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UPDATED BACK-UP ABSENTEE BALLOT NOW AVAILABLE
New Version of Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot at FVAP.gov

December 13, 2011 — Arlington, Va. — The online version of the revised Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) is available now at the FVAP.gov web portal. If you have registered to vote and requested a ballot from your state - but not received it by 30 days before the election you should use the FWAB to ensure your voted ballot gets back in time to meet your state's deadline. If your state ballot arrives after you have voted the FWAB, you should still vote and return the State ballot as it will offer a more complete set of choices. State procedures will ensure only one ballot is counted per election.

The online wizard allows you to make candidate choices for federal offices beginning 30 days prior to the date of the election. The printed PDF package produced by the wizard includes the completed voter affirmation/signature page, the ballot with your choices printed and an envelope with postage free indicia in the US mail service (APO/FPO and DPO at military installations and US Embassies and Consulates).

New Hampshire Presidential Preference Primary voting has begun and the back-up ballots with the official candidate choices for New Hampshire UOCAVA voters are now available at the FVAP.gov web portal. Presidential primary ballot candidate choices will soon be available for South Carolina and Florida.

The 2011 version of the FWAB is the standard federal form accepted by all 55 States and territories for uniformed service members, their families and overseas voters.

The 2005 version of the FWAB can be used; however, be sure to use the current State information from FVAP.gov to ensure your local election official receives the information required to count it. Voting Assistance Officers should send voters to FVAP.gov whenever possible and go through [proper channels](#) to obtain hardcopy forms. Overseas citizens groups should also stress using the online wizards to simplify form completion, but can [contact FVAP directly](#) to acquire hardcopy forms.

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If you'd like more information on the Federal Voting Assistance Program or need help with the absentee voting process please go to www.fvap.gov or contact the FVAP at 703-588-1584 (toll free 1-800-438-VOTE) or email the program at VOTE@FVAP.GOV. And don't forget to "like" us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/DoDFVAP and follow [@FVAP](#) on Twitter to receive timely election information.