Wherever U.S. citizens go, FVAP ensures their voice is heard.

The Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) 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.

**Separating from Active Duty?**

Don’t let your vote get lost in transition! Notify your local election official of your change in status and that you will be voting locally in future elections. Steps can be found on the back of this sheet.

Local election official contact information can be found at FVAP.gov. Once you have alerted your election official, you should complete a National Voter Registration Form to register as a civilian in your new voting jurisdiction.

**Still on Active Duty?**

While on active duty, you are covered by The Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act; commonly referred to as UOCAVA. UOCAVA citizens are active members of the Uniformed Services, the Merchant Marine, their family members and U.S. citizens residing outside the United States. This Act provides the legal basis for absentee voting requirements for these citizens.

**Moving Abroad After Separation?**

If you will be moving abroad after separating from the military, you will remain a UOCAVA voter. You should submit a new Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) with your updated mailing address and new classification selection. The FPCA can be found at FVAP.gov. Your voting residence address in the U.S. will remain the same.
As you transition back to civilian life, you will no longer be covered by the UOCAVA. You and your voting-age family members should notify your local election official of your change in voter registration status and update your information to vote locally. You may do this in either one or two easy steps:

If you have voted absentee or locally and are staying in the same voting residence after separation:

Step 1: Notify your election official of your change in status and that you will be voting at the poll site in future elections. FVAP.gov provides a sample letter for your convenience.

If you voted absentee or locally at the polls and are moving to a new State or county after separation:

Step 1: Notify your election official of your change in status and that you will no longer be voting in that jurisdiction. FVAP.gov provides a sample letter for your convenience.

Step 2: Complete a National Voter Registration Form to register as a civilian.

*Additional information about registering to vote locally can be found on the State-specific election websites available at FVAP.gov/links.