



FVAP UPDATE

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FVAP 2018 STATE ELECTION OFFICIAL VOTING SURVEY REPORT PUBLISHED



FVAP has released the report based on the 2018 Post Election Voting Survey of State Election Officials (PEVS-SEO). This survey helps SEOs be more effective in their roles respective to UOCAVA voters. The survey gathers important information on how SEOs use FVAP products and services, interact with local election officials, and address state ballot and registration issues.

Some key highlights of the report include: the FPCA remains the standard form by which voters can establish their UOCAVA status and ensure that they receive the protections afforded to them by that status nationally; more states are allowing UOCAVA voters to register online; and from 2016 to 2018 there was a large increase in the percentage of states accepting the FPCA before Jan 1. You can read the report here: https://www.fvap.gov/uploads/FVAP/Surveys/FVAP_SEO_Technical_Report_2018.pdf.

U.S. TO REMAIN IN UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION

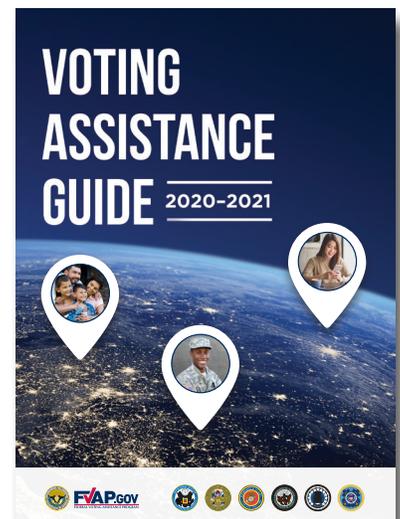


The U.S. membership in the Universal Postal Union remains intact after the September 25th vote on a new agreement by Union membership. Mailing and return of absentee ballots and other voting materials can proceed as normal for state elections this fall and the 2020 elections. Thank you to everyone who assisted with contingency preparations for the potential U.S. withdrawal, your help was invaluable.

VOTING ASSISTANCE GUIDE COORDINATION IS COMPLETE!



Thank you so much to you and your staff for providing input to update your state's section of the 2020-2021 Voting Assistance Guide. It is at the printer and on schedule for distribution to military and State Department Voting Assistance Officers worldwide. The new information will be available on our website and included in the online FPCA and FWAB assistants this fall. We look forward to working with all of you in the upcoming election cycle to make sure U.S. voters can vote from anywhere in the world.



SPOTLIGHT CORNER: MILITARY POSTAL SERVICE AGENCY (MPSA)

Mr. Charles A. "Cam" Martin has served the Department of Defense in various capacities since 1987. He began his service and education with the Air Force, receiving his commission as a Field Artillery Officer in the Army Reserve. He served on active duty as the Postal Officer in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Hungary, and Croatia and as the Postal Contingency Operations Team Leader supporting Balkans Contingency Operations for USAREUR/EUCOM in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Former Yugoslavian Republic of Macedonia, Hungary and Kosovo. His civil service career began as a Plans Specialist for 1st PERSCOM and USAREUR G-1. He also served as the Regional Director of Postal Operations for Central Iraq.



Mr. Martin currently serves as the Department of Defense Address Manager for the Military Postal Service Agency maintaining ongoing coordination with Military Service Representatives, MACOMs, Service Component Commands, the Interagency Postal Training Activity (IPTA), DOD agencies, USPS, and non-government agencies to improve delivery of mail in the Military Postal Service (MPS) throughout the world. Mr. Martin serves as liaison to FVAP, coordinating between FVAP, USPS, Local Election Officials, and all MPS activities in support of absentee ballot distribution, delivery, acceptance, mail processing, tracking, and reporting at all overseas MPS locations.

FVAP.GOV LEO SECTION UPDATES

We are updating the LEO section of the website to make it easier for you to find the information you need. We will make the section more user-friendly and update the information as needed to serve your needs in 2020. We will keep you informed when those changes are made.

