



LET'S TALK ABOUT MAIL

September 22nd is UOCAVA Saturday and election officials around the country will be sending ballots out to voters. Since mail remains a big consideration, we wanted to share with you a few resources that will be helpful as you conduct your final preparations:

Support customer service and inform your voters of key dates. First, thank you for sending ballots to military and overseas voters in a timely manner, as it is critical to their ability to successfully return it to you in time to be counted. As you may know, many of these voters are located in remote and far regions of the world, and their recommended mailing dates for returning voted ballots to ensure delivery by election may vary. Click here to see the Military Postal Service Agency's (MPSA) [Recommended Mailing Dates by APO/FPO chart](#).

Review address cleanliness. FVAP publishes the same guidelines from USPS on how to address mail to military and overseas voters. You can view examples and guidelines for addressing materials on our [Sending Ballots](#) page of [FVAP.gov](#).

Military Voter Example



PFC John Doe
PSC 3 Box 4120
APO AE 09021

Overseas Citizens Example

MR THOMAS CLARK
117 RUSSELL DRIVE
LONDON W1P 6HQ
GREAT BRITAIN

REMINDER: REVIEW FVAP CONTACT INFORMATION

As a housekeeping reminder, be sure to search your records and websites for references to old FVAP contact information as FVAP will be discontinuing the use of fvap.ncr.gov or vote@fvap.ncr.gov as of September 30, 2018.

The most accurate contact information for FVAP that your office can use is:

- Email: vote@fvap.gov
- Call: 1-800-438-VOTE (8683)
- Web: www.FVAP.gov

NASED RECAP

The [National Association of State Election Directors \(NASED\)](#) hosted their annual summer conference this month in Philadelphia, PA. Among the many presenters, FVAP was invited to participate in a panel discussion on innovations and challenges with *UOCAVA* voting solutions. Mr. Justus Wendland of the Nevada Secretary of State's office and Mr. Trevor Timmons of the Colorado's Secretary of State's office joined the FVAP Director in the panel discussion. The panel highlighted all the new innovations states are creating to assist *UOCAVA* voters returning their election materials, especially in the areas of electronic return and the authorization for the use of electronic signatures. FVAP provided a point of validation for research and observations expressed by Justus and Trevor, including the consideration of usability when offering *UOCAVA* solutions and the need for greater customer service.

The panel serves as a great reminder on how FVAP can assist the states with understanding the impact of possible reforms to the *UOCAVA* process. If your state or local jurisdiction is crafting new policy or creating new ways to help *UOCAVA* voters, bring FVAP in early as we are happy to share our research and observations from the field.

Thank you to NASED and Amy Cohen, the NASED Executive Director, for such an informative conference!

ARMED FORCES AND OVERSEAS CITIZENS VOTERS WEEK

FVAP just concluded celebrating Armed Forces and Overseas Citizens Voters week and we couldn't be more excited with the results. During the week, U.S. military installations, embassies, consulates, and overseas citizens groups offered voter registration opportunities as part of Independence Day celebrations. The results were a mix of voting tables at grocery stores, gyms, barbecues, and 5k races worldwide! Check out our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages for some fun pictures of the activities. Thank you to all those election officials who volunteered their time to support military voters and their families by working at voting tables and booths over the holiday!

