



A MESSAGE FROM FVAP ACTING DIRECTOR, SCOTT WIEDMANN

In the midst of an already busy election cycle, I would like to thank each of you for the work you have and continue to do to ensure UOCAVA voters have what they need to successfully participate in this year's elections. The entire FVAP staff appreciate all the work done by states and localities to carry out an election and value our continued partnership as we work together to serve this important group of voters.

So that we can best deliver your state's requirements to voters, please keep in mind any impacts that changes in legislation or state regulations may have on UOCAVA voters, as well as any additional outreach that may be needed. We stand ready to update our information to ensure voters are able to navigate the absentee voting process.

If you are aware of a National Guard or Reserve group deploying from your state, contact us to help ensure they are registered to vote before heading out. Additionally, we are happy to support you at upcoming state or locally hosted training events. Please contact FVAP's State Legislative Affairs Specialist, Heather Eudy, at heather.d.eudy.civ@mail.mil.

As we work together through the November election, the Federal Voting Assistance Program team thanks you on behalf of Active Duty military members, their families, and U.S. citizens overseas.

Best regards,
Scott Wiedmann
Acting Director, Federal Voting Assistance

OUTREACH MATERIALS FOR YOU

If you are looking for marketing materials specific to UOCAVA voters, look no further than FVAP.gov. We provide a number of fact sheets, posters, brochures, infographics, and PSA videos on our website: <https://www.fvap.gov/info/outreach>. Additionally, we provide "toolkits" for social media which include: shareable graphics and template short-form posts for social media (Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, Twitter, etc.), long-form post content for blog, message board or LinkedIn, and content for your newsletter or website.

These tools are available for you to download, print, localize, and share as you see fit. We are always looking for ways to improve voter success through information, so let us know if there is anything that would further your ability to reach UOCAVA voters.

ELECTION WEBSITE AND CONTACT INFORMATION UPDATES

If any changes are made to state or local election website links and/or contact information - please notify FVAP so we can ensure the links we provide your voters continue to be up-to-date and accurate. The links we currently provide can be found [here](#). We encourage local election offices to review their contact information on FVAP.gov, including email addresses.

Send us an email at vote@fvap.gov containing the necessary updates.

HANDY TIP: UOCAVA ADDRESS FORMATTING

As the 2022 election is upon us, here are some tips for mailing official election materials to UOCAVA voters.

As you know, supporting customer service and communicating key election dates and deadlines is crucial. This includes reviewing voter rolls for mailing address cleanliness. As part of the resources we provide election officials, FVAP can look up active duty Service members' addresses for election officials. To request this information: email vote@fvap.gov or fax your request to (571-372-0735 or 571-372-0749) and include your name and jurisdiction, as well as the voter's full name, date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy) and the last four digits of their Social Security Number. We can only provide available and releasable information. Please note that we do not have access to address information for Service member spouses or dependents or for overseas citizens.

All official election materials sent to military members and their families anywhere in the world, and U.S. citizens overseas, are postage free. You can view examples and guidelines for addressing materials on our "Sending Ballots" page of FVAP.gov, located [here](#). We recommend you work with a mail piece design analyst at your local post office to ensure you are using the correct postage indicia and ballot envelope design before printing your ballot mailing and return envelopes.

Military Voter Example (do not include country name on ballots addressed to APO/FPO recipients.)

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Overseas Citizens Example (Address the ballot envelope exactly as the voter has provided the address as international address formats do not always follow USPS formatting, and be sure to include the country name in the address.)

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The USPS additionally provides guidance on this topic and other election mail topics here: <https://about.usps.com/what/government-services/election-mail/>. We are also available to answer any questions you may have about the topic, just send an email to vote@fvap.gov.

FVAP RELEASES THREE ADDITIONAL ANALYSES ON DATA STANDARDIZATION AND THE 2020 GENERAL ELECTION

The Federal Voting Assistance Program's (FVAP) latest research notes provide analyses built upon previous publications. The notes are based on transactional data from states and localities participating in the Council of State Governments' Overseas Voting Initiative to develop a standardized format that captures transactional-level data about military and overseas voters. The results are presented in the form of three separate Issue Briefs:

["Ballot Outcomes by Ballot Receipt Date Issue Brief"](#) which found that voters' knowledge of state requirements, including deadlines and signature requirements, reduce the likelihood of ballot rejection close to Election Day when little time is left to resolve these issues.

["Vote Outcomes for FPCAs and State Applications"](#) found that returned ballots requested using a Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) were counted at higher percentages than ballots requested through state applications.

["The UOCAVA Vote Process by World Regions"](#) data showed that many UOCAVA voters relied on electronic methods for ballot transmission and return, especially when residing in distant countries or regions with unreliable postal service.

If you would like more information regarding this research, please contact FVAP's State Legislative Affairs Specialist, [Heather Eudy](#) or Program Analyst, [Sara Hedlund](#).