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Act now; back-up ballot available

Note: This release was updated on April 16, 2015 to clarify use of the Label 11 - DOD for overseas military members during regularly scheduled general elections for federal office. Previously, it stated military family members could use the label.

Military Service Member:

The November 4 election is a week away! If you've received your State absentee ballot, vote and return it today. If you already applied for one, but haven't yet received it, don't worry, there is a back-up ballot at FVAP.gov.

- The back-up Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) online tool provides you with the candidate lists for your Congressional District. Just select your State from the drop-down at FVAP.gov under "Voters Start Here" then select get my ballot.
- If you receive your official, State ballot after submitting the FWAB, vote and return it, as well. (But don't worry; your vote will only be counted once.)
- Most States require voters to apply for an absentee ballot prior to using the FWAB; you can find your State's requirements and ballot return deadlines at FVAP.gov under "Voters Start Here."

As mail delivery times vary, it's especially important for you to know how long it takes mail to travel as ballot return deadlines approach. You can find the Military Postal Service Agency's (MPSA) mailing dates chart here:

http://www.fvap.gov/uploads/FVAP/VAO/2014_mailing_dates.pdf

For regularly scheduled general elections for federal office, MPSA provides free expedited ballot delivery and ballot tracking for overseas military members. They will place the Label 11- DOD on your ballot envelope, which allows you to track your ballot en route to your local election office at www.usps.com.

Help spread the word — pass this information on to spouses, voting-age dependents, other military voters and overseas voters.

** Remember — if you currently live in your voting jurisdiction, you may vote in person at the polls.

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If you experience any issues or have questions, FVAP's call center is available at 1-800-438-VOTE (8683), DSN 425-1584, or at vote@fvap.gov. Toll-free phone numbers from 67 countries are listed at FVAP.gov. Find us on Facebook at [/DoDFVAP](https://www.facebook.com/DoDFVAP) and follow [@FVAP](https://twitter.com/FVAP) on Twitter.