

2024 Election Outreach Toolkit

For Military Spouses and Families Voting Absentee

Instructions

This outreach toolkit can support your organization in its efforts to help eligible spouses and family members of active duty military members vote absentee in the 2024 elections — from anywhere in the world.

You're welcome to **customize and publish the following shared content on digital channels** in order to reach military families living away from their voting residence.

Available content includes:

- **Shareable graphics and template short-form posts** for social media (Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, Twitter (X), etc.)
- **Suggested long-form post** content for a blog, message board or LinkedIn
- **Suggested blurb** content for e-newsletter or website
- **Infographic**

Active duty military members stationed away and their families need extra time to vote absentee. There are three elections in 2024, so it's never too early to share this information. For the General Election on November 5, 2024, it's best to share by mid-July so voters have time to register and request a ballot by August 1, 2024 (though state deadlines may be later).

The images in this document are for reference. Full-size image and video files are available [here](#).

Get more shareable content from FVAP [here](#).

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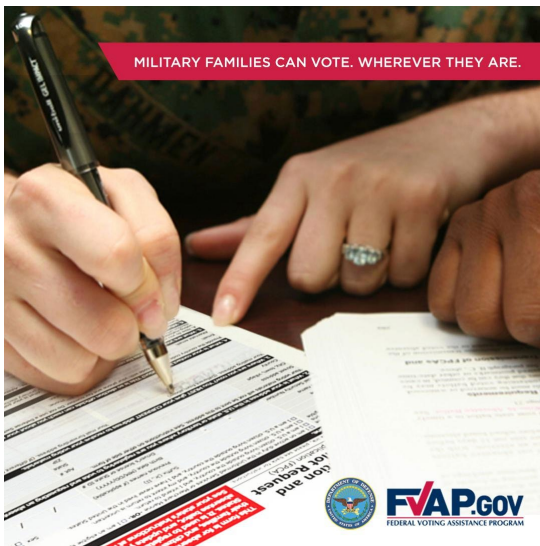
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Social Media Posts

Post Theme #1: Military Families Can Vote from Anywhere

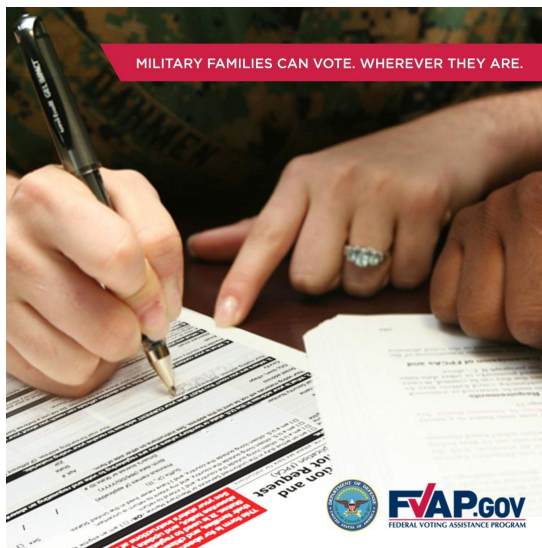
Facebook/Instagram/LinkedIn

In a military town? On base? You and your family can vote from anywhere in the 2024 election. Register and request your ballot at FVAP.gov.



X (Twitter)

In a military town? On base? You and your #MilFam can vote from anywhere in 2024. Register and request your ballot at FVAP.gov.



Post Theme #2: Two Easy Steps

Facebook/Instagram/LinkedIn

Military families stationed away can vote in just two easy steps. Register and request your ballot by August 1 for the General Election. Then, cast your ballot as soon as it arrives. Head to [FVAP.gov](https://fvap.gov) to get started.



X (Twitter)

Did you know you can vote anywhere as a #MilitaryFamily? Here are two simple steps you can take to vote absentee in 2024. Head to [FVAP.gov](https://fvap.gov) to get started.



Post Theme #3: PCS Move

Facebook/Instagram/LinkedIn

PCS moves come with a list of to-dos and new experiences for military families. FVAP can make updating your voter registration with your new address an easy item to cross off the list — just use the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) at [FVAP.gov](https://www.fvap.gov).



X (Twitter)

PCS moves come with a list of to-dos and new experiences for #MilSpouse and #MilFam. FVAP can make updating your voter registration with your new address an easy item to cross off the list — just use the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) at [FVAP.gov](https://www.fvap.gov).



Post Theme #4: DYK MSRRA?

Facebook/Instagram/LinkedIn

Military Spouses: Did you know that the Military Spouse Residency Relief Act now allows you to use the same residence that your Service member has established as your voter residence — even if you've never lived there? <https://www.fvap.gov/military-voter/military-spouses>



X (Twitter)

#MilSpouse: #DYK that the Military Spouse Residency Relief Act now allows you to use the same residence that your Service member has established as your voter residence — even if you've never lived there? <https://www.fvap.gov/military-voter/military-spouses>



Post Theme #5: This Is Voting

Facebook/Instagram/LinkedIn

Military families do things a little differently. And that includes voting. No matter where your family lives, you can vote absentee. Get started at [FVAP.gov](https://www.fvap.gov).



X (Twitter)

#MilFam does things a little differently. And that includes voting. No matter where your family lives, you can vote absentee. Get started at [FVAP.gov](https://www.fvap.gov).



Long-Form Posts for Blog, Message Board or LinkedIn

Two simple steps for military families to vote from anywhere

On base? In a military city? Living overseas? No matter where you are, you can vote.

If you or your spouse are living away from your voting residence, your military family can still vote absentee this election year. Here's how:

1. Register to vote and request your ballot in one easy step.

[Fill out the Federal Post Card Application \(FPCA\)](#) and send it to your election office by August 1 (or later depending on your state) for the General Election on November 5, 2024.

Find your state deadlines, election office's contact and other helpful information on [FVAP.gov](https://www.fvap.gov).

Your voting residence (the U.S. state or territory where you are registering to vote) is likely your legal residence. [Here's how to determine your voting residence](#). The Military Spouse Residency Relief Act (MSRRA) now allows you to use the same residence that your Service member has established as your voter residence—even if you've never been physically present there.

Using the FPCA ensures that your state will send your ballot to you at least 45 days before the election — a protection not guaranteed when using other forms. It's a good idea to send in a new FPCA every January and each time you move.

2. Fill out and send in your ballot when it arrives.

For the General Election, you should receive your ballot by early October.

Vote and send back your ballot as soon as you receive it. The recommended vote-by dates are:

- October 13, 2024 if you're outside the U.S.
- October 27, 2024 if you're stateside

If you requested your ballot but haven't received it, [contact your election office](#) to ask about the status of your ballot request.

If there isn't enough time to receive and send back your ballot before the election, [use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot \(FWAB\)](#). It works like a backup ballot. If your official absentee ballot arrives after sending in the FWAB, fill out and send in the official ballot too. Only one will be counted.

After you send in your ballot, you can check if it was received by your election office. Get started at [FVAP.gov](https://www.fvap.gov).

Blurb Content for E-Newsletter or Website

Two simple steps for military families to vote from anywhere

Military life can take you to lots of places. And you and your family can vote from all of them. Here's how:

First, register and request your ballot. Fill out the [Federal Post Card Application](#) (FPCA) to get absentee ballots for all three elections in 2024. (For the General Election on November 5, do so by August 1.)

Second, when your ballot arrives, fill it out and send it in.

The Federal Voting Assistance Program makes it that simple. Get anything else you need to vote absentee at [FVAP.gov](#).

Infographic

HOW TO VOTE FROM ANYWHERE IN 2 Simple Steps... WHEN YOU'RE A MILITARY SPOUSE

MILITARY LIFE CAN TAKE YOU LOTS OF PLACES.
YOU CAN VOTE FROM ALL OF THEM.

If you or your spouse is living away from your voting residence,
your military family can still vote absentee.

HERE'S HOW:

STEP
1

FILL OUT THE **FEDERAL POST CARD APPLICATION (FPCA)** AT **FVAP.GOV** TO REGISTER AND REQUEST YOUR BALLOT

WHEN?

Send it to your election office by **August 1***
(or later depending on your state) for the
General Election on November 5, 2024.

STEP
2

FILL OUT AND SEND IN YOUR BALLOT
WHEN IT ARRIVES

WHEN?

By your recommended deadline:



October 13, 2024
outside the U.S.



October 27, 2024
stateside

WHAT IF THE BALLOT DOESN'T ARRIVE
IN TIME TO FILL OUT AND SEND BACK
BY THE DEADLINE?

Use the *Federal Write-In Absentee
Ballot (FWAB)* as a backup ballot
at [FVAP.gov](https://fvap.gov).

WANT TO MAKE SURE YOUR
BALLOT WAS RECEIVED?
Check the status at [FVAP.gov](https://fvap.gov).

THAT'S IT. YOU VOTED.

GET MORE INFO AND ASSISTANCE AT [FVAP.GOV](https://fvap.gov)



FVAP.gov
FEDERAL VOTING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Americans can vote. **Wherever they are.**

*Recommended to ensure ballot arrives by election day