

Make a difference – VOTE

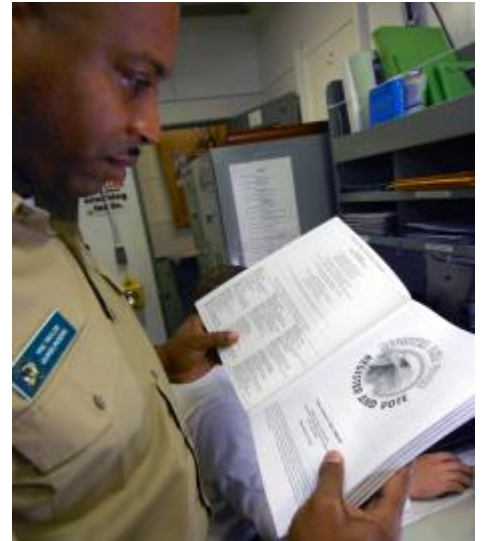
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With the November 4 general election fast approaching, now is the time to register to vote. All 435 House of Representatives seats and 33 of 100 Senate seats, along with many important state and local offices will be up for grabs, so your vote matters.

The Navy Voting Assistance Program (NVAP) is available to help Sailors navigate through the absentee voting process.

"The process is easy if you know where to go," said Lt. Whitney Abraham, the Navy's voting action officer, at Navy Installations Command. "Just a click of a button and you're there. I'd hate for an eligible voter to miss out because he or she thought it was too difficult."



For Sailors who have not requested an absentee ballot and would like to vote, they may do so immediately by visiting www.fvap.gov/military-voter. Individuals just select their state from the drop-down menu and then choose what they are trying to do, whether it is to register to vote, request an absentee ballot, or update his or her voter information.

"The Federal Voting Assistance Program website guides you through completing a Federal Postcard Application - that's your formal registration and a request for an absentee ballot," said Abraham.

If Sailors have already requested their State ballot but haven't received it, now is the time to use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) as a back-up. The online assistant at FVAP.gov will pre-populate the FWAB with candidate lists, depending on the Congressional District. If Sailors receive their State ballot after submitting the FWAB, individuals should vote and return the State ballot regardless.

Sailors are encouraged to pass this information on to spouses, voting-age dependents, other military voters and overseas voters. For further assistance, please contact your Unit or Installation voting assistance officer, or email us at Vote@navy.mil.

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