

# FVAP UPDATE SEPTEMBER 2022







# **ELECTION OFFICE CONTACT INFORMATION UPDATES**

As Election Day approaches, we are once again asking for your assistance in verifying the contact information for your state's election offices posted on our website here: <a href="https://www.fvap.gov/search-offices">https://www.fvap.gov/search-offices</a>. We really appreciate your help this summer as well as your assistance in keeping us updated of changes over the course of the election cycle. If any contact information has changed please reach out to us with the necessary edits at <a href="https://www.fvap.gov">vote@fvap.gov</a>.

# **FVAP TO RELEASE ADDITIONAL TRANSLATED MATERIALS**

In 2020 FVAP made translations of the section-by-section FPCA and FWAB fact sheets available in Spanish, Portuguese, French, and Arabic. This year we are expanding the scope and number of translations available.

We plan to post bilingual versions online of the actual FPCA and FWAB forms in October in the above languages as well as Korean, Chinese, and Vietnamese.

An additional four fact sheets discussing ADM voting residency, residency for overseas citizens, information for eligible military family members, and common UOCAVA voting questions will also be translated into all the languages above.

You can find the current fact sheets here in pdf format: <a href="https://www.fvap.gov/eo/overview/materials/forms">https://www.fvap.gov/eo/overview/materials/forms</a>.

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Additionally, this year we added a translation feature to our website, in the top right hand corner of FVAP.gov.

### **ABSENTEE VOTING WEEK 2022**

This year's Absentee Voting Week is scheduled from October 1 through October 8, 2022. The FVAP, in coordination with the military services, the US Department of State, and other federal agencies will send out messaging to help ensure UOCAVA voters are aware that they should return their requested state ballot as soon as possible to ensure time for it to arrive at their election office by the deadline to be counted. Additionally, the time is used to educate voters on the availability and proper use of the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot as a back-up ballot for use to vote in elections for federal offices.

Every year, we see Voting Assistance Officers holding unique outreach and successful tabling events at installations, embassies, and consulates around the world. Election officials can contact their local Installation Voter Assistance Offices (IVAO) to organize or assist a voter registration tabling event on post to help inform Active duty voters and their family members about the voting process regardless of whether they qualify under UOCAVA or will need to vote locally. You can find your local IVAO contact information here: <a href="https://www.fvap.gov/info/contact/iva-offices">https://www.fvap.gov/info/contact/iva-offices</a>.

#### **FVAP'S CALENDAR ALERTS FOR UOCAVA VOTERS**

FVAP has downloadable Google calendars with federal office election dates and deadlines for each state and territory. Each of the 55 calendars for the 2022 election cycle contain state-specific information regarding ballot request and ballot return methods. Voters can easily download their state or territory's calendar for synchronization with their mobile or desktop device. Once downloaded, voters receive automatic updates to their calendars when any the provided information changes. Voters can download these alerts from our website: https://www.fvap.gov/calendar-alerts



## **UOCAVA TRAINING FOR ELECTION OFFICE STAFF**

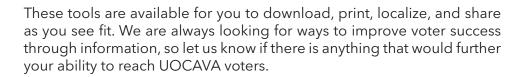
As many election offices are bringing on new full-time and temporary staff this election year, FVAP.gov hosts an online training module for staff who will be assisting UOCAVA voters. This 30-minute training can also serve as a good refresher for more seasoned staff. The training is available by visiting our website here: <a href="https://www.fvap.gov/eo/training">https://www.fvap.gov/eo/training</a>. Additionally, FVAP will begin reaching out to you all in the new year to offer FVAP staff in-person training at upcoming meetings and conferences as we prepare for the 2024 election cycle.



If you have any questions, feedback, or recommendations for the online training module, please reach out to FVAP so we can assist.

#### MATERIALS TO HELP YOU REACH YOUR UOCAVA VOTERS

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: <a href="https://www.fvap.gov/info/outreach">https://www.fvap.gov/info/outreach</a>. 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.





## **HOW TO REACH FVAP**

The FVAP call center remains a resource for all election officials, including questions about any of our resources for election officials. FVAP can help you sort out the nuances surrounding UOCAVA requirements and are always happy to share resources. The Call Center is available Monday to Friday, 8:00am - 4:00pm EST and can be reached at 1-800-438-8683 or by emailing <a href="mailto:vote@fvap.gov">vote@fvap.gov</a>.

