2024 Election Outreach Toolkit

For Service Voting Action Officers

Instructions

This outreach toolkit supports Service Voting Action Officers (SVAOs) to help promote FVAP's resources and assist active duty military voters and their eligible family members who want to vote absentee during the 2024 election year.

You're welcome to **customize and publish the following shared content** on your channels in order to reach absentee voters. Use "@FVAP" to tag on Twitter (X), "@FVAPGov" to tag on Instagram, and "@Federal Voting Assistance Program — FVAP" to tag on Facebook.

Available content includes:

- Shareable graphics and template short-form posts for social media (Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, Twitter (X), etc.)
- Long-form post content for blogs, message boards or LinkedIn
- **Blurb content** for e-newsletters or website
- Infographic

The images in this document are for reference. Full-size image and video files are available <u>here.</u>

Get more shareable content from FVAP here, including toolkits for each type of UOCAVA voter.

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Social Media Posts

Post Theme #1: Service Members Can Vote

Facebook/Instagram/LinkedIn

If you're active duty and stationed away from home, you can still vote! A fellow Service member breaks it down for you. Get started at <u>FVAP.gov</u>.

[Post a link to the <u>tutorial video on YouTube</u> or download from the folder linked above to post natively]



X (Twitter)

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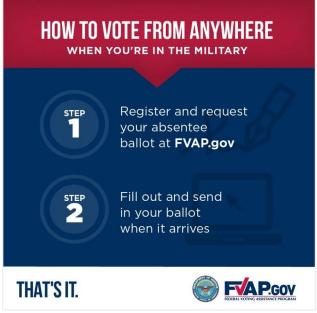
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Post Theme #2: Two Easy Steps

Facebook/Instagram/LinkedIn

Service members 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 to get started.



X (Twitter)

Did you know you can vote from anywhere as a #ServiceMember? Here are two simple steps you can take to vote absentee in the 2024 elections.



Post Theme #3: Military Families Can Vote

Facebook/Instagram/LinkedIn

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



X (Twitter)

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



Post Theme #4: This is Voting

Facebook/LinkedIn

Service members do things a little differently than civilians. And that includes voting. No matter your branch, no matter where you're stationed, you can vote absentee. Get started at <u>FVAP.gov</u>.

[Download the video from the folder linked to above to post natively]



X (Twitter)

#ServiceMembers do things a little differently than civilians. And that includes voting. No matter your branch or where you're stationed, you can vote. Get started at <u>FVAP.gov</u>.

[Download the video from the folder linked above to post natively]



Post Theme #5: DYK MSRRA

Facebook/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? <u>https://www.fvap.gov/military-voter/military-spouses</u>



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? <u>https://www.fvap.gov/military-voter/military-spouses</u>



Post Theme #6: Vote-By Date

HOLD FOR JUNE—SEPTEMBER 2024

Facebook/Instagram/LinkedIn

Whether you're stateside, overseas or on a ship at sea, Service members voting absentee in the 2024 General Election all have a vote-by date to ensure the voted ballot arrives by Election Day. Register and request your ballot today at <u>FVAP.gov</u>.

October 5, 2024 on a ship at sea
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October 13, 2024
outside the U.S.
October 27, 2024
stateside

X (Twitter)

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Post Theme #7: Promoting Voting Assistance Workshops & Town Halls

Voting Assistance Workshop: In-Person

Attend an FVAP Voting Assistance Officer Workshop



Voting Assistance Workshop: Virtual

Attend an FVAP Voting Assistance Officer Workshop

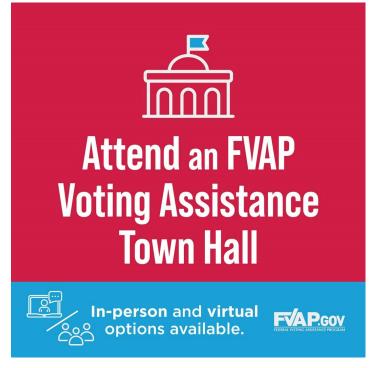


Voting Assistance Workshop: Hybrid

Attend an FVAP Voting Assistance Officer Workshop



Townhall



Editable Town Hall Workshop Template

Attend an FVAP Voting Assistance Townhall		
LOCATION		
[Address or URL.]		
ТҮРЕ		
[In-person or vitual.]		
CONTACT [Email x for more info.]	FEDERAL VOTING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM	

How to use the template:

- Open your PDF file in Acrobat Pro.
- Click the Edit PDF tool on the right-hand panel. ...
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Export your PDF to a JPEG file for use on social media:

- Go to the menu and select "File" > "Export to" > "Image."
- Choose image format type (JPG file).
- Click "Export."
- In the "Save As" dialog box, name your file and save.

Read More on how to edit PDFs here.

Long-Form Posts for Blog, Message Board or LinkedIn

Two simple steps for U.S. military members to vote from anywhere

On a ship? On base? Recently PCS'd? No matter where you are, you can vote.

If you're active duty and living away from your voting residence, you can have your absentee ballots sent to you this election year. Here's how:

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

Fill out the <u>Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)</u> 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 at <u>FVAP.gov</u>.

Your voting residence (the U.S. state or territory where you are registering to vote) is likely your legal residence. <u>Here's how to determine your voting residence</u>.

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 for the 2024 General Election are:

- October 5, 2024 if you're on a ship at sea
- 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, <u>contact your election office</u> 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, <u>use the</u> <u>Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)</u>. 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 <u>FVAP.gov</u>.

Blurb Content for E-Newsletter or Website

Two simple steps for U.S. military members to vote from anywhere

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

First, register and request your ballot. Fill out the <u>Federal Post Card Application</u> (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 <u>FVAP.gov</u>.

Infographic

