

## Registration and Ballot Requests for 2023 – and Special Election Notice for Virginia Voters

All military members and their eligible family members should submit a Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) to their election office every January. Voting Assistance Officers (VAOs) are required to provide Federal Post Card Applications (FPCA) to all unit members and their families by January 15 of each year based on their Service's plan. The FPCA registers voters and acts as a request for absentee ballots for the calendar year. It is important to complete a new FPCA annually, and every time a person moves to ensure ballots for unscheduled or special elections are sent in a timely manner.

To find your state's election website for specific information on candidates, elections, contact information, and links to your local election offices, visit our [contact page](#). You can also reach out directly to your election office for status updates on your registration and absentee ballot.

Additional Information for non-UOCAVA voters: Uniformed service members, their families, and Department of Defense civilians who are currently stationed in the same location as their voting address may visit [vote.gov](http://vote.gov) to register to vote and request information from their local election office to vote locally.

### **Upcoming elections for federal office:**

The following states have elections for federal office in the next 90 days:

#### **January 2023:**

No elections for federal office scheduled

#### **February 2023- 30 Day Notice:**

February 21: Virginia Special Election in U.S. Congressional District 4

The State of Virginia will conduct a special general election on Tuesday, February 21st, to fill a vacancy for the 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, which includes all or parts of Brunswick, Charles City, Chesterfield, Dinwiddie, Greensville, Henrico, Prince George, Southampton, Surry, and Sussex Counties, and all or part of the independent cities of Colonial Heights, Emporia, Hopewell, Petersburg, and Richmond. Overseas citizens can register to vote up until February 14, 2023. Service members and eligible family members do not have a registration deadline. Voters can use the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) to register to vote, request a ballot, and update any contact information by using the completion tool available at [fvap.gov/FPCA](http://fvap.gov/FPCA) or by using the [fillable PDF version](#). After completing the FPCA, voters must print, sign, and send it to their local election office.

Virginia voters in the 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District who are already registered and want to receive a mailed ballot must send in the FPCA as a ballot request by 5pm February 10, 2023. Registered voters who prefer to receive their ballot by email or fax can request their ballot up until Election Day. Registered voters can send their completed, signed FPCA directly to their election office by email, mail, or fax.

Virginia voters in the 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District must return their voted absentee ballot by MAIL and postmarked by February 21, 2023. Detailed instructions and county contact information are available at [fvap.gov/virginia](http://fvap.gov/virginia). Voters can verify the status of their voting materials by contacting their [election office](#) directly.

If a requested ballot has not arrived, use the Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot (FWAB) immediately at [fvap.gov/FWAB](https://fvap.gov/FWAB). It works like a backup ballot. If your official absentee ballot arrives after sending in the FWAB, complete and send in the official ballot, too. Only one will be counted.

Make sure the voted ballot is received by your state. Go to [FVAP.gov](https://fvap.gov), click on your state and then the "check the status of your voted ballot" button.

**March 2023- 60 Day Notice:**

No elections for federal office scheduled

**April 2023- 90 Day Notice:**

No elections for federal office scheduled

COVID-19 ELECTION UPDATES - FVAP is working closely with state election offices, the Military Postal Service Agency and other federal agencies to bring you up-to-date information on possible mailing delays. Please visit [FVAP.gov/COVID-19](https://fvap.gov/COVID-19) for the latest information on any international postal disruptions or contact your installation military post office.

*The Department of Defense is required to send this email notification starting 90 days before each election for federal office. This information is current as of January 1, 2023. As updates may occur, please check the election calendars and state guidelines at [FVAP.gov](https://fvap.gov) for real time information.*

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If you would like more information on the Federal Voting Assistance Program, or need help with the absentee voting process, please go to [FVAP.gov](https://fvap.gov), call 703-588-1584 (toll free 1-800-438-VOTE or DSN 425-1584), or email ([vote@fvap.gov](mailto:vote@fvap.gov)).