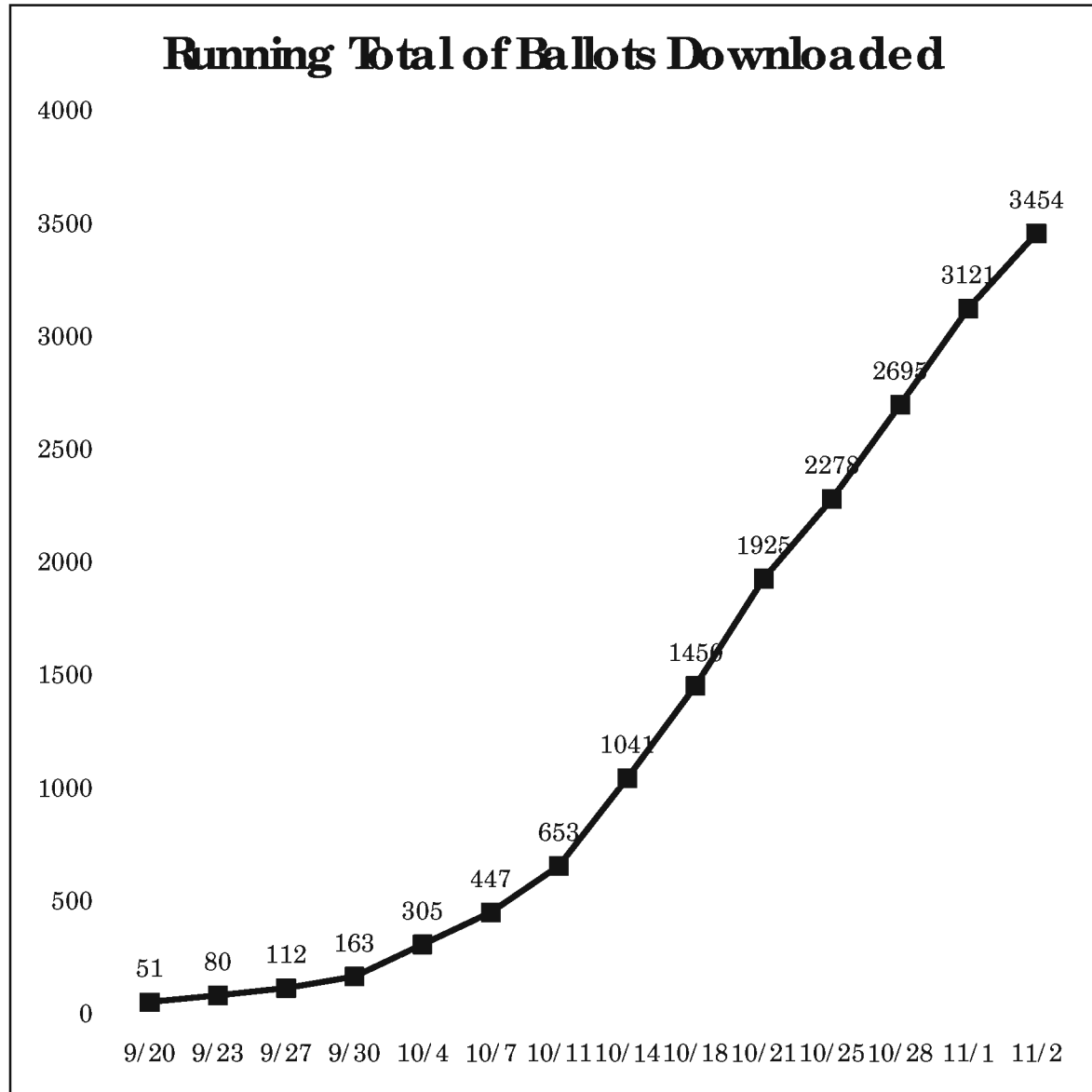
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State Wizard Usage

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



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
- ***Need to make voters aware of online ballot delivery instead of defaulting to FWAB***

➤ 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



<https://twitter.com/FVAP>



Following

Just in time for key voting week, FVAP launches online registration assistant to help ease the process - <http://tinyurl.com/23p9a8j>

Texas voters - give your input on pending voting rules - http://www.sos.state.tx.us/about/newsreleases/2010/06/14/10_snrp

Kudos - DC is doing something very "unique" - <http://tinyurl.com/27r9e4z>

Next week is a key week for voting absentee. Are you registered? Go to www.fvap.gov to get registered. We're here for you!



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DoD - Supporting military and overseas citizens absentee voting. We're here for you!

Honor the past, support the future - VOTE!

If you're looking for the official source of information

Name FVAP
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Web <http://www.fvap.gov>
Bio The Department of Defense Federal Voting Assistance Program - Supporting and facilitating military and overseas absentee voting.

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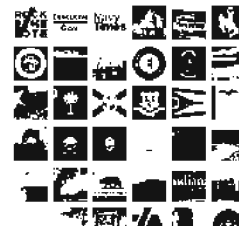
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Federal Voting Assistance Program, DoD Do you think there is a problem with absentee voting? What do you think it is? Ballot receipt? Registration regulations are too complex? Laws? Tell us what you think.

Wall Info Photos Discussions Boxes Video >> +

What's on your mind?

Attach:

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Options



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Federal Voting Assistance Program, DoD Kudos to McGuire-Jix-Lakehurst joint publication for helping to get the word out
<http://www2.jointbasemdl.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123212348>

Online program helps military families vote absentee
Web: [http://www.fvap.gov](#)
Defense Services
The new app is

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Federal Voting Assistance Program, DoD Sweet article by Airman 1st Class McFadden (Hurlburt Field, FL) - <http://www2.hurlburt.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123212450>



Feature - Voting- it does a country good

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PostOpinion Eric Holder: A confirmation crisis in our courts



(Photo: AP)

A tearful Karzai appeals for peace

President weeps in speech, says he worries his son might not be able to grow up in Afghanistan.
 • Video: A call for faster Afghan peace talks

OPINIONS

Where's the Change?

Milbank: David Axelrod, leaving Washington in defeat.
 Gerson: Hate Washington
 Sargent: How to handle 'whining'



- Capehart: Obama cracks whip on Democrats
- Holder: A confirmation crisis in our courts
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- Petri: Why Americans fail religion tests

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BOB WOODWARD: OBAMA'S WARS

President was cautioned that strategy faced risks

For months the vice president kept the pressure on, urging against a dramatic war escalation; 'It's not the number, it's the strategy,' he said.

» Bob Woodward

- Obama: 'We are stronger' | Interview transcript
- Part One | 365+ comments | Complete coverage

POSTPOLITICS 2010 ELECTIONS

Obama: 'A Christian by choice'

At a backyard chat in N.M., the president offers rare personal comments about his religious faith.

» Anne E. Kornblut and William Branigin 4:07 p.m. ET

A White House rescue mission

THE TAKE - At tonight's Wisconsin rally, Dems count on Obama to lead charge to bring out vote.

» Dan Balz

- Dems blast GOP on education issues | Media Notes
- Senate Republicans block outsourcing bill

Court eyes corporate privacy

In batch of new cases, justices also revisit tangled legal history of Playboy model, Anna Nicole Smith.

» Robert Barnes 4:48 p.m. ET

Network News MY PROFILE

Most Popular Friends' Activity

Login You need to be logged into Facebook to see your friends' activity.

Senate GOP blocks bill that would promote less outsourcing

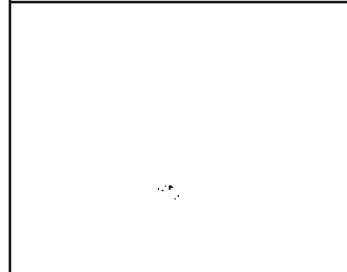
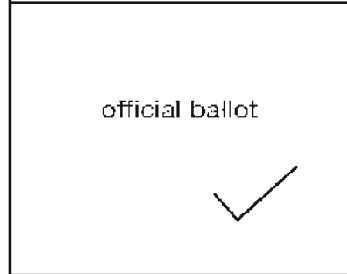


FEATURES & RESOURCES

TOP SECRET AMERICA

[Washington Post Investigation]

Reporters Dana Priest and Bill Arkin spent two years investigating the top-secret world the U.S. government created in response to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.



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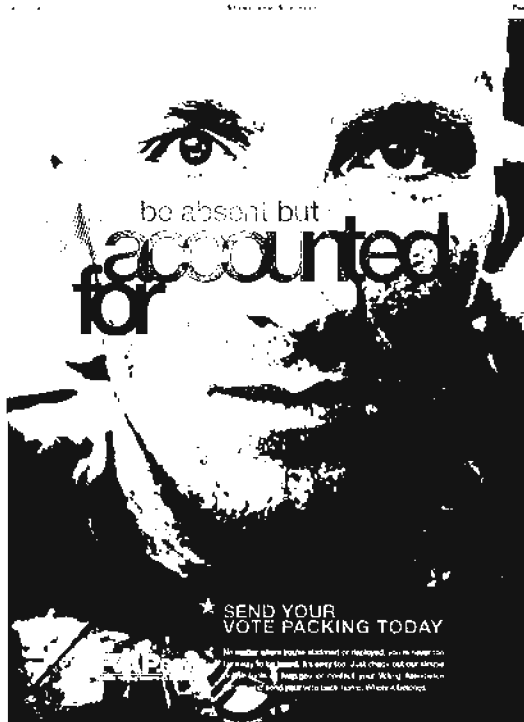
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Newspaper Ads

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Stripes*

*Defense
Times*



- Full Page Ads
- 4th of July
 - Register
 - VAOs
- End of September
 - Send in Ballot
 - Ballot Download
 - FWAB

*Military
Spouse
Magazine*



*International
Herald
Tribune*

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 support:**
 - \$550K FY09 and FY10 for mail barcode scanners
 - FVAP advertised in September-October ads and 30 day emails
 - Extensive voter alerts and social media marketing



2010 Post-Election Survey

Surveys

- **Active Duty Military**
- **Military Dependents** – First time ever
- **Overseas Civilians**
 - Controlled sample based on State Department warden list emails
 - Convenience Sample
- **Voting Assistance Officers**
 - State Department
 - Military Units

Key Elements & Discoveries

- **Need quality data:**
 - Weight for voter population demographics
 - Weight for jurisdiction size
 - Weight for non-response
- **FVAP drives program to those results**
- **1/3 military voters vote in person**

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%

State Legislative Initiatives

Legislative Initiative	Uniformed Services Weighting	Overseas Citizens Weighting
45 Day Transit Time	30	30
Electronic Transmission	30	30
FWAB	20	20
Late Registration	7	4
Emergency Authority	7	5
Elimination of Notary/Witness	4	8
Never Resided in U.S.	2	3
Uniform Law Commission	0*	0*

FVAP would score itself as successful for States:

- 45-day prior ballot delivery,
- email/online transmission of blank ballots,
- allows the FWAB for all elections

- **State-by-State Index**
 - 0-100 scale
 - Measures FVAP success in convincing States to adopt Legislative Initiatives
 - **0-50 – Unsuccessful**
 - **50-75 – Partially Successful**
 - **75-100 – Successful**
- **National Average = 63%, up from 53% in Oct 09**
- **Scores weighted on Where Voting Failure Occurs**
 - Greatest Scores given to areas with greatest impact on most significant failure
 - 45-day prior = 30 points
 - Email/online = 30 points
 - Universal FWAB = 20 points

Uniform State Laws

- **Uniform Military and Overseas Voter Act (UMOVA)**
- **Uniform Law Commission**
 - State-run organization
 - Uniform Laws for individual States
- **Standardize voting procedures for military and overseas voters**
 - Secretary of State Trip Report
 - 290 page VAG to 10-15 pages
- **Endorsements**
 - CSG
 - CSG-West
 - AMOVR
- **Adoption raises Index Score to 88%**



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.**

Voter Initiatives

- **Outreach**
 - Communications
 - Partnerships
 - Online training

- **Improve online Wizards**
 - Bar Codes
 - FWAB Candidate Data Improvements

- **FPCA/FWAB Redesign**

- **Wounded Warrior Research**
 - Catalogue disabilities and voting assistance requirements
 - Mock Election

- **Databases**
 - VAO
 - LEOs
 - Voting Laws and Regulations

Election Official Initiatives

- **Grant Research Program**

- **Legislative Initiatives/
UMOVA/Index Scores**

- **LEO Training:**
 - In-person
 - CERA
 - Online

Technology Initiatives

- **Security Research**
 - Blank Ballot Delivery
 - National Level Threats
 - DISN-only systems (TGDC)

- **Website Architecture**

- **System Tests against EAC Pilot
Testing Requirements**

2012 Grant Program

- **Maximize research potential:**
 - Needs maximum State adoption
 - Shift from federal contract to grants
 - **Not a State compliance assistance grant**; it's a research grant

- **Possible Focus Programs:**
 - Online Registration
 - Online Absentee Ballot Request
 - Online and Expedited Blank Ballot Delivery
 - Online Voted Ballot Tracking
 - Website improvement

- **Possible Grant Considerations:**
 - Research results and data provided
 - # of Voters Assisted
 - Projected Improvement in UOCAVA Voting Success
 - ROI and program life



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All Federal Government Challenges matching "fvap"

Challenges (2) Organizations (0)

Newest



Absentee Voting Slogan Contest

Created by U.S. Department of Defense

The Federal Voting Assistance Program's 2011 Slogan Contest promotes absentee voting by the Uniformed Services, their families, and U.S. citizens residing outside the United States.

[View details](#)



Absentee Voting Poster Contest

Created by U.S. Department of Defense

The Federal Voting Assistance Program announces their Voting Poster Contest to promote absentee voting by Uniformed Services members, their families, and U.S. citizens living abroad.

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Federal Voting Assistance Program Department of Defense

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Email: Bob.Carey@fvap.gov

Internet Voting Mandate

➤ **2002 National Defense Authorization Act**

“The Secretary of Defense shall carry out a demonstration project under which ***absent uniformed services voters*** are permitted to ***cast ballots*** in the regularly scheduled general election ... through an ***electronic voting system***. The project shall be carried out with participation of sufficient numbers ... so that the results are ***statistically relevant***.”

➤ **2005 National Defense Authorization Act**

“...the Secretary may delay the implementation of such demonstration project until the Election Assistance Commission ... has established electronic absentee voting guidelines and certifies that it will assist the Secretary...”

Not the MOVE Act

2002 Committee Reports

➤ 2002 House Report

- "...testing of electronic voting systems that aim to solve the time and distance challenges that have plagued military voters, particularly those residing at overseas duty locations."
- "The Committee expects the Secretary ... to expand the demonstration project to reach **as many military voters as possible.**"
- "The committee believes that the method for absentee voting that holds the most promise for protecting the voting rights of military members in the future is **electronic voting using computers.**"

➤ 2002 Senate Report

- "In the committee's view, the Federal Voting Assistance Program's Voting Over the Internet (VOI) Pilot Project ... demonstrated that ***a remote internet registration and voting system can provide electoral process integrity;***"
- "[The VOI project] provided insight into issues that must be considered for ***broader use of remote registration and voting via the internet.***"
- "The committee encourages ... a judicious and methodical progression from the current by-mail process to a ***secure, easy-to-use, and expedient remote internet registration and voting system.***"

2005 Committee Reports

➤ 2005 Senate Report

- The committee recognizes the effort by the Department of Defense, working in concert with state, county and federal election officials, to bring the **SERVE program** to fruition, and urges continued examination of feasible means to **carry out secure electronic voting**.

➤ 2005 Conference Report

- “***The House bill ... would repeal the requirement ... for the Secretary of Defense to conduct a demonstration project to permit absentee uniformed service voters to cast their ballots through an electronic voting system. The Senate amendment ... would authorize delay in carrying out an electronic voting demonstration project until November 2006. The House recedes with an amendment that would delay the electronic voting demonstration project...***”
- “***The Department of Defense’s Secure Electronic Registration and Voting Experiment (SERVE) was an important prototype for electronic voting that should not be abandoned.***”

2007 Laws & GAO

2007 National Defense Authorization Act

- “the Secretary of Defense shall [report] to the Congress ... in ***detail plans for expanding the use of electronic voting technology*** for individuals covered under the [UOCAVA].”
- “...[The GAO shall report to] Congress...the assessment of ...The ***progress of [DoD] and the [EAC] in developing a secure, deployable system for Internet-based electronic voting*** pursuant to [the 2005 NDAA].”

2007 GAO Report

- [DoD should c]reate an ***integrated, comprehensive, long-term, results-oriented plan for future electronic voting programs*** that specifies, ... the goals to be achieved along with tasks including identifying safeguards for the security and privacy of all DOD’s voting ***systems—both electronic and Internet.***
- The plan should also ***specify milestones, time frames, and contingencies;***
- ***Synchronize them with planned development of the Commission’s guidelines for Internet voting;***

FVAP Ideas on Path Forward

Define the Measures

- Acceptable risk level ***policy decision has already been made***
 - It ***IS*** the current voting system
 - Accepts 1/3 of absentee ballots never returned
- ***We should accept equivalent risk in new UOCAVA systems***
 - May have different probability or impact
 - Can reduce probability and/or mitigate impact
 - Goal is to keep risk level at least the same, if not better

Measure Systems

- Use the EAC Risk Assessment Tool & NIST IT Risk Assessment Tools?
- Evaluate the postal mail UOCAVA absentee ballot system as the baseline
- Develop comparable measures for other voting systems and measure them
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Can You Make the “Washington Declaration”?



Federal Voting Assistance Program Technology Programs and 2012 Cycle Initiatives

**Technical Guidelines Development Committee
EAC-NIST
January 13, 2011**

FVAP 2010 Key Initiatives

➤ From an Agency to a Portal

- Serve as the liaison between the voter and the State
- Make the process easy, quick, intuitive and seamless
- Reduce the reliance on Voting Assistance Officers
- Avoid running elections

➤ Expanded Assistance for Election Officials

- Incubate the development of new online tools for registration, absentee ballot application, ballot delivery, marking, and tracking
- Tools that voters will use and States will adopt
- Greater control by States and LEOs - Grants
- Not directly supporting electronic transmission of VOTED ballots
- Assist States in compliance

➤ Transparency and Data-Driven Operations

- Improve Post-Election Surveys to correct incorrect policies based on poor data
- Post all data and methodology online
- Combine data collection with EAC

To Vote Absentee, Start By Telling Us Who You Are



I am a uniformed service member or a family member.

For active-duty members of the Armed Forces, Merchant Marine, Public Health Service, NOAA, and their family members.

[Get Started](#)



I am a citizen living outside the U.S.

For United States citizens who are living outside the U.S. for work, school or other reasons.

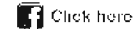
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If neither of these choices apply to you, please visit www.canivote.org

Election Countdown

35 Days

Join us on Facebook & remind your friends to vote!



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FEDERAL VOTING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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.



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Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) for Absentee Ballot

Complete the Form

Uniformed Services Member > Washington > King

Eligibility

My Information

State

First Name (required):

Telephone: ↕

Jurisdiction

Middle Name (required):

Fax (required): ↕

My Information

Last Name (required):

E-Mail Address (required):

Voting Residence

Suffix: ↕

Gender: ↕

Mailing Address

Previous Name:

Date of Birth (required): ↕

Method to Send Form

Political Party: ↕

Method To Receive Ballot

Social Security Number (required): - - ↕

Additional Information

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.

Print and Finish

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Pre-Filled Output

FEDERAL VOTING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
Voting Help for Uniformed Service Members, Their Families, & Citizens Living Outside The U.S.

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 Case
NAVY CENTER
PO BOX 02284-0218

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, review and sign before mailing. WARNING: Knowingly providing false information in this application could result in criminal sanctions.

2010 WA 11-01-108-0000-10-0000

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

1. REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR ALL ELECTIONS IN WHICH YOU ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AND YOUR INTEREST ARE:

ALL ELECTIONS FOR THE ENTIRE TERM OF OFFICE OR VOTING TERM OF OFFICE FOR ALL ELECTIONS DURING WHICH I AM ELIGIBLE TO VOTE

ALL ELECTIONS DURING WHICH I AM ELIGIBLE TO VOTE

ALL ELECTIONS DURING WHICH I AM ELIGIBLE TO VOTE FOR THE OFFICE OF _____

2. MY INFORMATION (Required):

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) <u>Case, Robert, Harrison</u>	DATE OF BIRTH <u>01/11/1961</u>	LOCAL ELECTION NUMBER <u>---</u>	COUNTY OF RESIDENCE <u>WA</u>
HOME PHONE NUMBER <u>206-388-8118</u>		WORK PHONE NUMBER <u>206-388-8118</u>	

3. MY VOTING RESIDENCE ADDRESS (Required):

A. NUMBER AND STREET (Include apartment, suite, or other unit number if applicable)

33 McCongbird Lane

B. CITY, STATE, ZIP+4

Seattle WA 98148

4. WHERE TO SEND MY VOTING MATERIALS

A. WHERE TO SEND MY VOTING MATERIALS (Required):

NAVAI 011217

IPDN 05304 5219

5. I AM NOT A MEMBER OF ANY PARTY (Required):

YES NO OTHER

6. MY POLITICAL PARTY PREFERENCE (Optional):

A. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Required):

7. AUTHORIZATION (Required):

I, the undersigned, under penalty of perjury, that:

1. I am a member of the Uniformed Services of the United States or a member of the family of such a member of the U.S. who is currently serving outside the U.S. or is a member of the family of such a member of the U.S. who is currently serving outside the U.S. and

2. I am a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years of age, and will be the day of the election eligible to vote in the requested election; and I have not been convicted of a felony or other disqualifying offense or been adjudicated mentally incompetent or have my voting rights have been restricted; and

3. I am not registering, requesting a ballot, or voting in any other jurisdiction in the U.S. and

4. My registration and ballot request materials have been completed and

5. The information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief and that I am not making a statement of fact in completion of this document, may constitute grounds for conviction of perjury.

SIGNATURE

 Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Print Address: _____

Print City: _____

Print State: _____

Print ZIP: _____

The information contained hereon is for postal use only. Any unauthorized reuse of the information may be punishable by law.

FPCA

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You have entered personal identifying information. Close your browser when finished. Voting is a federal or public computer.

Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)

- Complete the Form
- Registration
- State
- Qualification
- Use of the FWAB
- My Information
- Voting Address
- Voting Address
- Additional Information
- Vote Candidates**
- Confirm Votes
- Print and Finish

Unaffiliated Service Member | Primary Voters | Private Online

Vote Candidates (Help)

Choose your write-in candidates by clicking the radio button beside your write-in candidate name. You may also choose a write-in candidate.

You can find more information regarding your state's write-in candidates by clicking the [Candidate Selection](#) link on the left.

President/Vice President

[Click here to see a list of candidates for President and Vice President.](#)

U.S. Senator

Selection	Candidate's Name	Political Party
<input type="radio"/>	Douglass Combs	Libertarian
<input type="radio"/>	Vol. Tasson	Green Party
<input type="radio"/>	Joseph R. (Doc) Scatena	Democratic
<input type="radio"/>	Patrick J. (Pat) Timoney	Republican

Enter Your Write-In Candidate:

U.S. Representative/Delegate/Resident Commissioner

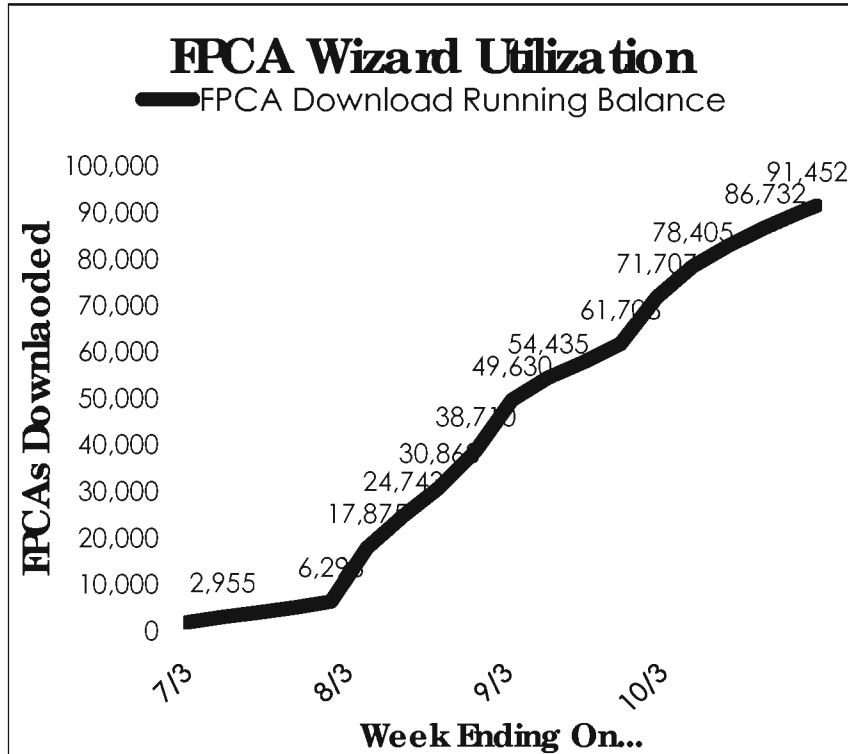
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<input type="radio"/>	Rick Hoising	Republican

Enter Your Write-In Candidate:

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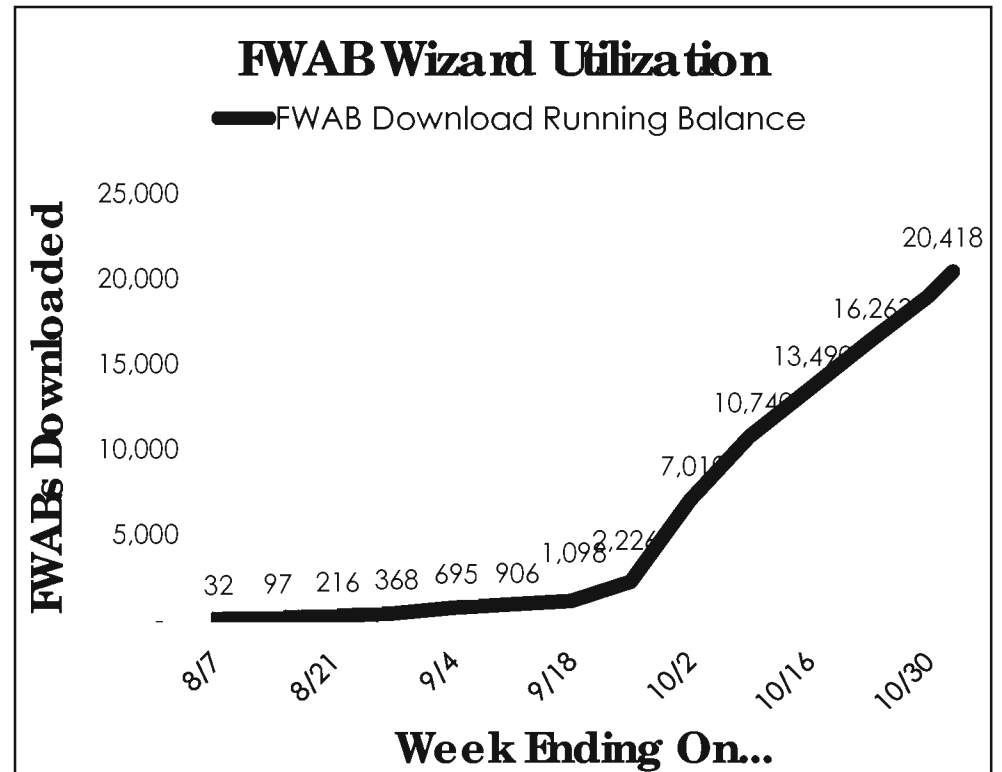
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2010 FPCA and FWAB Wizard Utilization



FPCA Wizard downloads:

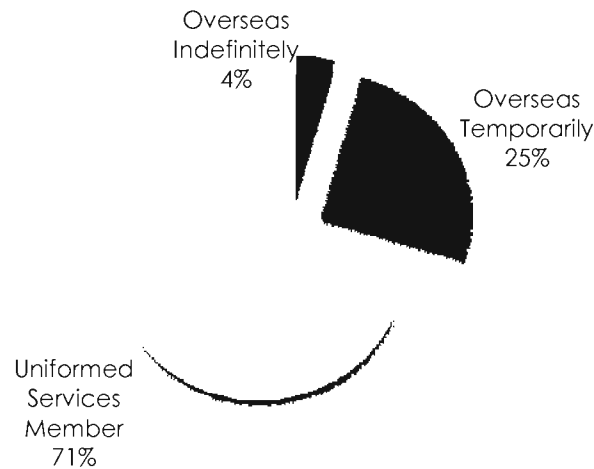
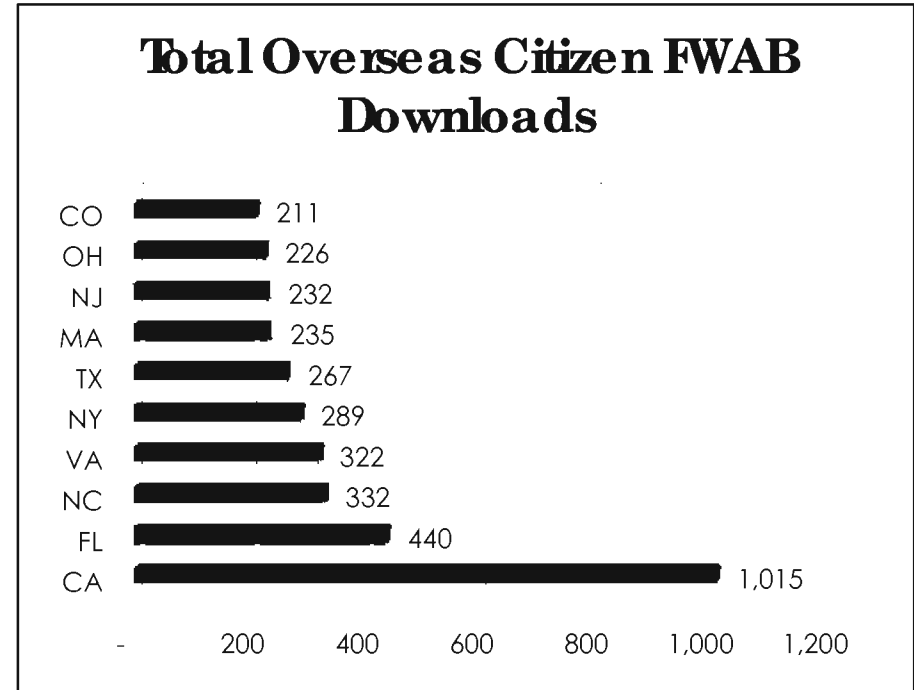
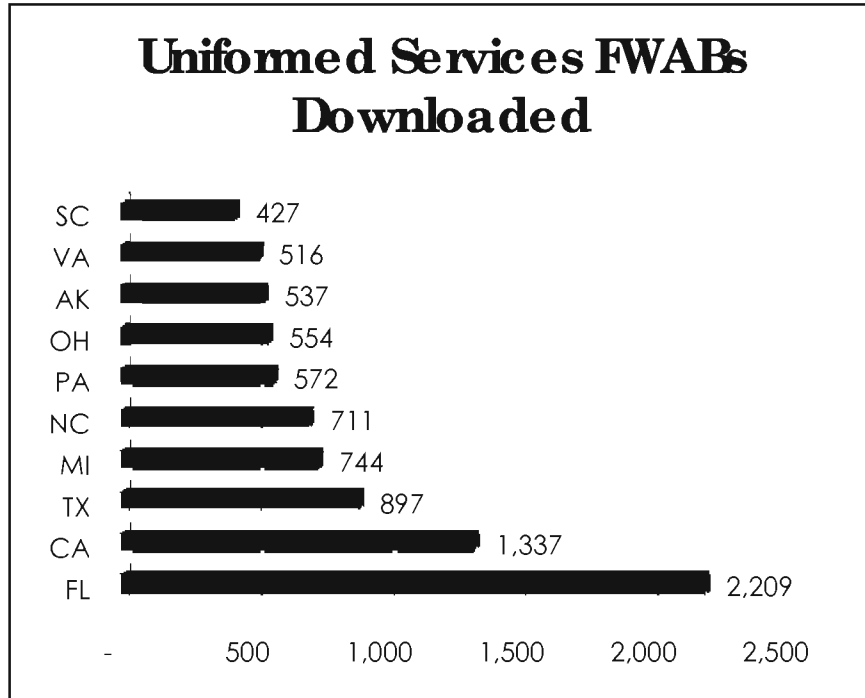
- **National: 91,565**



FWAB Wizard downloads:

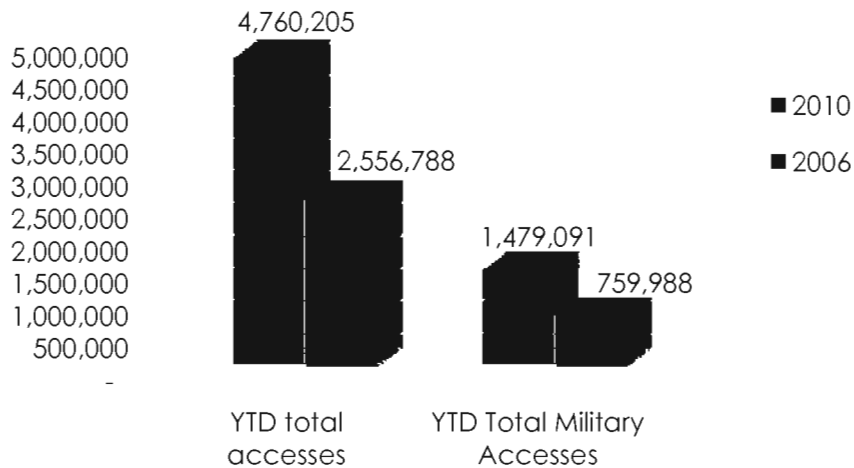
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2010 FWAB Wizard Utilization



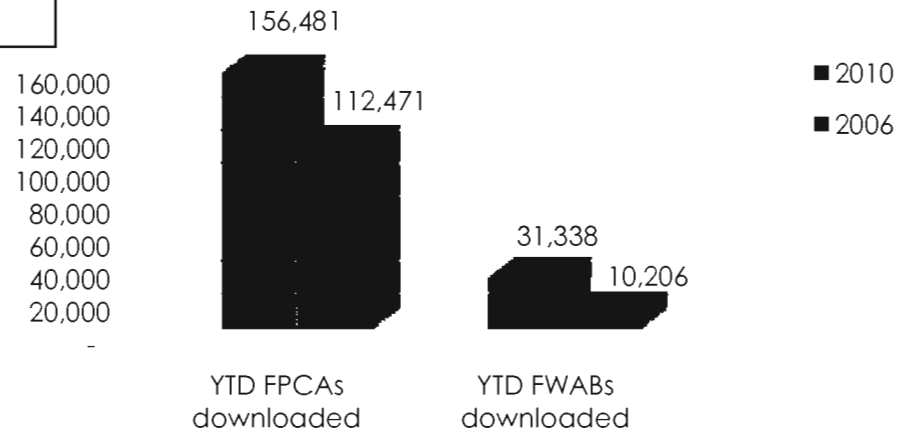
FVAP Website Utilization

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



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

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



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

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Future:

Planning a federal grant structured program for states and localities



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:

[EVAP online 24x7 chat support](#)
[EVAP Help Site and Toll-Free Es](#)
[Virginia Overseas Voting web site](#)

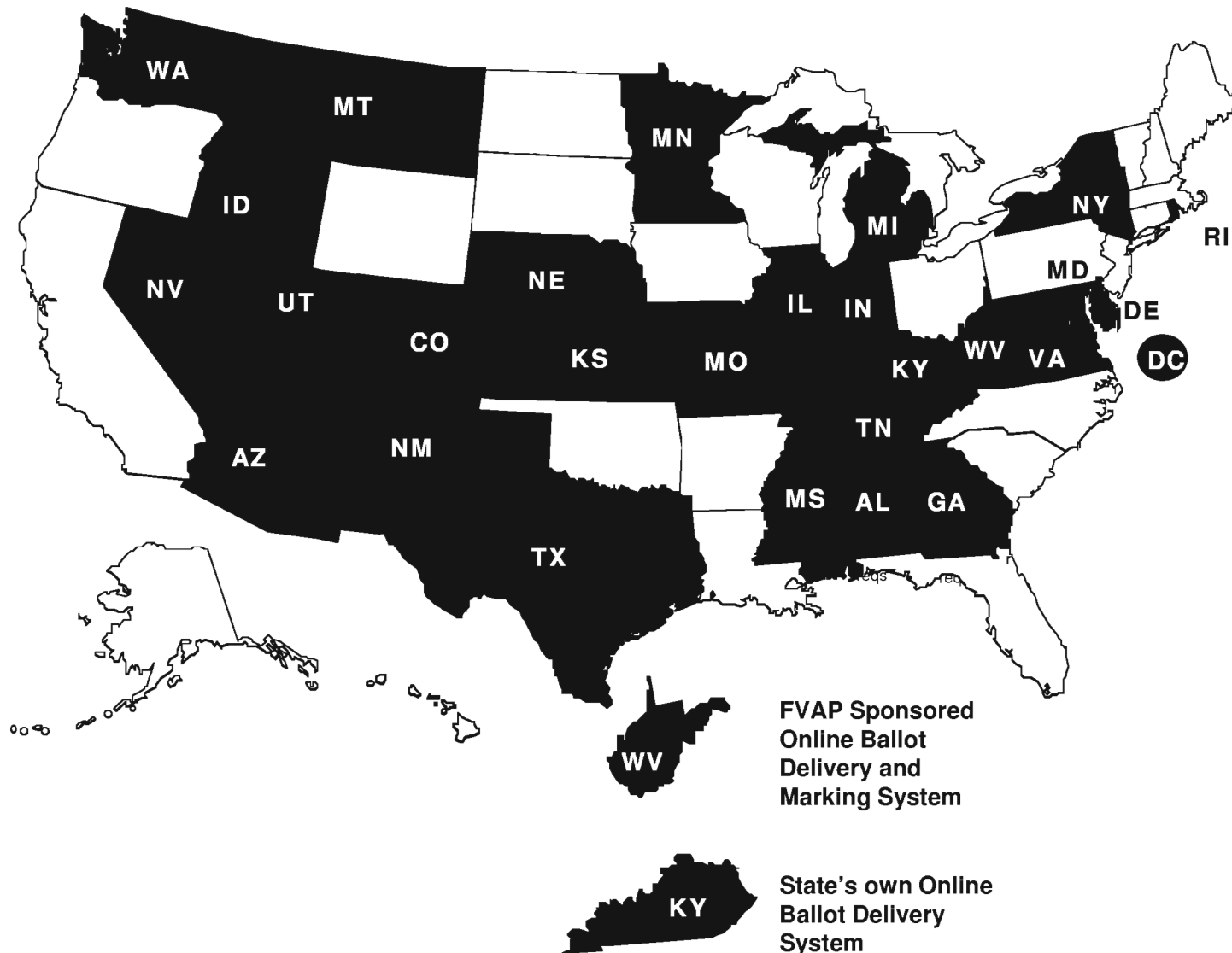
For technical issues with site availability only - (866) 257-2150

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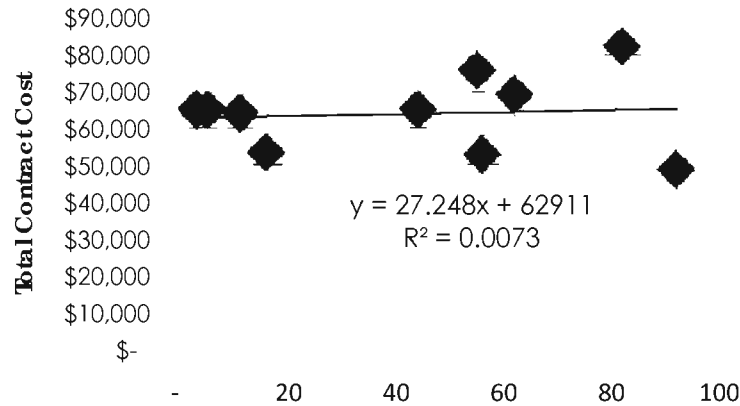
Online Ballot Wizards



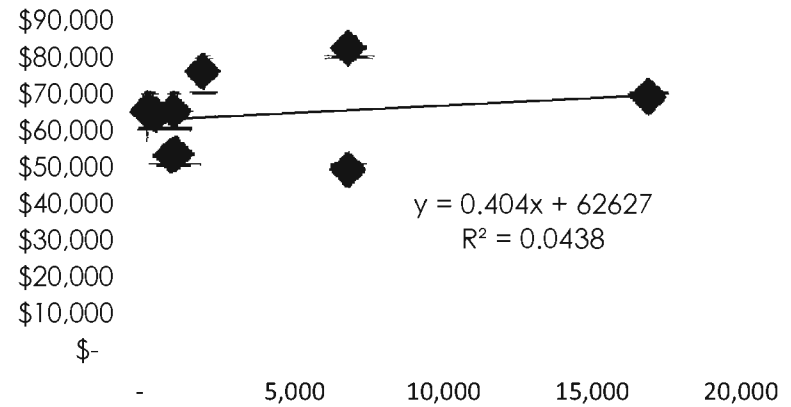
- DE sent out 1/2 of all ballots using online wizard
- WV also has 5 Counties with full internet voting
- WA, CO also had additional, non-FVAP, systems

EVSW Metrics

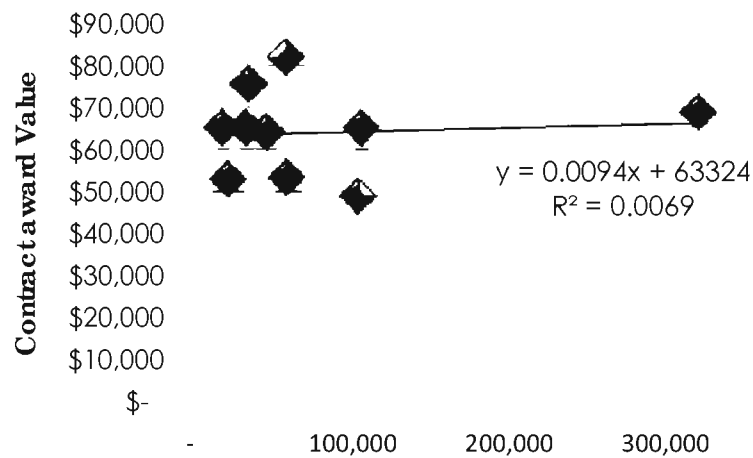
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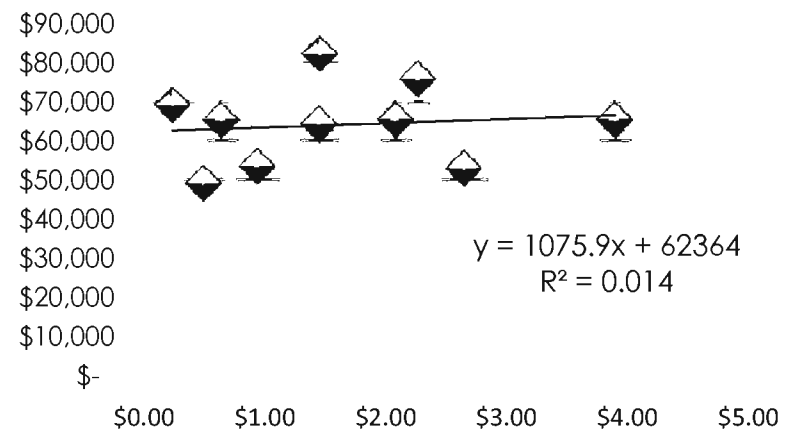
Correlation of Initial Total Award Cost to Total # of Ballot Styles



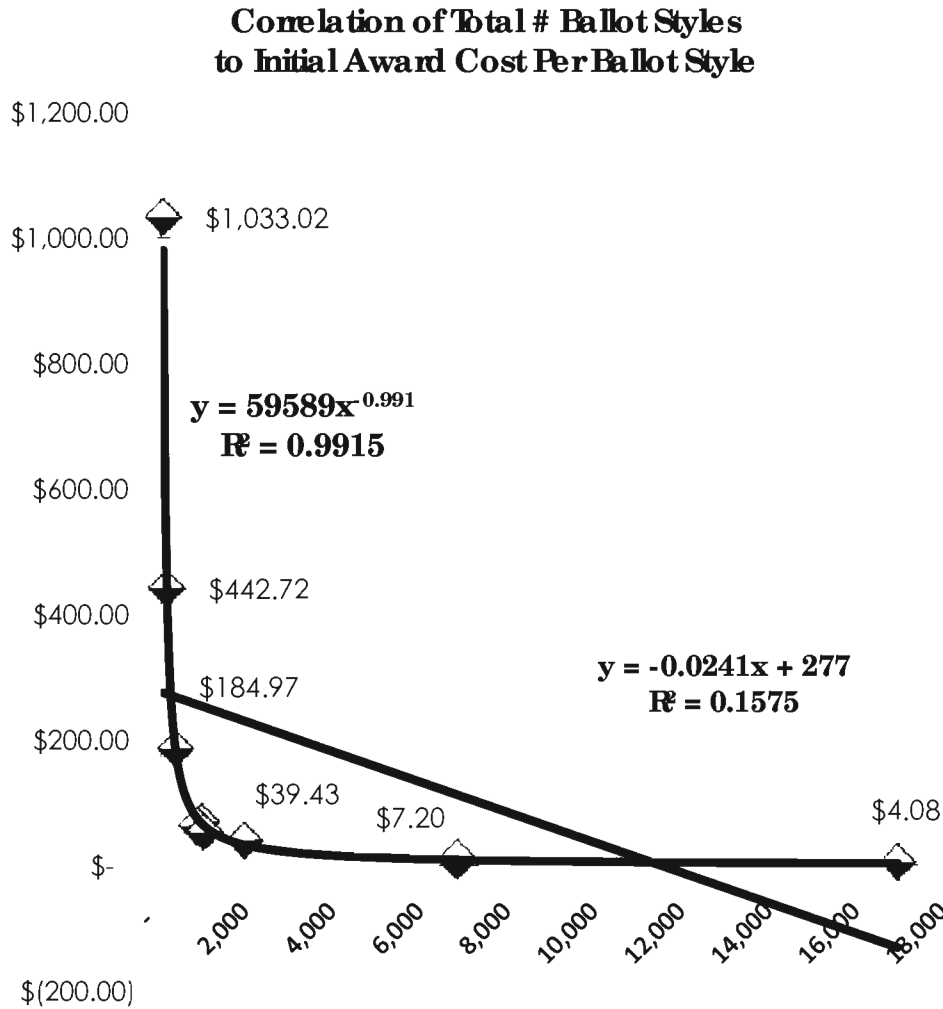
Correlation of Total Estimated UOCAVA Voters in State to Initial Award Cost



Correlation of Contract Cost per UOCAVA Voter to Initial Contract Award Cost



EVSW Lessons



- No correlation between contract cost and:
 - # of ballot styles
 - # of election jurisdictions
 - # of voters
- Average baseline cost about \$65,000
- Marginal cost of additional ballot style is almost zero.
- Ballot data acquisition was difficult
- Federal Contracting Process was cumbersome



2012 Technology Grant Plan

- 2010 cycle used federal contracting to purchase systems used in States
 - Attempted to incorporate State requirements and input as much as possible
 - But ultimately, it's a federal contract and a federal system

- Instead, 2012 cycle plan is grants to States and localities to incubate technological efforts to serve UOCAVA voters

- Focus Programs:
 - Online Registration
 - Online Absentee Ballot Request
 - Online and Expedited Blank Ballot Delivery
 - Online Voted Ballot Tracking

- Key Grant Considerations:
 - # of Voters Assisted
 - Projected Improvement in UOCAVA Voting Success
 - ROI and length of system availability

- More details of the grant program at pre-NASED meeting on 2/9/11

Wounded Warriors

Research

Comprehensive assessment of combat-related disabilities and associated voting challenges in Wounded Warriors

- EAC grant with ITIC/OBF
- FVAP contract with CALIBRE
- Surveys of WII

Process & Procedures Guide for VAO Wounded Warrior assistance

Redesign of voting forms (FPCA/FWAB) for greater usability and accessibility

National Level Cyber-Threat Gap Analysis

- Voting systems vulnerabilities
- Cyber security measures
- Strategies for threat awareness, mitigation and continual monitoring strategies

Testing & Evaluation

Independent VSTL testing of the *EAC Requirements*

- Full test on one manned kiosk system
- Security section testing for all five Electronic Voting Support Wizards (EVSU) systems
- VSTL result comparison

FVAP direct assistance in care facilities: revisions and additions to FVAP.gov tools and forms

Focus groups on form design

Mock election

- Assess usability, accessibility, and privacy of electronic voting systems for Wounded Warriors
- National level penetration testing

Demonstration & Pilot Projects

- **DoD required by law to conduct electronic absentee voting demonstration project**
 - 42 USC 1073ff note; 2002 and 2005 NDAA's
 - Mandates
 - Cast Ballots through electronic voting system
 - Only Uniformed services voters specified
 - States must agree to participate
 - Report afterwards

- **DoD allowed to wait for EAC certified guidelines**
 - EAC establishes guidelines
 - EAC also certifies it will assist in project
 - Different requirement than MOVE Act
 - DoD may further delay implementation

NIST Proposed Pilot Projects

TGDC WG Proposals

Initial View

Electronic Ballot Delivery

Doing and plan to continue

- Attended Kiosk-Based Voting System
- Unattended Kiosk-Based Voting System
- Standard Ballot Delivery Format
- CDF for EMS Integration

- Premature?
- Overseas Citizen definition study
 - Geographic concentration of OC voters may indicate kiosk is superior approach
- Very interested
- EMS, BDF and VRS/Geo data migration between systems
 - A widget?

- **FY2011 Final Appropriations and Ongoing DoD Efficiencies Key Variable**
- **Who should run (and therefore pay for) pilot programs in support of the EAC developed electronic absentee voting guidelines?**

How Electronic Standards Development Should Be Framed

GAO Guidance

- FVAP & EAC need detailed plans
- Necessary plan elements:
 - results-oriented action plan
 - goals, tasks, milestones, time frames, and contingencies
- FVAP-EAC Memorandum of Understanding
- EAC-NIST Interagency Agreement
- MOVE Act also requires EAC to develop detailed timeline for development of electronic absentee ballot guidelines - Roadmap

Risk = % x impact

- Acceptable risk level policy decision already made
 - It **IS** the current voting system
 - Accepts 1/3 of absentee ballots never returned
- We should accept equivalent risk in new UOCAVA systems
 - May have different probability or impact
 - Can reduce probability and/or mitigate impact
 - Goal is to keep risk level at least the same, if not better
- **The articulation of risk in the current system would serve as a useful baseline for future electronic absentee systems**

Path Forward

Articulate the Current Risk

- Evaluate the postal mail UOCAVA absentee ballot system as the baseline
- Find comparable current system threats to NIST/other identified threats
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Establish Interim Pilots

- Integrate current work
- **Also examine national level threat risks**
- Develop decision points for iterative development

Focus on Technological, Security, and Reliability Issues with Electronic Return of Voted Ballot



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Since the development of Mozilla, the software that made the Internet user-friendly, there has been an explosion in the use of and applications for the Internet. Not long after this dramatic expansion in the use of the Internet, many have wondered if it could be used to facilitate voting.¹ The rationale for Internet voting is simple: it is the ultimate in convenience voting. Everyone with a computer and an Internet connection can vote at the time that best suits them. Internet voting has been seen as especially promising for bringing young voters into the electoral process in the United States, where turnout is traditionally quite low (youth voting rates are abysmally low compared to all other age groups in many countries), but these same young people use the Internet at exceedingly high rates. It has also been considered for citizens who live, work, or are stationed abroad and in remote geographic locations (Alvarez, Hall, and Roberts 2007).

Some of the keys to making Internet voting work—or any mode of voting, such as early or absentee voting, or new voting

technology—in any electoral jurisdiction is to have a legal structure, a technology infrastructure, and a political culture that is supportive of this voting mode. Consider, for example, the introduction of no-excuse absentee voting. It requires the election jurisdiction to have laws and procedures that allow for different forms of voter authentication (signature matching), different requirements for when people can vote (to accommodate ballot transit time in the mail), different requirements for security (how to secure ballots received in the mail that cannot be tabulated prior to Election Day), and clear rules for how and when the ballots will be counted. Internet voting has similar requirements that have to be met for its introduction to be effective. It requires clear rules for how voters will be authenticated, clear rules for when people can use the system, and clear rules for determining when and how to tabulate the ballots. It also requires that the technology of the system itself—the Internet voting platform—be secured.

Most characteristics of Internet voting are far from revolutionary. Take postal voting, which has become popular in various constituencies around the globe, certainly including the United States (Alvarez, Hall, and Sinclair 2008; Fortier 2006). Postal voting has two particular features that pave the way for the introduction of Internet voting: the introduction of a *period of time* during which voters can cast a ballot and the possibility for the voter to do so *remotely*. The type of Internet voting we consider in this article shares these features: one can cast a ballot remotely and during more than a few hours on voting day. Our discussion excludes the myriad systems of electronic voting that are based on direct recording electronic (DRE) voting machines that replace the traditional ballot box. What is revolutionary with Internet voting is the fact that ballots can be cast remotely via the Internet.

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A handful of countries have conducted Internet voting trials over the past decade, including France, the Netherlands, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, and the United States (Kersting and Baldersheim 2004; Trechsel and Mendez 2005). All of these trials have been conducted at the local and regional levels of government, targeting specific populations of voters. However, the nation that has advanced the farthest with the deployment of Internet voting has been Estonia, a former Soviet republic on the Baltic Sea and now a full member of the European Union.² Since 2000, Estonia has conducted two national elections in which all voters could use Internet voting (see Trechsel et al. 2007). The first election, in October 2005, was for local offices and the second election, in March 2007, was for parliamentary elections at the national level. In 2005, 1.9% of voters voted using the Internet; by 2007 that had grown to 5.4% percent of voters (<http://www.vvk.ee/index.php?id=11162>). In this article, we outline the context for the Estonian experience in deploying Internet voting. We focus on the systematic way the Estonians have addressed the legal and technical considerations required to make Internet voting a functioning voting platform, as well as the political and cultural framework that promoted this innovation. Using data from our own qualitative and quantitative studies of the Estonian Internet voting process, we then consider who voted over the Internet, how Internet voting has been used in Estonian elections, and the political implications of the voting platform. Finally, we consider the lessons that other countries can learn from the Estonian experience.

INTERNET VOTING IN CONTEXT

Experimentation with alternate voting methods is ongoing in Europe. The United Kingdom has conducted a broad set of trials with alternate voting methods, allowing individuals to vote in pilot projects using all postal voting, Internet voting, and SMS voting (text messaging from a cellular telephone). The move toward experimentation in the United Kingdom, and in other countries in Europe, is summed up in the comment of a respondent in a focus group held in the United Kingdom who stated, "voting using the Internet is tacitly accepted by most as 'the way forward' (at least in conjunction with other methods). Some see it as a logical and perhaps even inevitable development, especially in the context of the younger generation's perceived preference for communicating electronically" (UK Electoral Commission 2003, 66; see also Norris 2005).

Among the most advanced and early Internet voting trials, the canton of Geneva in Switzerland has played a pioneering role. The United States and Switzerland are, in the literature, presented as the paradigmatic cases of low voter turnout among modern, liberal democracies (Franklin 2004). Also, the frequency with which Swiss voters have to express themselves at the polls—at all levels of the federal state—is extraordinarily high, due to the widespread institutions of direct democracy (Kriesi and Trechsel 2008). It is therefore hardly surprising that Switzerland took a leading role in promoting new forms of remote political participation, be it via postal mail or over the Internet. As early as in 1998, the federal government launched an e-voting initiative in which it invited three cantons (Geneva, Zurich, and Neuchâtel) to lead pilot projects in this field (Auer and Trechsel 2001). In terms of numbers of binding decisions taken by the electorates over the Internet, the canton of Geneva so far has the broadest worldwide experience with Internet voting. The Geneva

experience also has been studied intensively by social scientists (Kies and Trechsel 2001; Trechsel and Mendez 2005; Trechsel 2007). The numerous surveys conducted so far show strong support from the electorate, and that this voting channel is politically neutral; this has usually been coupled with scant evidence that Internet voting has increased turnout, though it may change the nature of participation, with former postal voters switching to Internet voting and remaining faithful to the latter in subsequent ballots. Although we are somewhat reluctant to use the term *success* to refer to the Estonian experience, the system there has been an innovation used by the electorate, accepted by the political parties, and has pushed the technological envelope.

The European experience with Internet voting can be clearly contrasted with the American trials of Internet voting. In the four major trials of Internet voting in the U.S.—in Alaska and Arizona in the 2000 presidential primaries, the 2000 general election through the Federal Voting Assistance Program's Voting Over the Internet Program, and the 2004 Michigan Democratic presidential primary—there was little or no effort to evaluate the efficacy of the projects at the time they were conducted or to build on the success (or address shortfalls) that arose in the deployments. In fact, three of these trials were instigated and run by private entities, a specific political party, and only one trial was even conducted by the government.³

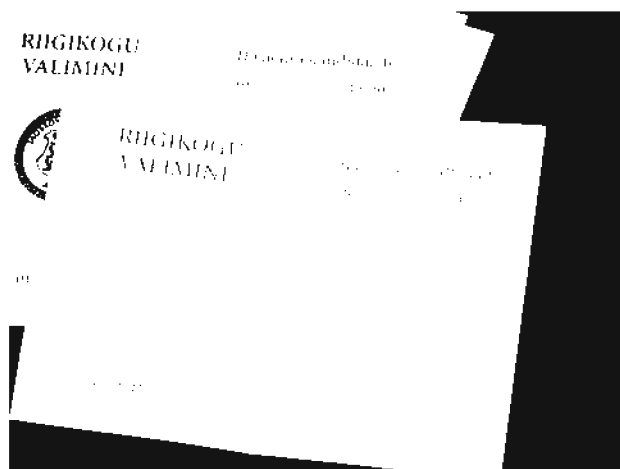
WHAT MAKES ESTONIA INTERNET VOTING WORK

Before discussing Internet voting in Estonia, it is helpful to explain the baseline voting method there: paper-based precinct voting. Estonian parliamentary elections are held every four years; Estonia uses a list proportional representation system, where voters select a candidate from a party and parties receive seats based on the share of votes received by their candidates. Voting in these elections is open to all eligible citizens 18 years of age or older but is not compulsory. Turnout data reported by International IDEA shows that turnout in the 2007 elections was 61.9%, which is higher than the previous two elections held in 2003 and 1999.⁴ In addition to national elections, Estonia holds local elections every four years—the next local elections will take place in the fall of 2009. Finally, since its adhesion to the European Union, European parliamentary elections were held, for the first time, in 2004. The next European parliamentary elections will take place in June 2009. Finally, on exceptional occasions, Estonians are called upon in deciding referendums. This only happened on three occasions since the end of the cold war: on independence (1992), the new constitution (1992), and membership in the European Union (2003).

Like most of its OSCE neighbors, Estonia has early voting. From 13 to nine days before the election, an individual can vote early in one of the advanced voting polling places; there is one such location in every municipality. From six to four days before the election, a voter can vote early at a larger number of polling places; on Election Day (a Sunday), voters cast ballots in their home precincts. Voters cast ballots on a paper ballot, where they write in the number corresponding with the candidate that they support (as shown in Figure 1). Ballots are then hand tabulated at the precinct and these results are communicated electronically to the electoral commission the evening of Election Day after the polls have closed.⁵

We now turn to Internet voting in Estonia. There are four key features to the Estonian experience that makes Internet voting a workable alternative: (1) widespread Internet penetration, (2) a

Figure 1
An Estonian Ballot



Note that one ballot was cast blank and one is clearly a protest vote (candidates are listed by 3-digit numbers).

legal structure that addresses Internet voting issues, (3) an identification system that allows for digital authentication of the voter, and (4) a political culture that is supportive of Internet voting. According to data from the European Commission, Internet access in Estonia is widespread and is increasing rapidly (from 31% of households with Internet access in 2004 to 53% in 2007); it has an Internet penetration rate that is among the top 12 in the European Union.⁶ Broadband access is widespread in Estonia and Estonians are used to accessing their government services over the Internet.⁷ The Estonians have a legal system that supports the development and use of Internet voting (Drechsler and Madise 2002). One of these key statutes is the Digital Signature Act (DSA) of 2002. The DSA, and related administrative legislation, allows individuals to use approved digital signatures to authenticate themselves in online transactions (especially government transactions), including voting. Given the importance of authentication in any remote transaction, from banking to e-mail, having a law that governs how and when such digital signatures can be used is critical to making a system like Internet voting work.

Estonia is not the only nation with a digital signature law. The United States, for example, has a DSA. However, in Estonia, this act is especially meaningful because, concomitant with the passage of the DSA, Estonia began the process of mandating and introducing an identity card that included a digital certificate embedded in the card that could be used for online authentication of an individual, when combined with the individual's unique personal identification number (PIN). The user uses the digital signature in the following manner. First, the user needs a smart card reader that fits into an available computer port. This reader, which costs approximately seven dollars (\$7), can read the digital signature on the Estonian identity card. The user then connects to the Internet and goes to the government Web site that is the central portal for all government transactions. On this Web site, the individual's card and PIN are combined and the user is authenticated. A photo of an identity card being used to access the government's e-government portal can be seen in Figure 2.

The national identity card with a digital signature truly makes Estonia unique in that all citizens can utilize Internet voting. Even

Figure 2
Estonian Digital Signature and E-Government Portal



if an individual does not have a computer with a reader, there are public computers with these readers that any Estonian can use. This can be contrasted starkly with the American experience where there is no system at the state or federal level to provide individuals with digital signatures. Even if there were such a system in the United States, where most state laws explicitly do not allow the use of digital signatures for transactions such as registration or authentication in elections. Even in nations throughout Europe that have conducted trials of Internet voting, the lack of a nationwide digital-signature program provides an obstacle that has to be overcome in the process of voter authentication. Note, however, that the Geneva trials—and since then the trials in the cantons of Neuchâtel and Zurich, where even voting by text messaging over mobile phones was recently tested—were conducted in the absence of nationwide digital-signature regulation. These jurisdictions instead developed other procedures to distribute appropriate authentication materials. In other words, although it makes things easier for polities wishing for an introduction of Internet voting, the DSA is not a prerequisite for doing so.

With an authentication system in place, the second component of the legal framework that facilitates Internet voting was put in place in 2002 (Drechsler and Madise 2002). A series of statutes—the Local Communities Election Act, the Referendum Act, and the Riigikogu Election Act—were passed in March and June 2002. Each statute enabled the use of Internet voting in specific types of Estonian elections and specified the administration of such elections. The period when voters could cast Internet

ballots (six to four days before the election date), the authentication process, the process for ensuring that Internet voters do not cast ballots on Election Day, and the process for reconciling all ballots at the end of the election were specified in these laws. These statutes have been interpreted by the Estonian courts as meeting the requirements under the constitution for “free elections . . . [that are] general, uniform, and direct. Voting shall be secret.” Voters who cast ballots using the Internet are doing so during a period of early voting. If, for some reason, a voter was concerned that the privacy of the ballot had been compromised, the voter can still cast a ballot in an early voting location. By rule, voters who vote in early voting electronically and by paper have their paper ballot counted, which helps to mitigate problems of coercion and fraud.

Other important safeguards are built into the Estonian electoral system that likely enhance the confidence of all key stakeholders in the integrity of ballots cast over the Internet. The Internet mode of voting is optional, and is in fact one of three ways eligible Estonian citizens can cast a ballot in a national parliamentary election. They can cast an Internet ballot, they can cast an early vote ballot on paper (during the early voting period discussed earlier), or they can vote in person on Election Day. Importantly, furthermore, Internet voters can change their vote electronically as many times and at any moment during the Internet voting period. Note that such a reversible voting mechanism is not an Estonian innovation, as it exists, for example, in Sweden (for postal voting). Estonian voters may even cast a paper ballot if they desire; the Riigikogu election law for the 2007 parliamentary election requires that the last Internet ballot be eligible for counting, but only if the voter has not also cast a paper ballot. If a paper ballot had also been cast by the voter, the paper ballot was the ballot of record in the 2007 parliamentary election.

Internet voting in Estonia has also been facilitated by the overall level of political, public, and administrative support that it has received. The initial proposals for Internet voting were made by the Estonian prime minister and the minister of justice. Their decision to champion this provided a high level of support for overcoming any initial hurdles for implementing Internet voting. Although there have been governmental changes since this initial legislative initiative was made, Internet voting remains a voting mode that almost all parties support. In addition, Internet voting has had strong champions within the Estonian government’s administrative structure. As we show in the following sections, the public too has championed Internet voting, with more than 30,000 individuals voting via that platform in the 2007 parliamentary elections. Internet voting in Estonia belongs to a broader, and many-year, effort to develop the information and communications sector in the economy as well as to put the Internet at the very heart of intra-governmental activities (e.g., the Estonian government is very proud about its “paperless government”) and government-citizen interactions. Therefore, many experts in the information and communications technologies (ICT) sector humorously refer to this country as “e-Stonia.”

BRIEF INTRODUCTION TO THE ESTONIAN INTERNET VOTING SYSTEM

We had the unique opportunity to observe the Estonia 2007 elections in person, and to both be part of the formal briefings and other events that the Estonian National Election Commission conducted for the many international election observers who were

on hand to witness the use of widespread Internet voting in this national election.⁸ We also had an opportunity to observe traditional polling place voting in Estonia, as conducted on Election Day, so that we could compare the procedures associated with traditional paper-based polling place voting in Estonia with the Internet voting alternative (Trechsel et al. 2007). In addition to our work, other international organizations also studied the Estonian Internet voting system (Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe 2007).

Internet voting in Estonia occurred during a three-day period, during the broader early voting period. Potential Estonian Internet voters went to the appropriate Web site (www.valimised.ee) and from there began the process of authenticating themselves to the system, obtaining a ballot, and voting.⁹ This began with them being prompted to insert their identification card into the reader, and to type in their first PIN. At that point, the voting server would query a server with the voter registration database; pending authentication of the voter they would be sent to a page that provided their candidate list. There they could select their candidate from the list, confirm their choice, and provide their second PIN. At this point some of the magic of cryptography entered into the process; the voted ballot was encrypted, and upon voter confirmation and provision of the second PIN the voter would effectively “sign” something like a digital version of an absentee ballot “envelope”; this envelope containing the voter’s identity would later be disassociated from the actual ballot if it were confirmed that the voter had not cast a paper ballot. Pending completion of this process, one of the voting servers verified the digital signature of the voter, and then it would pass the entire encrypted ballot to another server where it would be stored until tabulation. At this point, the voter would receive a confirmation message on the Web browser.

If the election commission received information from an advance voting polling place that any of the Internet voters had also voted a paper ballot, that voter’s Internet ballot would be electronically tagged so it would not be counted on the night of the election. Interestingly, the counting of all of the Internet votes took place within the last 60 minutes of polling-place voting on Election Day in a room in the Estonian Parliament building. In order to insure that none of the results from the Internet vote tabulation could be broadcast to media, candidates, or parties until after the polls had closed, all communication devices of observers were confiscated, the doors to the room sealed, and security guards posted at the doors. Only the Internet votes from qualified voters who had also not cast a paper ballot were included in the tallying of the Internet votes, a process that involved decrypting the Internet ballots using a secure hardware module (this process required the use of multiple physical keys, most of them held by members of the Estonian National Election Committee). The decrypted ballots were then placed on a CD-ROM, and were then tabulated by the Election Committee in view of the media and observers, including auditors from the firm KPMG Baltics, which audited this process. When the Election Day polls were closed, the Internet votes were added to the tallies that started coming into the Election Committee from polling places throughout Estonia.

INTERNET VOTING IN THE 2007 ELECTION: AGGREGATE DATA

We start our quantitative analysis by using the official statistics on the 2007 election provided by the Estonian National Election

Table 1

Overall Statistics: Estonian E-voting 2007

Registered voters	897,243
Votes	555,463
Valid (e-votes included)	550,213
Invalid	5,250
Turnout	62%
Number of e-votes cast	31,064
Repeated e-votes	789
Number of e-voters	30,275
E-votes canceled by paper ballot	32
E-voting turnout (e-votes/eligible voters)	3.4%
E-voters among all voters	5.4%
Advance voting turnout (of eligible voters)	19.10%
E-votes among advance votes	17.70%
Number of e-voters who used ID card electronically for the first time	11,894
Percentage of e-voters who used ID card electronically for first time	39%

Source: Estonian National Electoral Commission. "Parliamentary Elections 2007. Statistics of evoting."

Committee. In Table 1, we show the basic statistics from the election, in which 897,243 registered voters were eligible to participate. Of those registered voters, 62% turned out to vote in person on Election Day, in person in advance of the election, or over the Internet. There were 31,064 e-votes cast in the 2007 election, of which 789 were repeated e-votes—thus there were 30,275 unique e-voters in the election. Interestingly, recall that Estonian e-voters could have their e-vote canceled by casting a paper ballot; only 32 of those canceled e-votes were recorded in this election. In the end, e-voter turnout was 5.4% of all voters, 3.4% of eligible voters.

In Table 2, we provide some data for the e-voters by gender and age, aggregated data collected by the Estonian National Election Commission. There we see very little difference between men and women in e-voting use: 51.8% of the Estonian e-voters were male, and 48.2% were female. Also interestingly, we do not see a strong skew in the age distribution of Estonian e-voters toward the younger generations: 11% of the Estonian e-voters were aged 18 to 24, with 17% aged 25 to 29. Notice, though, that 16% of the e-voters were older than 55, with another 27% between the ages of 40 and 54. Thus, based solely on the simple demographic statistics we can obtain about Estonian e-voters from the election authorities, we see little initial evidence of any particular demographic skewness in the data. We consider whether there is an income or educational digital divide in the next section.

Furthermore, aggregate e-voting data is available to us broken down by party. We give that in Table 3, with the first column of data giving the partisan breakdown for only e-voters and the second column giving the partisan breakdown for the entire electorate. We see here that there are few major differences between the partisan distribution of the e-vote and the overall vote; there is a strong correlation between votes in these two columns (Pearson correlation coefficient of .836). There are some exceptions: the Eesti Keskeraknod party picked up 9.1% of the e-votes but 26.1% of the total vote. Nevertheless, generally what we see is that of the four parties receiving more than 10% of total votes cast, all but the

Eesti Keskeraknod received a larger fraction of votes from e-voters than from the total electorate. Only one other party had a reasonably greater percentage of e-votes relative to total votes, the Eestimaa Rohelised party, which received only 7.1% of the total vote, but 10.7% of the e-vote. Note that given the (for the moment) low overall turnout on the Internet, these differences did not significantly affect the political landscape of the newly elected Estonian Parliament.

WHO VOTED OVER THE INTERNET: SURVEY DATA

There have been two comprehensive studies conducted of Internet voting in Estonia, one after each of the two nationwide implementations, mandated by the Council of Europe.¹⁰ The reports for each report are available from the Council of Europe (CoE) and contain a more detailed analysis of the election. Both of these studies involved conducting surveys of voters in Estonia, with an over-sample of Internet voters, in order to gauge the effect of Internet voting on Estonian politics.¹¹ Specifically, these data come from a telephone survey that was conducted among 987

Estonian voters who had the right to cast a ballot in the elections of March 2007. The sample contains 367 e-voters, 365 "traditional" voters (voters who cast their vote at the polling place) and 246 non-voters. We summarize here several important issues related to the Estonian experience on the vanguard of the Internet voting revolution.

When we consider who e-voted using our survey data from our CoE study, we find several important results that suggest that, with only one exception, e-voting enhances participation for some groups. First, compared to other modes of voting, e-voting is more attractive for younger voters and less so for elderly people. This trend raises the question whether there will be a replacement effect, as elderly voters leave the electorate over time and younger Internet voters replace them, creating a much larger Internet electorate. Second, and somewhat problematic, there is a language barrier in Estonia for Russian speakers. Although Estonia is a multilingual society, Estonian is the official language; therefore, the e-voting system is provided only in Estonian. This seems to have created a strong barrier for the native Russian speakers in the Estonian electorate, most of whom did not vote over the Internet. Third, citizens with higher levels of computing knowledge use Internet voting more often (Mossberger, Tolbert, and McNeal 2007). This is not necessarily a problem of access to the Internet—Estonia has very high rate of Internet penetration and use of technology—but more tech-savvy citizens choose the e-voting option. Fourth, trust in the e-voting mechanism is critical to voting online. Only if people trust that e-voting will record votes correctly and produce accurate results will they use the system.

Given international concerns about digital divides (e.g., Mossberger, Tolbert, and Stansbury 2003; Norris 2001), the fact that the Estonian system is neutral with respect to gender, income, education, and geography is very reassuring. This finding suggests that the e-voting system does not introduce undemocratic biases into the electoral process, in particular, biases that are fundamentally socio-economic. The e-voting system also does not

Table 2
Estonian E-voting, By Gender and Age

	WOMEN		MEN		TOTAL	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Less than 24	1,551	10.63%	1,835	11.72%	3,386	11.20%
25–29	2,346	16.08%	2,753	17.59%	5,099	16.86%
30–34	1,970	13.50%	2,618	16.72%	4,588	15.17%
35–39	1,766	12.11%	2,152	13.75%	3,918	12.96%
40–44	1,474	10.10%	1,663	10.62%	3,137	10.37%
45–49	1,447	9.92%	1,371	8.76%	2,818	9.32%
50–54	1,281	8.78%	1,104	7.05%	2,385	7.89%
55–59	984	6.75%	853	5.45%	1,837	6.07%
60 plus	1,769	12.13%	1,305	8.34%	3,074	10.16%
Total by gender	14,588	48.24%	15,654	51.76%	30,242	

Source: Estonian National Electoral Commission. "Parliamentary Elections 2007. Statistics of evoting."

Table 3
E-voting by Party

E-VOTING BY PARTY	PERCENT OF E-VOTES	PERCENT OF TOTAL VOTES CAST
Eesti Reformierakond	34.5%	27.8
Isamaa ja ResPublica Liit	26.7%	17.9
Sotsiaaldem. Erakond	13.3%	10.6
Eesti Keskerakond	9.1%	26.1
Eestimaa Rahvaliid	3.6%	7.1
Eesti Kristlik Rahvapartei	1.1%	1.7
Konstitutsioonierakond	0.4%	1
Eesti Iseseisvuspartei	0.3%	0.2
Eesti Vasakpartei	0.1%	0.1
Vene Erakond Eestis	0.1%	0.2
Eestimaa Rohelised	10.7%	7.1
Independent candidates	0.1%	0.1

Source: Estonian National Electoral Commission. "Parliamentary Elections 2007. Statistics of evoting."

introduce political bias, either. When other factors are controlled for, there is, for example, no left-right political bias among e-voters. Given that there is typically a concern that electoral reforms are introduced by parties in order to promote a specific bias in the process, the lack of bias in the introduction of e-voting is promising. Note that earlier studies conducted on e-voting in the Swiss cantons of Geneva and Zurich found a very similar pattern: be it in referendums or in elections, the introduction of e-voting remained politically neutral (Trechsel and Mendez 2005).

We also see from both objective and attitudinal data that e-voting is convenient for voters. Of course, compared to the American voting experience, Estonian elections are quite convenient because the vote is held on a Sunday, and not during the work-week. With this in mind, when we look at the time of day individuals voted online, we see that almost one-quarter of voters (23.4%)

cast ballots when the polls would have been closed. We also considered other ways in which the Estonian e-voting system promoted convenience. First and foremost, 85.8% of Internet voters said that they voted online because it was convenient. Among traditional voters, it was a hardware barrier, not an attitudinal one, that kept them from voting online. Lack of a card reader, an electronic ID card, an Internet connection, or a computer accounted for more than half of all reasons why individuals did not vote using the Internet.

Second, there is some evidence from our surveys that e-voting may mobilize more casual voters—those individuals who state that they either vote “from time to time” or never. Small but significant percentages of the voters (~11%) who cast ballots online stated that they “probably wouldn’t have” or “for sure wouldn’t have” voted if Internet voting had not been an option.

Importantly, more than 20% of Internet voters in 2005 fell into these two categories. The individual level analyses of the 2007 Estonian elections also reveal a “faithfulness effect”: a very large proportion of those voters who voted over the Internet in 2005 continued doing so in 2007. In fact, our data show that without any exception all e-voters who declared having voted over the Internet in 2005 (and who were again among those surveyed in 2007) voted over the Internet again in 2007. A very similar finding was revealed in two consecutive referendum votes in the Swiss canton of Geneva, where Internet voting became the preferred mode of participation for almost any voter who used this channel previously.

In 2007, we also examined the use of the Internet as a tool for voters to learn about candidates and parties and as a tool that parties and candidates can use to target voters. As shown in Table 4, we find that voters are more likely than non-voters to use the Internet to learn more about the campaign, although 30% of non-voters also read about the campaign online. In almost every case, voters used the Internet more than non-voters for campaign purposes. When we examine voters more carefully, we find that Internet voters are greater consumers of online information compared to both Election Day voters and advance polling station voters. Internet voters were 20 percentage points more likely to have read about the elections online and to have used the Internet to inform themselves about politics compared to traditional Election Day voters. Online information about candidates and political parties was used by almost 30% of voters, and by 37% of Internet voters, in their search for election information; almost 24% of voters and 30% of Internet voters used the Internet explicitly to find information about the candidates.¹² Internet voters brought their ICT skills to all aspects of the electoral process, not just the process of voting. We also see small but important differences between advance polling station voters and Election Day voters, with advance voters more likely to have used the Internet to learn about politics and the elections.

When we examine new modes that political parties can use to communicate with potential voters—such as blogs, e-mails, videos, or online commentaries—we find that there are few differences among voters and non-voters or among voters voting online or in a polling station. Voters and non-voters alike watched

Table 4

Internet as a Mode of Education: Averages by Mode of Participation

	(IN PERCENT FOR THOSE ANSWERING YES)				
	DID YOU VOTE IN THE 2007 NATIONAL ELECTIONS IN ESTONIA?		HOW DID YOU VOTE IN THESE ELECTIONS?		
	Yes	No	Voted on Election Day	Voted in Advance Polling Station	Voted by Internet
In the months leading up to the Parliamentary elections, did you hear or read anything online about the parliamentary elections?	55.41	30.43	40.52	50.94	62.91
Do you use the Internet in order to inform yourself about politics?	41.65	21.12	27.45	32.08	49.55
Did you volunteer online to work for a campaign?	2.57	0.62	2.61	3.77	2.37
Did you look for more information online about political party or candidates' positions on the issues or voting records?	28.10	13.04	13.73	12.00	37.20
Did you look online for whom to vote?	23.60	11.80	11.56	18.37	29.76
Did you participate in online endorsements or ratings polls?	20.79	6.83	9.52	18.37	26.19
Did you use the Internet to check the accuracy of claims made by or about the political party or candidates?	14.04	5.59	7.48	12.24	16.96
Did you watch video clips about the political party or candidates or the election that are available online?	11.24	9.32	9.52	10.20	11.90

Note: bold-faced entries are instances where a chi-square test for the observed row frequency comparisons are statistically significant, $p < .05$. Source: Trechsel et al. (2007).

campaign video clips online, suggesting that this is a medium that can penetrate to the non-voting population, even if it may not have motivated them to cast a ballot. Voters, especially Internet voters, were slightly more likely to watch these online videos compared to non-voters. Only a small number of voters signed up for e-mails or posted information about the election online.

THE FUTURE OF INTERNET VOTING: LESSONS FROM ESTONIA

Relative to the situation a decade ago, when many observers, dazzled by the promise of the Internet and the dot-com boom, wondered how one could implement remote voting over the Internet, we now have a series of case studies from a number of nations that have conducted serious trials of remote Internet voting. Perhaps the most impressive of these national trials has been in Estonia, as just over 30,000 Internet votes were cast in the 2007 parliamentary election. The question at this stage is what lessons can be drawn from the Estonian case?

One important lesson concerns the context. Estonia is a small and highly centralized nation. The 2007 parliamentary elections, while contested, were not the same sort of highly partisan and ideologically polarized affairs that have characterized American elections since 2000. Other important contextual variables in the Estonian case are two features of its election administration practice observed in the 2007 election: a comprehensive voter registry and a very simple ballot. With a comprehensive and accurate voter list, the process of voting, no matter what mode the voter used, was made much less complex than in other nations, especially the United States, where inaccurate and problematic voter registra-

tion procedures and registries are known to keep otherwise eligible individuals from casting ballots (e.g., Caltech/MIT Voting Technology Project 2001). With a simple ballot, where Estonians only had to vote for a single parliamentary seat, much of the potential complexity of election administration—including the design and implementation of a remote Internet voting system—were reduced or eliminated.

A second important lesson is that successful attempts to deploy Internet voting systems require an adequate legal and regulatory framework. Ranging from the enabling legislation for Estonian national identification and the use of digital signatures, to a careful and deliberate political process that scrutinized the notion of remote Internet voting before initial deployment in 2005, it is clear that an appropriate legal and regulatory framework is a key lesson from the Estonian case. Nations that wish to emulate the Estonian example, and to pursue the development of an Internet mode of remote voting, will be well served to follow the Estonian example and to develop an appropriate regulatory and legal framework for remote Internet voting.

A third lesson regards voter authentication, which is the subject of debate in many nations, including the United States.¹³ In Estonia, the introduction and dissemination of the digital national identification card has opened the door for many uses of that identification, uses that predate the implementation of Internet voting in Estonia. In other words, having a strong form of online voter authentication may be a critical step for implementation of secure Internet voting that has the trust of voters and other stakeholders in a particular nation's election process. But it is unlikely that a strong form of voter authentication like that used in Estonia

will be developed only for Internet voting; rather, it is likely that governments will develop and implement these forms of strong digital identification to enable citizens to interact with government in other ways: paying fines, fees, and taxes; checking out library books; or researching property transactions. Although Estonia has been rapidly developing applications for its identification card, like Internet voting, it did start with other applications for its national digital identification first, allowing citizens and stakeholders to get used to the identification card and authentication process before using it for applications like voting. Other examples of this implementation model exist, for example, the canton of Neuchâtel in Switzerland. Neuchâtel does not provide citizens with the same form of digital identification but it has developed an innovative government e-portal with secure means of citizen access; only after the e-portal was widely used for other purposes did Neuchâtel begin to use it for Internet voting. These examples are also ones deserving additional research and analysis, as they might prove to be a successful model for introducing a wide range of government services over the Internet, including (but not restricted to) voting.

The United States is often viewed as being a leader in the online world and there is a strong e-government focus here and a strong use of the Internet in politics generally (Mossberger, Tolbert, and McNeal 2007; Mossberger, Tolbert, and Stansbury 2003; West 2005). However, the lack of a strong professional election administration culture here, a lack of cohesive election laws that facilitate online transactions, and the complexity of American elections all serve to limit the ability of Internet voting to gain traction. Moreover, the political systems in the U.S. and Estonia are very different; in Estonia a “losing” party in the Parliament can still be in a coalition government but in the United States winning and losing are much starker in the political system. All told, European countries—especially Estonia—are likely to remain on the cutting edge of Internet voting. ■

NOTES

1. Much of this early history of Internet voting in the United States is covered in Alvarez and Hall (2004). See also Alvarez and Hall (2008a; 2008b) and McNeal and Tolbert (2004) for a discussion of Internet voting in the United States. The European context is studied by Trechsel and Mendez (2005).
2. There has been some analysis of Estonia’s transition to democracy in the academic literature, for example, see Park (1994), Titma, Tuma, and Silver (1998), Grofman, Mikkel, and Taagepera (1999), Grofman, Mikkel, and Taagepera (2000), Berg (2001), Brady and Kaplan (2001), Aalto and Berg (2002), Pettai (2004), and Taagepera (2006). See Drechsler and Madise (2002) for a discussion of the early developments regarding Internet voting in Estonia.
3. A complete discussion of these trials and their shortcomings can be found in Alvarez and Hall (2004). The Arizona trial was studied by Solop (2001) and Alvarez and Nagler (2001).
4. Visit http://www.idea.int/vt/country_view.cfm?CountryCode=EE. International IDEA data show that Estonia’s turnout is higher than that of other post-communist countries such as Lithuania, the Czech Republic, Poland, and Hungary. Given that Estonia does not have a National Election Study to capture turnout data, we unfortunately do not have the usual information on turnout by gender, age, and other socio-demographic characteristics.
5. Unlike America, Estonia has a National Electoral Committee that governs the Estonian elections in a unified manner.
6. Visit <http://www.internetworldstats.com/stats4.htm>. The Estonian Internet penetration rate of 58% is lower than the U.S. rate of 74% but is higher than many established western European nations like France.
7. The European Commission data show that Estonian e-government access ranks much higher than the overall found in the European Union, while the broadband penetration rate is slightly greater than the EU’s overall penetration rate (current data is available under “Innovation and Research,” at <http://epp.eurostat.ac.europa.eu>)

8. We especially thank Heiki Sibul Chairman of the Estonian National Electoral Committee (ENEC), Epp Maaten and Ülle Madise of the UNEC, and Anna Pilving at the E-Governance Academy for their assistance in this project.
9. For interested readers, the Estonians used a number of procedures at this stage to mitigate some of the threats commonly associated with Internet voting systems. First, the url of the Web site where they could access the Internet voting applications was published, and voters were urged to go to the Web site by typing the url into their browsers themselves—not to go to the Web site by clicking on a link in an e-mail. Second, the server certificate was publicly available, and e-voters were urged to check the certificate of the server they were using with the published version. Finally, Estonians were urged to make sure that the computers they were using were free of viruses and other malware before engaging with the Internet voting application.
10. Alexander H. Trechsel was the lead investigator on both of these reports. Alvarez and Hall were co-authors of the second report that was mandated by the Council of Europe in conjunction with Estonia’s National Electoral Committee.
11. The methodology for both surveys can be found in the CoE reports. These data come from the 2007 report, which can be found online at http://www.vvk.ee/english/CoE%20and%20NEC_Report%20E-Voting%202007.pdf.
12. The Pew Internet and American Life Project reports that 16% of voters used the Internet for campaign informational purposes in the United States congressional elections; see http://www.pewinternet.org/pdfs/PIP_Politics_2006.pdf.
13. See Alvarez, Bailey, and Katz (2008) for a discussion of how voter identification affects turnout in the United States.

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MEMORANDUM

7 December 2010

To:

From: R. Michael Alvarez, California Institute of Technology
Thad E. Hall, University of Utah

Subject: Completion of Okaloosa Internet Voting Report and Follow on Research

In 2008 and 2009, we conducted a series of data collection efforts in regards to the Project Bravo Internet Voting Pilot Project that was conducted in Okaloosa County for the 2008 election. The goals of this research effort were (1) to describe the pilot project, (2) to examine the underlying legal structure supporting the initiation and conduct of the project, (3) to evaluate the experience of voters who used the system, (4) to evaluate the experience of the workers who implemented the system on the ground, and (5) consider the way in which the procedures for operating the system and for certifying the system functioned. We have been in touch with Carol Paquette and we do not see any barriers from them regarding finalizing the Okaloosa County/BRAVO report through the auspices of FVAP.

Scope of Work for Completion

The completion of the Okaloosa Report would require approximately 80 hours of research and writing time. Specifically, we will need to

1. interview additional people who were not talked to previously,
2. consider some of the legal issues associated with the project more directly,
3. write more about the certification of the system, and
4. clarify some of the technical issues in the report.

We will make edits to the report based on feedback we receive from Carol Paquette, who was project manager, and write an executive summary to the report.

Deliverables and Timetable

We estimate that it will take approximately 6 weeks to complete the report from the date of initiation of the project.

At the end of the project, we will provide to FVAP the following:

1. A complete report, detailing the Okaloosa Project.
2. An executive report, appropriate for sharing with policy makers.

We will also provide FVAP with an interim copy of the report, for comment. Over the course of the project we will also provide FVAP with a progress reports on the status of the project.

Budget

We estimate that the project will have the following costs:

1. Direct Personnel: \$20,000
 - a. Michael Alvarez: 40 hours of work at a rate of \$200 per hour;
 - b. Thad Hall: 40 hours of work at a rate of \$200 per hour;
 - c. Carol Paquette: review of report for factual accuracy, at a flat rate of \$2,000;
 - d. Research Assistance: \$2,000 to conduct background research for the project that will ensure that the analysis is complete.

2. Indirect Costs: To Be Determined

This contract can be managed in many ways; our goal would be to do this in any way that is easiest for FVAP contracting. If we run the grant through the University of Utah, they will charge an overhead rate of 50.5% on the contract amount noted above (\$10,100).

Potential Expansion of Project

In 2010, there were three (3) Internet voting efforts that were implemented at some level.

1. Arizona implemented a system where voters can scan and upload paper ballots to an online system with a user name and password, and they must include a signed affidavit.
2. West Virginia implemented a system that allowed military and overseas voters to cast ballots on a website that uses proprietary software.
3. The District of Columbia was considered allowing Internet voting for military and overseas voters for the general election but stopped the project after vulnerabilities were identified.

Given the work we have done with the Okaloosa Project, we think it would be very straightforward to implement a similar set of analyses in these three jurisdictions so that we can learn if there are common lessons across these projects. A budget for such an expansion would have to be developed in consultation with these jurisdictions.

-----Original Message-----

From: Carey, Bob CIV FVAP
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2010 12:40 PM
To: Beirne, David CIV WHS/FVAP; McGuire, Paddy CIV FVAP; Rothschild, Joel
CAPT FVAP
Subject: FW: Calling you back 6 months late

Funny.

Bob Carey
Director, Federal Voting Assistance Program
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-----Original Message-----

From: Carey, Bob CIV FVAP
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2010 12:39 PM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Calling you back 6 months late

This was when I was going to ask you to get involved in the August
Technology Summit!

Where are you going on Monday? Any of the IFES events? We can catch up
there.

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-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2010 12:34 PM
To: Carey, Bob CIV FVAP
Subject: Calling you back 6 months late

So I don't check my VM at work often and saw you called in May. I
apologize
for not getting back to you until now. I will be in DC next Monday -
Wednesday and could meet Wed. if you are would like to talk.

All the best!

Thad

PS my cell is (b)(6) and you can always call me.
Sent from my Verizon Wireless BlackBerry

-----Original Message-----

From: Carey, Bob CIV FVAP

Sent: Wednesday, November 09, 2011 1:24 PM

To: (b)(6)

Subject: DARPA

Losrt pwr. Heard you uip to Jermy Epstein, and DARPA had floated that name as well. However, I didn't think that DARPA was that far along. I'm going back into my mtg, and will recharge my BB. Hopefully this email will send when the battery's back up.

However, if you could forward the DARPA email, that would help to understand if there's some disconnect here. DARPA has a weird model that we don't know if we want to use.

Bob Carey
Director, FVAP
703-588-8118

-----Original Message-----

From: Carey, Bob CIV FVAP
Sent: Sunday, March 27, 2011 5:08 PM
To: Beirne, David CIV WHS/FVAP; Rothschild, Joel CIV FVAP
Cc: Pope, Phil CIV FVAP
Subject: Fw: Estonia

First email on Estonia.

From: Thad Hall (b)(6)
To: Carey, Bob CIV FVAP
Sent: Fri Mar 11 17:32:51 2011
Subject: Estonia

Bob:

I just returned from Estonia and had very nice meeting with the people there. I specifically spoke to the head of their National Electoral Committee, Heiki Sibul, briefly about you and that you may be visiting there. He would very much like to meet with you if you do. I would suggest you also meet with two other people if you can. Tarvi Martens, who designed the system, and Priit Vinkel, who manages elections for the State. Priit is the person i would use as a point of contact. His email is below. I am happy also to help however I can in making contact for you. Also, attached is an article we wrote about Estonia e-voting that may be good background.

(b)(6)

All the best.

Thad

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-----Original Message-----

From: Thad Hall (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, November 09, 2011 3:01 PM
To: Carey, Bob CIV FVAP
Subject: Fwd: [evnlist] Who funds voting research?

This is the email trail.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Michael Alvarez (b)(6)
Date: Wed, Nov 9, 2011 at 12:58 PM
Subject: Fwd: [evnlist] Who funds voting research?
To: (b)(6)

Begin forwarded message:

From: Jeremy Epstein (b)(6)
Date: November 8, 2011 7:35:42 PM PST
To: Charles Stewart III (b)(6)
Cc: Ronald L Rivest (b)(6) (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Subject: Re: [evnlist] Who funds voting research?

Charles,

Thanks for the reply.

I'm briefing DARPA tomorrow (Wednesday) about voting research, and want to include in it an overview of past (and future) funding sources for voting research. What I'm looking for, if you're willing to share, is an estimate of how much money has been invested in the MIT/CalTech period, over what time, and by whom (private foundations vs. government is a good enough approximation). I'm just trying to give a scope, not exact details.

Thanks!
--Jeremy

On Tue, Nov 8, 2011 at 3:37 PM, Charles Stewart III <cstewart@mit.edu> wrote:

I seem to be caught in the middle of a conversation. What is the briefing, and what kind of information concerning funding would be helpful to know?

Charles

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-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) On Behalf Of
Ronald L. Rivest

Sent: Tuesday, November 08, 2011 8:00 AM

To: Jeremy Epstein

Cc: Charles Stewart III; Mike Alvarez

Subject: Re: [evnlist] Who funds voting research?

Hi Jeremy --

I'm not really the best person to ask for a summary of the history of funding

for the Caltech/MIT Voting Technology Project; Charles Stewart and Mike Alvarez

(both copied here) are better sources. But we have had funding from the

Knight Foundation, the Carnegie Foundation, and the Pew Foundation, I believe,

and not from any other sources. The amount of the funding has been modest.

The funding was stronger in the earlier days of the project, and now is minimal

to non-existent, although research does continue... Mike and Charles can put

a bit more meat on this skeleton sketch...

Cheers,

Ron

On Mon, Nov 7, 2011 at 3:48 PM, Jeremy Epstein

(b)(6) wrote:

Can you tell me anything about funding for CalTech/MIT for inclusion in the briefing? Is it internal university money? Or external? How much? What time frame?

Thanks again!

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Ronald L. Rivest

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-----Original Message-----

From: Carey, Bob CIV FVAP
Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2011 12:04 PM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: Drugan, Paul CIV FVAP; Pope, Phil CIV FVAP
Subject: Re: FVAP Post Election Surveys

They're available online, I thought. What more do you want? I'm not following or have forgotten.

I'll defer to Paul on Okaloosa.
Bob Carey
Director, FVAP
703-588-8118

----- Original Message -----

From: Thad Hall (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2011 11:55 AM
To: Carey, Bob CIV FVAP
Subject: FVAP Post Election Surveys

Bob:

If I send you a formal request for these data sets, can I get them?
Also, is the Okaloosa contract getting close?

Thanks!

Thad

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-----Original Message-----

From: Thad Hall [mailto:(b)(6)]
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2011 12:56 PM
To: Carey, Bob CIV FVAP
Subject: Fwd: Okaloosa and Internet Voting Proposal

Here is what we sent to Paul.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Thad Hall (b)(6)
Date: Wed, Dec 15, 2010 at 1:50 PM
Subject: Okaloosa and Internet Voting Proposal
To: Paul Drugan <Paul.Drugan@fvap.gov>
Cc: Michael Alvarez (b)(6)

Paul: Attached you will find a proposal for the completion of the Okaloosa Report, as well as ideas for how, should FVAP decide it was appropriate, for expanding the project to include other recent internet voting initiatives. If you have any comments or questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you

Thad

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Cc: 'Thad Hall'; 'Michael Alvarez'
Subject: RE: Phone Conversation about Internet Voting Projects

So Joel and Paul,

Please work with Phil to get this scheduled and to figure out beforehand what the realm of possible is.

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Does your schedule work well the first week in December?

Thank you!

Thad

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From: Thad Hall [mailto:(b)(6)]
Sent: Wednesday, November 09, 2011 12:27 PM
To: Carey, Bob CIV FVAP
Subject: Talk Today?

Do you have time to talk for 5 minutes today? Call me on my cell if you do -- (b)(6)

Thanks!

Thad

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Voluntary Voting System Guidelines Comments
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Washington, DC 20005

Dear Chairwoman Davidson:

In March 2010, the Election Assistance Commission issued proposed requirements for the testing of pilot voting systems to serve UOCAVA voters. I have reviewed the proposed requirements and do not feel they provide sufficiently robust guidelines to ensure adequate protection from the existing electronic threat environment or national level threats.

The testing of any Internet-based voting system should be open and involve multiple parties. This includes validation and verification by the vendors, federal cyber and intelligence experts and third-party testers. I strongly recommend that existing Internet-based voting systems be rigorously and openly tested instead of a 2010 system deployment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joel Rothschild', written over a horizontal line.

Joel Rothschild
By Direction

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