

# **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

<b>2008 Election</b>		
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%
<b>Ballot Return Failure</b>	<b>296,759</b>	<b>81.1%</b>
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**

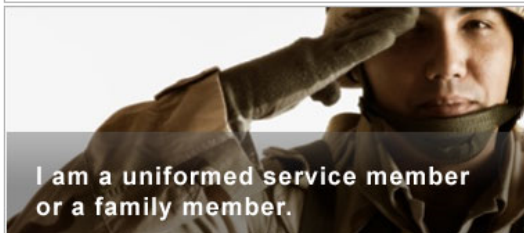
## ➤ Get the Ballots To and From the Voters Quicker

- 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

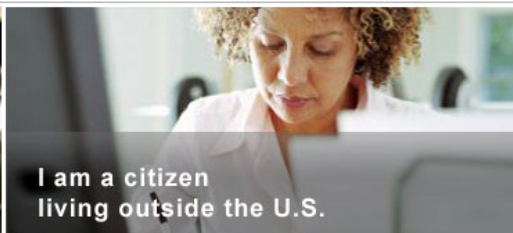
## To Vote Absentee, Start By Telling Us Who You Are



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.

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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.

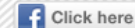
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If neither of these choices apply to you, please visit [www.canivote.org](http://www.canivote.org)

### Election Countdown

**35 Days**

Join us on Facebook & remind your friends to vote!



### News

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**September 28, 2010**

[Absentee Voting Week](#)

**September 21, 2010**

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**September 18, 2010**

[Election Tips for 09/18/2010](#)

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### Quick Links

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[Back-up Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot](#)

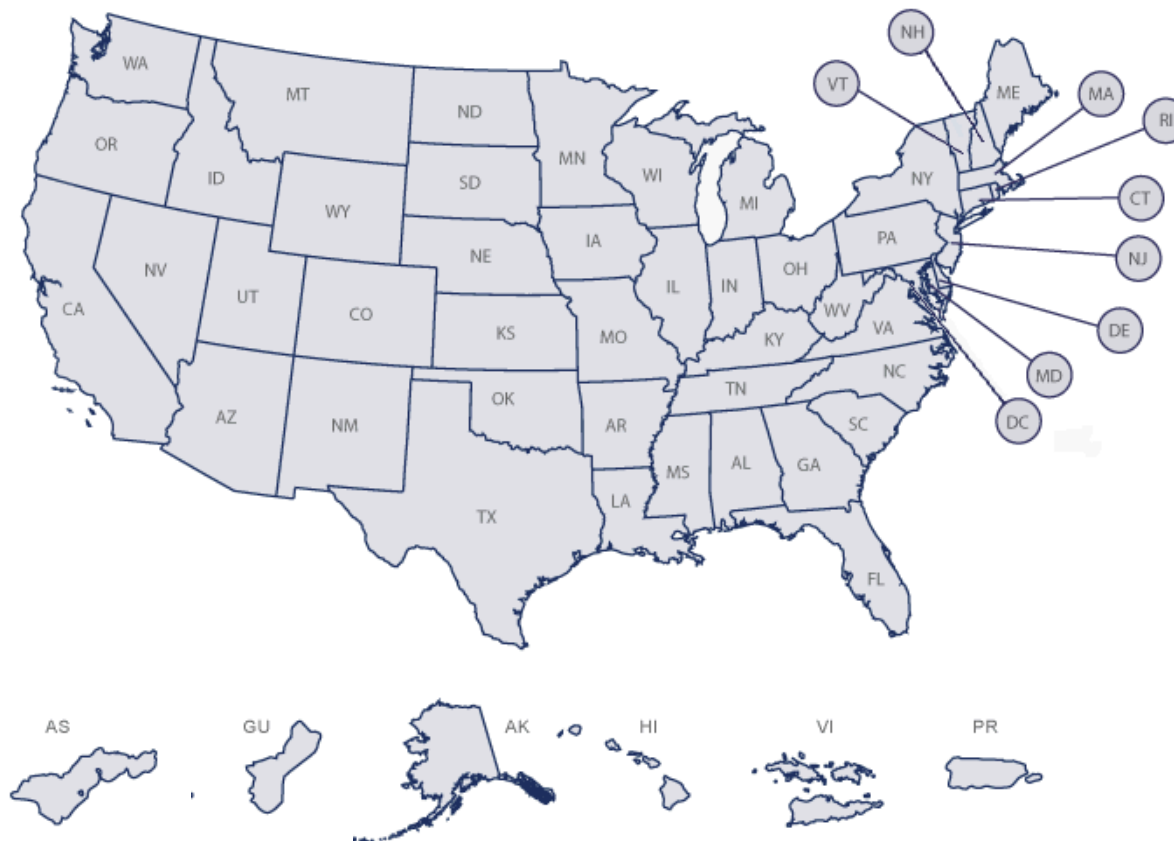
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[Information on Absentee Voting](#)

# 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.





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

## What would you like to do?

Register to Vote and/or  
Request Ballot

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# Request Ballot Screen

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

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

## Register to Vote and/or Request Ballot

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

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### 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.

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or

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

[Get Started](#)

### Important Dates for UOCAVA citizens

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

#### Resources:

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

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

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## Get My Ballot Now

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

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or

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

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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](#)

**Would you rather fill out the form by hand?**

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# 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	<a href="#"><u>Alameda - Vote-By-Mail</u></a>	(800) 834-6454
Alpine	(530) 694-2281	(530) 694-2281
Amador	<a href="#"><u>Amador - Vote-By-Mail</u></a>	(209) 223-6465
Butte	<a href="#"><u>Butte - Vote-By-Mail</u></a>	(800) 894-7761
Calaveras	(209) 754-6376	(209) 754-6376
Colusa	<a href="#"><u>Colusa - Vote-By-Mail</u></a>	(877) 458-0501
Contra Costa	<a href="#"><u>Contra Costa - Vote-By-Mail</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Contra Costa - Provisional Voting Free Access</u></a>
Del Norte	(707) 465-0383	(707) 465-0383

## 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

Uniformed Services Member > Washington > King

### My Information

First Name (required)

Telephone  ⓘ

Middle Name (required)

Fax (required)  ⓘ

Last Name (required)

E-Mail Address (required)

Suffix

Gender

Previous Name

Date of Birth (required)

Political Party  ⓘ

Social Security Number (required)  -  -  ⓘ

Driver's License or ID Number (required)  ⓘ

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

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

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

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

### Print and Finish

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

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

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

[Download Form](#)

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

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[Finish](#)

# Pre-Filled Output



## Instructions for Washington

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

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

NOTE: Recommended Mailing Dates for Voted Ballots in 2010:

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

2. MY INFORMATION (Required)

A. TYPE OF PRINTED FORM (Date, Page, Address)		B. PREFIX (D, S, A, H, WS)	C. PREVIOUS STATE (If applicable)
Caney, Robert, Harrison		Jr.	
D. SEX <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	E. RACE	F. DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY)	G. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER
		02/21/1963	-- -- 1234
H. TELEPHONE NUMBER (Do not include area or international prefixes)		I. FAX NUMBER (Do not include area or international prefixes)	
703-588-8118		703-588-8118	

J. EMAIL ADDRESS  
 Robert.Caney@fvap.gov

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

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

B. CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE  
 Seattle

C. COUNTY  
 King

D. STATE  
 WA

E. ZIP CODE  
 98453 --

4. WHERE TO SEND MY VOTING MATERIALS

A. MY CURRENT ADDRESS (Do not include area or international prefixes)	B. MY FORWARDING ADDRESS (NOTE: Complete for only 1 year or less per ballot mailed to the address in Block 4a.)
NAVCENT F2C2	
FPO AE 09504-6219	

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

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

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

7. AFFIRMATION (Required)  
 I swear or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that:

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

I understand that a material misstatement of fact in completion of this document may constitute grounds for conviction of perjury.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ (MM/DD/YYYY) Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Do not sign if not required) Date: \_\_\_\_\_ (MM/DD/YYYY)

- NOT REQUIRED -

The information contained here in is for official use only. Any unauthorized release of this information may be punishable by law. Audit # FVAP00000173

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# Online FWAB Tool

## Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)

### Complete the Form

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

Personal Service Number | District | Sample

**Vote Candidates (Help)**

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

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

No Presidential candidates found.

#### U.S. Senator

- | Selection             | Last Name, First Name |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> | Granados, Alexander   |
| <input type="radio"/> | Jones, LeAnn          |
| <input type="radio"/> | Wink, Mark            |

Or Enter Your Write-In Candidate:

#

#### U.S. Representative/Delegates/Resident Commissioner

- | Selection             | Last Name, First Name | Political Party |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| <input type="radio"/> | Hegert, Judy          | Republican      |
| <input type="radio"/> | Harper, Scott         | Democratic      |

Or Enter Your Write-In Candidate:

#   - select -

## OFFICIAL FEDERAL WRITE-IN ABSENTEE BALLOT

PRESIDENT/VICE PRESIDENT

U.S. SENATOR\*

Donald Kaplan (Unaffiliated)

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

Mark Granris (Libertarian)

\* Legal residents of the District of Columbia may vote only for President/Vice President and Delegate.

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

### ADDENDUM

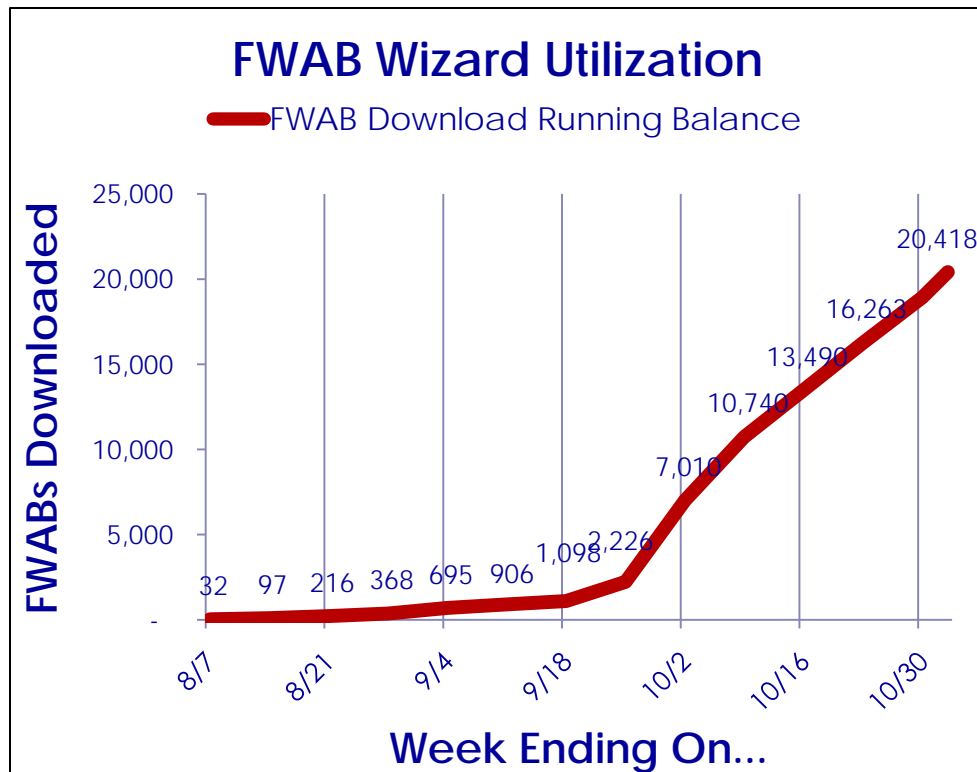
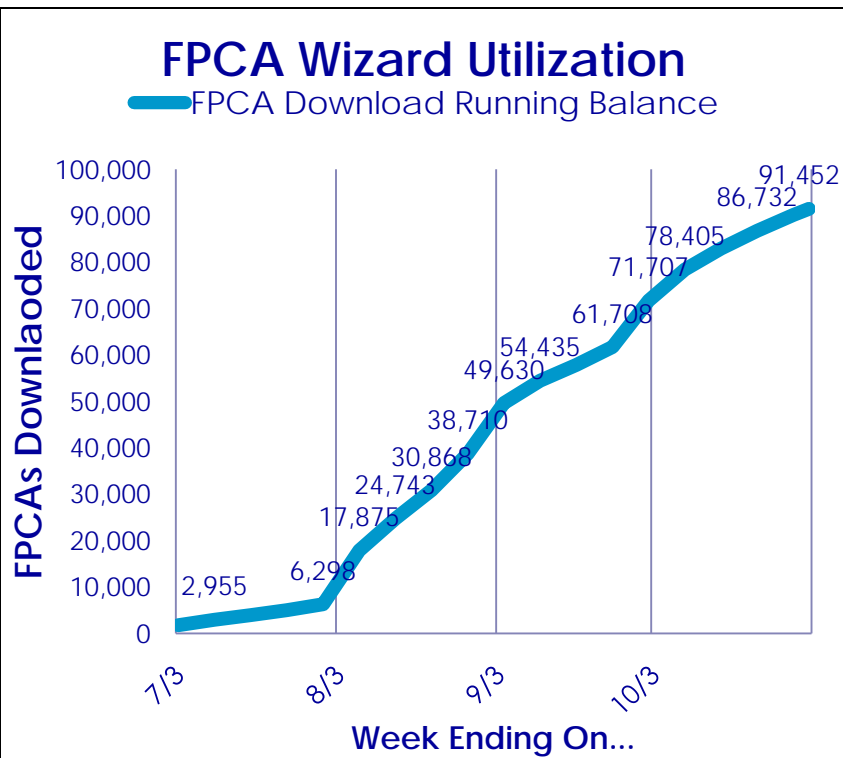
Some states allow the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot to be used by military and overseas civilian voters in elections other than general elections or for offices other than Federal offices. Consult your state section in the *Voting Assistance Guide* to determine your state's policy. If you are eligible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

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

# 2010 FPCA and FWAB Wizard Utilization

## *FPCA Wizard downloads:*

- **National: 91,565**



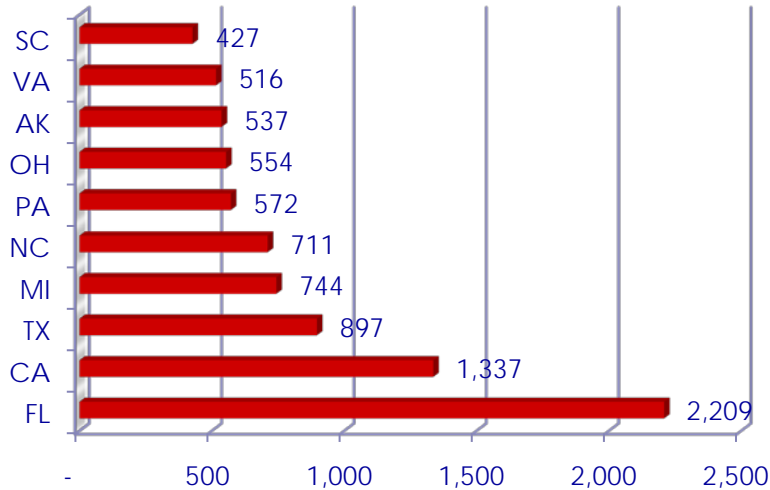
## *FWAB Wizard downloads:*

- **National: 20,536**

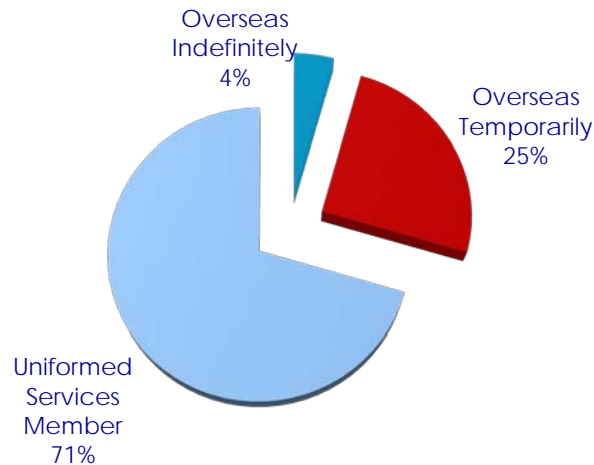
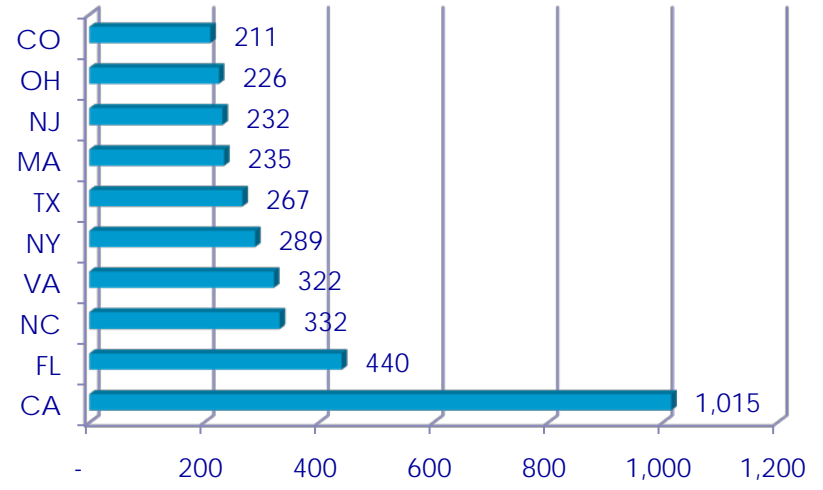


# 2010 FWAB Wizard Utilization

## Uniformed Services FWABs Downloaded

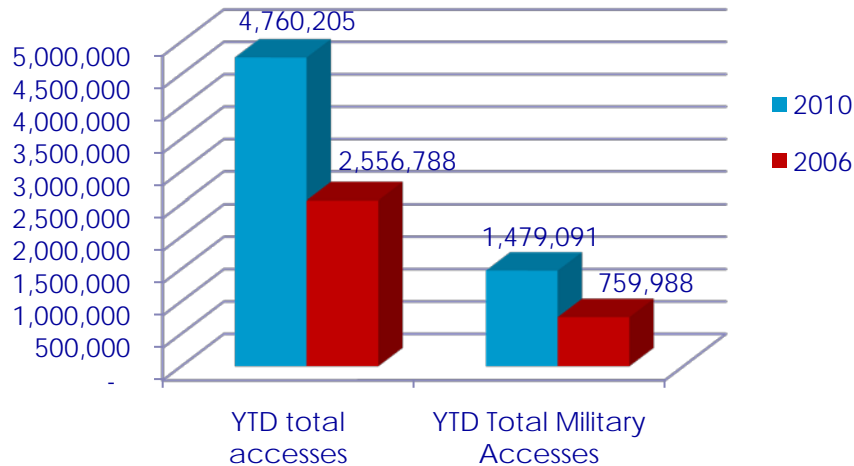


## Total Overseas Citizen FWAB Downloads



# FVAP Website Utilization

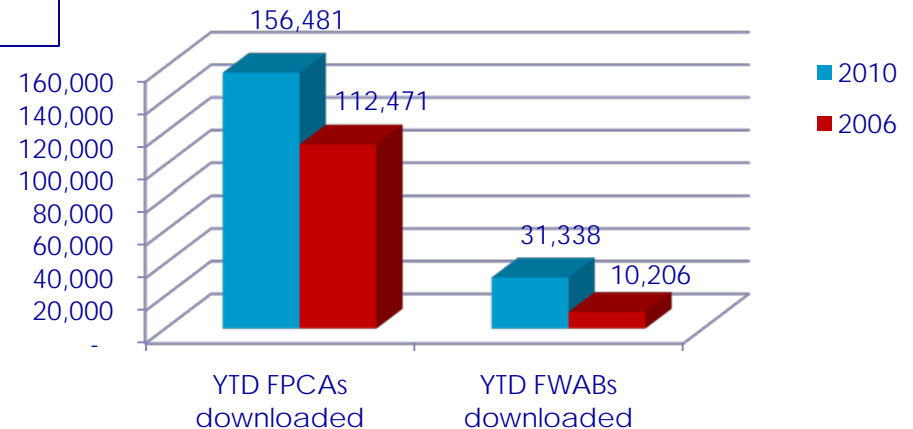
**FVAP.gov Website Use  
2010 vs 2006**



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

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

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



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### Important Dates for UOCAVA citizens

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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](#)

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## Future:

Planning a federal grant structured program for states and localities

**Virginia**

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**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

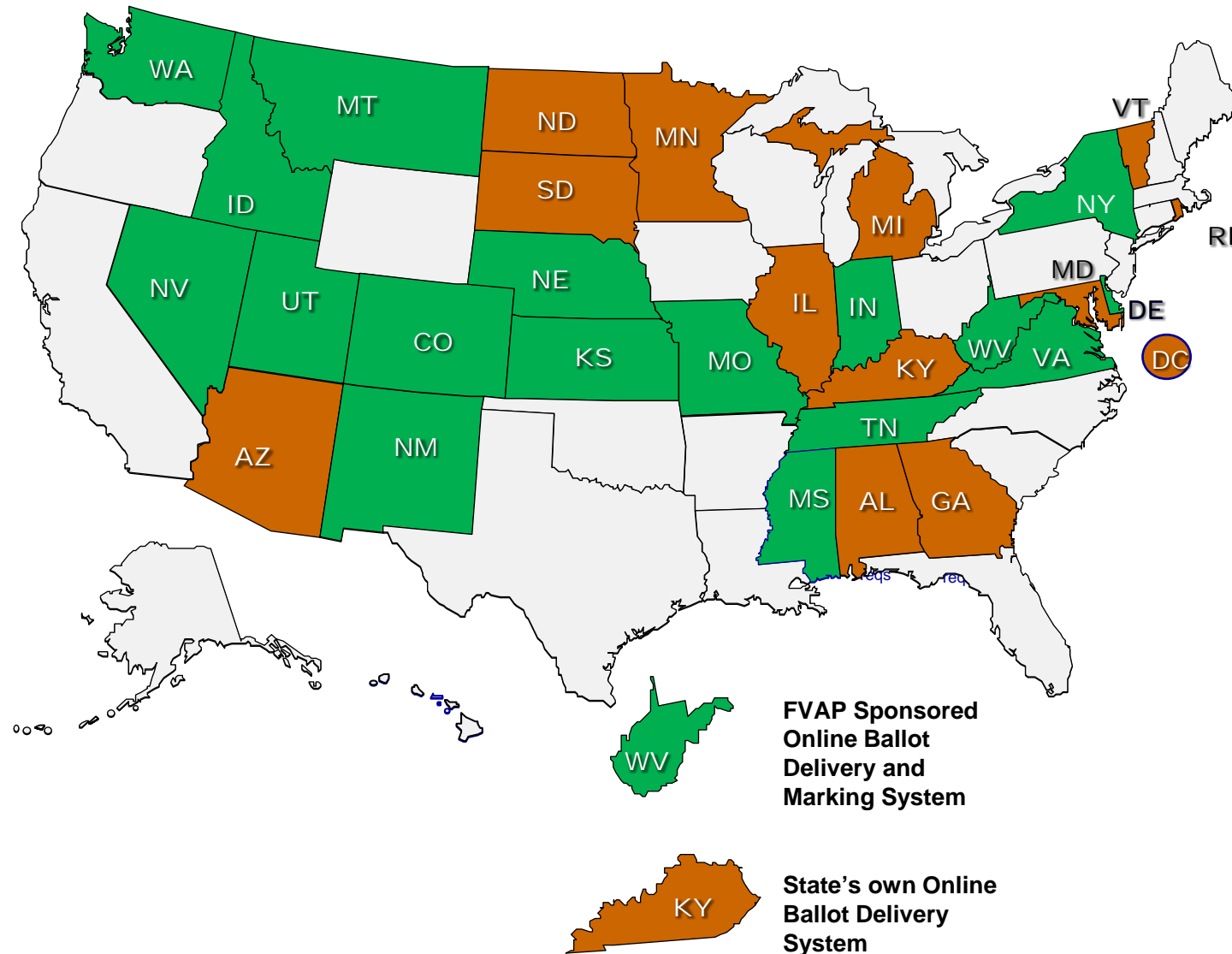
**Help Resources:**  
[EVAP online 24x7 chat support](#)  
[EVAP Help Site and Toll-Free #s](#)  
[Virginia Overseas Voting web site](#)

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

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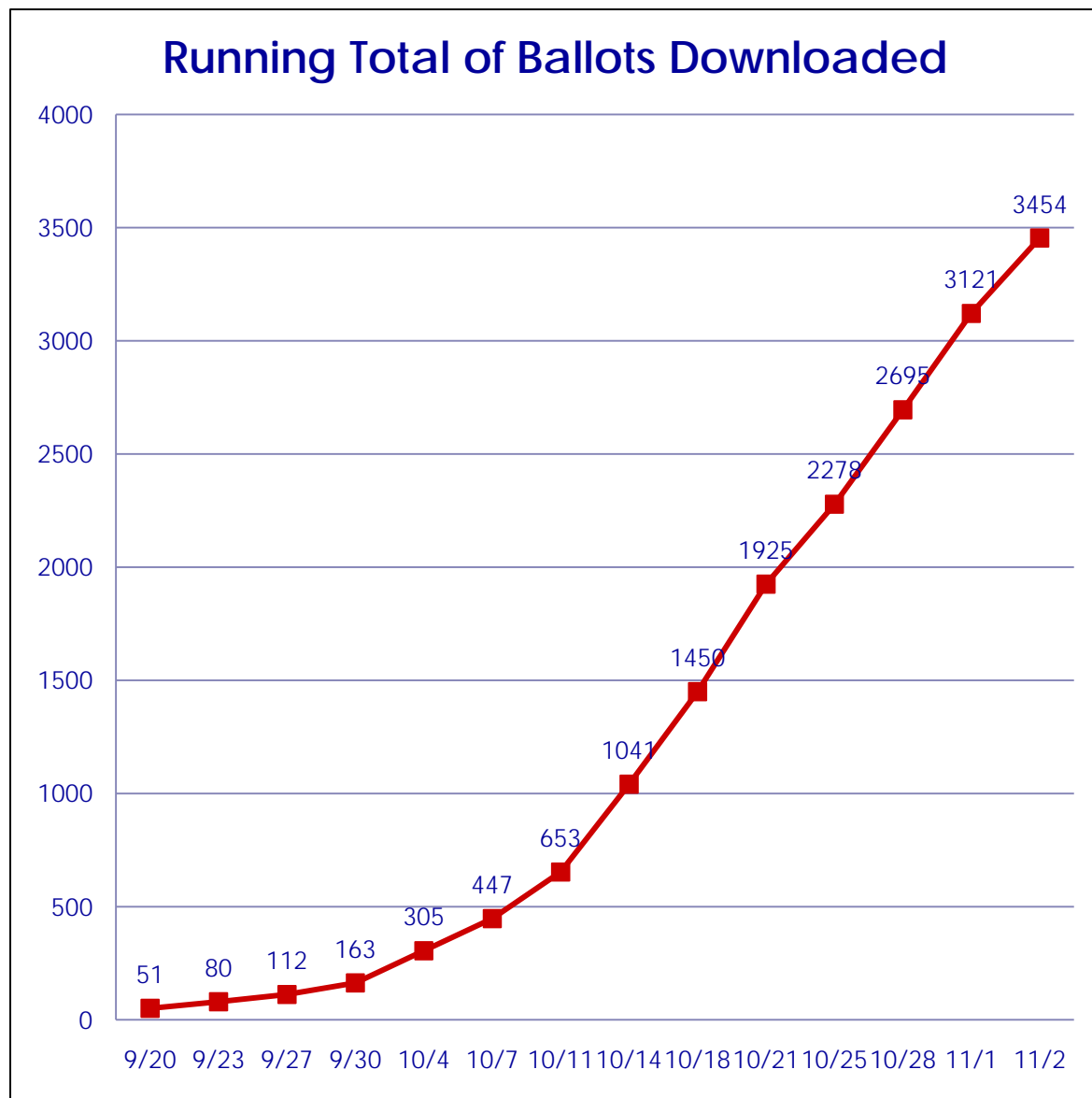
# Online Ballot Wizards



- 31 States total
  - 17 FVAP supported
  - 14 Own
- DE sent out ½ 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
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>3,454</b>



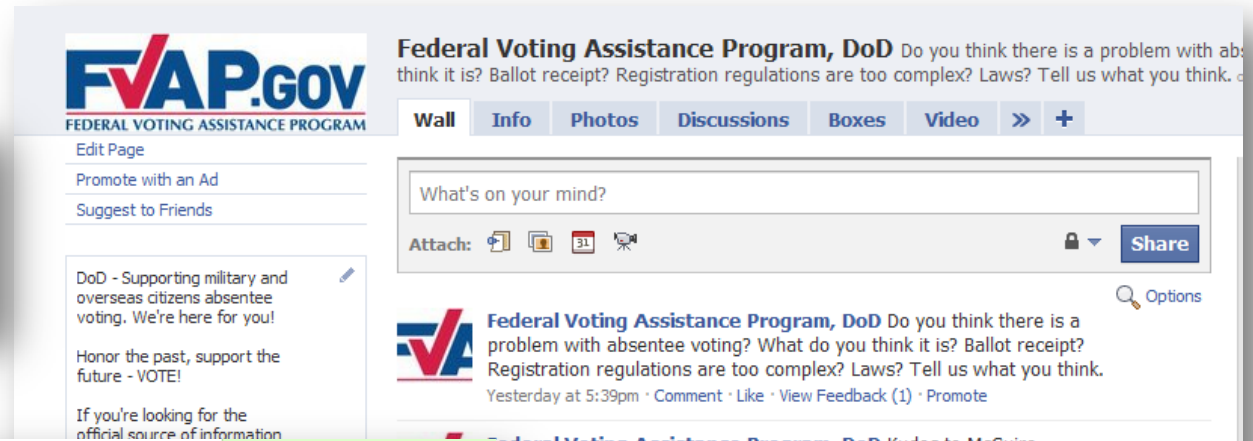
# Communications Strategy

- **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

# Social Media



<https://twitter.com/FVAP>



**FVAP.GOV**  
FEDERAL VOTING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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

**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: [Icons] Share

**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. Yesterday at 5:39pm · Comment · Like · View Feedback (1) · Promote

**Federal Voting Assistance Program, DoD** Kudos to McGuire-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**  
www.jointbasemdl.af.mil  
Defense Department officials launched an Internet-based program June 28 to help servicemembers and other Americans living overseas vote more easily in November's elections. The new online voting assistant at [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov) will make the registration and absentee ballot application process easier.

Yesterday at 12:05am · Comment · Like · View Feedback (1) · Share · Promote

**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**  
[www2.hurlburt.af.mil](http://www2.hurlburt.af.mil)



**FVAP**  
FEDERAL VOTING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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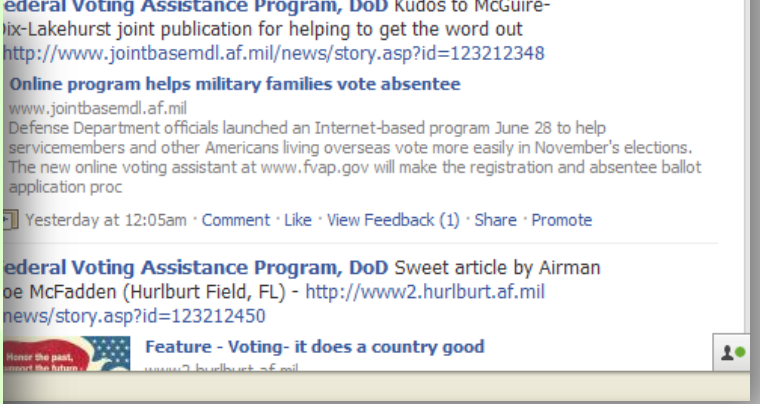
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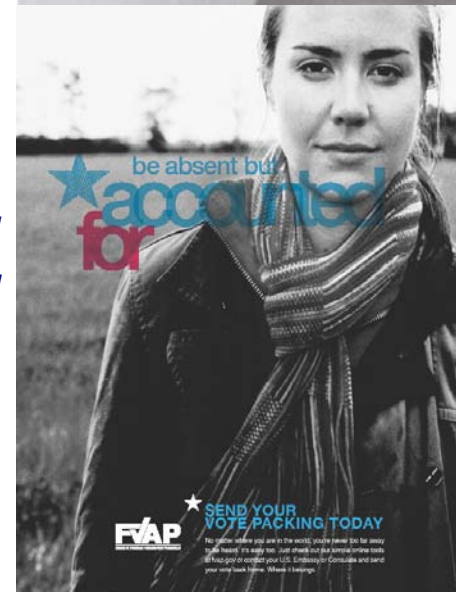


- Full Page Ads
- 4<sup>th</sup> of July
  - Register
  - VAOs
- End of September
  - Send in Ballot
  - Ballot Download
  - FWAB

*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

- **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

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

# 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

# Slogan, Contest, Video PSA Contest



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Government Challenges, Your Solutions

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**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](#)

- Submissions: End in 2 months
- \$10,000 in prizes
- 39 supporters



**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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- Submissions: End in 2 months
- \$10,000 in prizes
- 20 supporters



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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”?**