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South Carolina Special Primary Election Scheduled for May 2

Alexandria, Va. – The State of South Carolina will conduct a special primary election on Tuesday, May 2, 2017, for the 5th Congressional District to replace Mick Mulvaney who was confirmed as the Director of the U.S. Office of Management and Budget. This district consists of Cherokee, Chester, Fairfield, Kershaw, Lancaster, Lee, Union, and York counties, and portions of Newberry, Spartanburg, and Sumter counties.

The special general election will be held on June 20.

Service members, eligible family members and overseas citizens may use the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA), the registration and ballot request form accepted by all States and territories. Complete, sign and send the FPCA to your election office. **If you are a South Carolina resident from the 5th Congressional District, register and request an absentee ballot today starting at FVAP.gov.**

To access the FPCA, you can:

- Use the FPCA online assistant at <https://www.fvap.gov/military-voter/registration-ballots>;
- Complete the fillable PDF version at <https://www.fvap.gov/uploads/FVAP/Forms/fpca2013.pdf>; or
- Pick up a hardcopy version from your Voting Assistance Officer or nearest U.S. Embassy or Consular Office.

Be sure to double-check your contact information is accurate in case your election office needs to reach you.

If you are not currently registered, your FPCA needs to be received by April 3; if you are currently registered, your FPCA ballot request must be received by May 2.

Detailed instructions and county contact information is available at www.fvap.gov/south-carolina.

Ballots will be sent beginning March 18 for those who have requested them. If you do not receive your requested State ballot 30 days before the election, there's a backup ballot called the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) with an online assistant that provides you with the candidate list. It's available using the "Get My Ballot" link at <https://www.fvap.gov/military-voter/registration-ballots>. You may also fill out the PDF at <https://www.fvap.gov/uploads/FVAP/Forms/fwab2013.pdf> or pick up a hardcopy version from your Voting Assistance Officer or nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate.

If you receive your State ballot after submitting the FWAB, you should still complete and return it, as well. Only one ballot per person will be counted.

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Voters can contact FVAP's call center at 703-588-1584 (toll free 1-800-438-VOTE or DSN 425-1584) or at vote@fvap.gov. Toll-free phone numbers from 67 countries are listed at FVAP.gov. Find FVAP on Facebook at www.facebook.com/DoDFVAP and follow [@FVAP](https://twitter.com/FVAP) on Twitter.

Federal Voting Assistance Program

The Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) is a Department of Defense (DoD) organization that works to ensure Service members, their eligible family members, and overseas citizens are aware of their right to vote and have the tools and resources to successfully do so — from anywhere in the world.

FVAP assists voters through partnerships with the Military Services, Department of State, Department of Justice, and election officials from the 50 states, U.S. territories and the District of Columbia. State and local governments administer U.S. elections, including those for federal offices. FVAP supports State and local election officials by providing absentee voting information, materials, training and guidance.