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Introduction

The *Human Resources Strategic Assessment Program* (HRSAP), Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC), conducts both Web-based and paper-and-pencil surveys to support the personnel information needs of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness (USD[P&R]). These surveys assess the attitudes and opinions of the entire Department of Defense (DoD) community on a wide range of personnel issues. A Web-based survey program with postal and e-mail notification, known as the *Status of Forces Surveys* (SOFS), provides data several times per year on active duty and Reserve component members and DoD civilian employees.

The Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act of 1986 (UOCAVA), 42 USC 1973ff, permits members of the Uniformed Services and Merchant Marine, and their eligible family members and all citizens residing outside the United States who are absent from the United States and its territories to vote in the general election for federal offices. These groups include:

- Members of the Uniformed Services (including Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard)
- U.S. citizens employed by the Federal Government residing outside the U.S., and
- All other private U.S. citizens residing outside the U.S.

The Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP), under the guidance of USD(P&R), is charged with implementing the UOCAVA and evaluating the effectiveness of its programs. The FVAP Office asked DMDC to design, administer, and analyze post-election surveys on Uniformed Services voter participation, overseas nonmilitary voter participation, and local election officials. Without such surveys, the DoD will not be able to assess and improve voter access. In addition, such surveys fulfill 1988 Executive Order 12642 that names the Secretary of Defense as the “Presidential designee” for administering the UOCAVA and requires surveys to evaluate the effectiveness of the program in presidential election years.

The objectives of the 2012 post-election surveys are: (1) to gauge participation in the electoral process by citizens covered by UOCAVA, (2) to assess the impact of the FVAP’s efforts to simplify and ease the process of voting absentee, (3) to evaluate other progress made to facilitate voting participation, and (4) to identify any remaining obstacles to voting by these citizens. Surveys were done of military members, federal civilian employees overseas, other U.S. citizens overseas, voting assistance personnel, and local election officials in the U.S.

The *2012 Post-Election Voting Survey of the Active Duty Military (2012 PEV7)* was designed to assess the attitudes and behaviors of the active duty military spouses

throughout the world. Active duty military are Uniformed Service members covered by UOCAVA. Data were collected from November 7, 2012, to January 18, 2013. Paper surveys were mailed on November 28, 2012, to those who did not respond via the Web¹. The sample consisted of 9,995 individuals drawn from the sample frame constructed from DMDC's *Active Duty Master Edit File*. Respondents became ineligible if they indicated in the survey or by other contact (e.g., telephone calls to the data collection contractor) that their spouses were not on active duty as of November 6, 2012, or that they were not a U.S. citizen or were not at least 18 years old as of November 6, 2012 (1.6% of the sample). A total of 1,370 eligible member spouses returned usable surveys, which represent an adjusted weighted response rate of 17.3%.

Overview of Report

This report also documents the procedures used to develop the instrument, design the sample, conduct the survey, process the data and prepare analysis weights. Along with the survey instrument, paper and Web, and communications to the sample members (Appendices A, B and C, respectively), the methods section includes details on how the survey was conducted. DMDC (2013a) provide details on sampling and weighting for the *2012 PEV7*. Tabulated results of the survey are reported by DMDC (2013b).

Following the summary of the survey methodology is a description of the survey analysis file layout and key variables. Appendices E through J address key concepts required for the analysis of complex survey data and the structure of records in the survey analysis files are introduced in this section. The appendices in this report include:

- A and B – Web and paper survey instruments.
- C – Samples of all possible communications sent to sample members during the survey administration: letters, and emails.
- Conventions for variable naming and construction are provided in D (annotated questionnaire) and E (coding scheme),
- F, G, and H list the names and values of all variables in the basic-survey dataset and the Privacy-Act confidential variables.
 - F lists the variables in alphabetical order and flags the Privacy-Act confidential variables with an asterisk (*).

¹ The survey was administered via the Web and paper-and- pencil questionnaires. Question numbers were identical between the Web and paper questionnaires except there were no open ending specify items in the paper questionnaire. Variable naming follow the order of items used on the Web administration. Appendix A provides the order of items used on the paper-and-pencil administration, and Appendix B provides the order of items used on the Web administration. The Web survey instrument allows us to have a soft opening and closing for the survey. The survey instrument was open and available to take survey responses between November 7, 2012 and January 18, 2013.

- G lists the variables in the order that they appear in the dataset. Variables with the same function are grouped together (i.e., all variables used for weighting are located together).
- H provides a frequency for each variable with the SAS² values, OS flat file³ values and SAS labels in the order that the variables appear in the dataset. In addition to the variables available on the basic-survey file, H contains details for the confidential variables that had to be suppressed to preserve the privacy of survey respondents and nonrespondents.
- I provides the record layout for the basic-survey flat file.
- The SAS code used to construct the analytic variables are included in J.
- K shows how current survey relates to previous surveys to the population.

Method

Post-Election Voting (PEV) surveys of military members, overseas federal civilian employees, overseas U.S. citizens, voting assistance officers, and local election officials in the U.S. have been conducted by FVAP in 2000, 2004, 2008, 2010, and 2012 as part of the UOCAVA mandate. However, poor sampling methodology and low survey response rates for these surveys raised concerns about FVAP's ability to generalize the views and voting experiences of survey respondents to all UOCAVA citizens.⁴ In addition, cognitive issues with the questionnaires themselves may have affected the accuracy of the data collected by each of the post-election surveys.⁵

In coordination with FVAP, the Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) developed methodologies for the 2012 Post-Election Voting Surveys that addressed the weaknesses of previous survey administrations.⁶ For 2012, five PEV surveys were conducted. The populations were: military members, U.S. citizens overseas, voting assistance personnel of military units and the Department of State, spouses of military members, and local election officials in the U.S. The following sections describe the methodology used in the *2012 PEV7*.

Survey Instrument

Topics covered in the *2012 PEV7* include background information, absentee ballots, the 2012 election, voting assistance, other sources of voting information, electronic transmission of voting materials, and the 2010 election. The survey was subdivided into the following seven topic areas:

² SAS® is a registered trademark of SAS Institute Inc., Cary, NC, USA.

³ The OS flat file is a text version of the dataset. The variables are in the columns and the records are in the rows. This data can be loaded into any statistical software package with the use of the record layout (Appendix H).

⁴ Details of sampling issues for each survey are reported by Westat (2007a).

⁵ Questionnaire design issues are described by Westat (2007b).

⁶ The planned methodology is summarized by DMDC (2008).

1. *Background Information*—Marital status, member’s active duty status, citizenship, age, race/ethnicity, geographic location on election day, location of legal voting residency, and voter registration status.
2. *Absentee Ballots*—Absentee ballot requests; use of Federal Post Card Application (FPCA); receipt, completion, and return of absentee ballots; sources used to obtain FPCA; satisfaction with absentee voting process; preferences about using absentee ballots in future elections; use and return of Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB); use of FVAP website to complete FWAB; satisfaction with automated assistant/wizard on FVAP website; and reasons for not using FWAB.
3. *2012 Election*—Voting interest in 2012 election, voting history, voting behavior in the 2012 election, and reasons for not voting in 2012 election.
4. *Voting Assistance*—Receipt of and satisfaction with information and assistance from spouse’s Unit Voting Assistance Officer (UVAO) and Installation Voter Assistance Office (IVAO); types of information and assistance received from spouse’s UVAO and IVAO; reasons for not receiving information and assistance from spouse’s UVAO and IVAO; use of and satisfaction with FVAP website; reasons for not using FVAP website; use of DoD *2012-13 Voting Assistance Guide (VAG)*; and use of and satisfaction with FVAP’s online chat service, e-mail support, and toll-free telephone service.
5. *Other Sources of Voting Information*—Use of other sources of voting information, including social media (Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, and Google+), government agencies, political organizations, and news media; and best sources of information for future absentee voting.
6. *Electronic Transmission of Voting Materials*—Access to government and non-government websites, fax, e-mail, printers, and scanners from Labor Day to November 6, 2012, election and use of fax and e-mail for voting materials during 2012.
7. *2010 Election*—Voting behavior in the 2010 election.

Sample

The target population for the *2012 PEV7* consisted of spouses of active duty members of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Coast Guard who have at least 6 months of service at the time the questionnaire is first fielded and who are below flag rank. Spouses of National Guard/Reserve members were excluded from the target population. In addition, for respondents to have remained eligible, they must have indicated that, at the time of the survey, they were a U.S. citizen and were currently married to an active duty member.

The sample consisted of 9,995 active duty members spouses; 1,370 ultimately provided usable survey responses.

Constructing the Frame and Drawing the Sample

The target population for the 2012 PEV7 consisted of spouses of active duty members of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Coast Guard who had at least six months of service at the time the questionnaire was first fielded and who were below flag rank. Spouses of National Guard/Reserve members were excluded from the target population. In addition, for respondents to have remained eligible, they must have indicated that, at the time of the survey, they were a U.S. citizen and at least 18 years old, and were currently married to an active duty member.

The sampling frame consisted of 719,604 married active duty member records drawn from the June 2012 Active Duty Master Edit File (ADMF). Auxiliary information used to develop the frame was obtained from the June 2012 Family Database, the June 2012 Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) files, and the May 2012 Contingency Tracking System (CTS) Deployment file. Additionally, to update a member's active duty status the July 2012 ADMF and the August 2012 Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) Medical Point-in-Time Extracts (PITE) were used. Sample members who subsequently became ineligible (record ineligible) were identified by comparison to the September 2012 ADMF and September 2012 DEERS PITE. Other individuals were identified as ineligible by self or proxy report due to separation, retirement, incarceration, by the survey control system and during the survey fielding period, November 7, 2012, through January 18, 2013.

Stratification Variables

The frame was stratified (divided into mutually exclusive population groups) for sampling using the five population characteristics listed in Table 1.

Table 1.
Member Stratification Variables

Dimension of Stratification	Levels
Active Duty Service Branch	Army Navy Marine Corps Air Force Coast Guard
Paygrade Group	E1-E4 / Unknown Enlisted E5-E9 W1-W5 O1-O3 / Unknown Officers O4-O6
Race/Ethnic Category	Non-minority / Unknown Minority
Duty Location	U.S. & U.S. Territories, Other, Unknown Overseas
Age	18 to 29 years old 30 years old or more

Researchers identified population subgroups of particular interest to policy officials. These reporting domains were defined using the demographic variables shown in Table 2. Multiple versions of most of these variables were created to permit varying levels of detail for analysis and reporting.

Table 2.
Factors Defining Key Reporting Domains (Member)

Variable	Categories
Active Duty Service	Army Navy Marine Corps Air Force Coast Guard
Paygrade Group	E1-E4 / Unknown Enlisted E5-E9 W1-W5 O1-O3 /Unknown Officers O4-O6
Gender	Male Female
Race/Ethnic Category	Non-minority / Unknown Minority
Duty Location	U.S. & U.S. Territories, Other, Unknown Overseas
Age	18 to 29 years old 30 Years old or more

The sample size and allocation were determined using the DMDC Sample Planning Tool (SPT), Version 2.1 (Dever & Mason, 2003). The Tool uses a formal mathematical procedure (Chromy, 1987) to determine the minimum cost (i.e., minimum size) allocation that meets precision requirements (e.g., ± 5 percentage points) imposed on prevalence estimates for key reporting domains.

Within each stratum, the sample was selected with equal probability and without replacement. Sampling rates varied across the strata, so individuals were not selected with equal probability overall. Tables 3 present a summary of the sample allocation for the total population and by paygrade group, race/ethnicity, geographic region, and age group by Service.

Table 3.**Sample Allocation for the 2012 Post-Election Voting Survey of the Active Duty Military Spouses: Active Duty Members**

Sample	Total	Army	Navy	Marine Corps	Air Force	Coast Guard
<i>Total</i>	9,995	3,071	1,917	2,240	1,778	989
<i>Paygrade Group</i>						
E1-E4	3,274	1,166	527	904	468	209
E5-E9	4,858	1,377	1,019	974	943	545
W1-W5	317	132	40	76	0	69
O1-O3	897	242	189	175	199	92
O4-O6	649	154	142	111	168	74
<i>Race/Ethnicity</i>						
Non-minority	6,422	1,902	1,035	1,476	1,322	687
Minority	3,573	1,169	882	764	456	302
<i>Region Hierarchical Collapsed</i>						
U.S. & U.S. Territories, Other, Unknown	7,593	2,037	1,554	1,947	1,068	987
Overseas	2,402	1,034	363	293	710	2
<i>Age</i>						
18 to 29 years old	5,207	1,644	934	1,443	820	366
30 years old or more	4,788	1,427	983	797	958	623

Respondents**Sample Losses**

The original sample file contained 9,995 active duty members. Losses to the drawn sample are listed in Table 4. Sample members were lost for three main reasons: (1) self- or proxy-reported ineligibility, (2) nonlocatability, and (3) refusal to participate in the survey, or other nonresponse.

A total of 561 sample members (5.61%) were determined to be ineligible. Elimination of ineligibles decreased the sample to 94.39% (N=9,434) of its original size.

Table 4.
Final Sample Relative to Drawn Sample

	Sample Size n	% of Drawn Sample	Weighted n	% of Weighted Sample
<i>Drawn sample</i>	9,995		719,604	
Ineligible on master files	-401	4.01%	-29,507	4.10%
Self-reported ineligible	-160	1.60%	-11,954	1.66%
Total: Ineligible	-561	5.61%	-41,461	5.76%
<i>Eligible sample</i>	9,434	94.39%	678,143	94.24%
Not located (estimated ineligible)	-100	1.01%	-5,714	0.79%
Not located (estimated eligible)	-984	9.84%	-59,263	8.24%
Total not located	-1,084	10.85%	-64,978	9.03%
<i>Located sample</i>	8,350	83.54%	613,165	85.21%
Requested removal from survey mailings	-91	0.91%	-7,023	0.98%
Returned blank	-75	0.75%	-5,553	0.77%
Skipped key questions	-30	0.30%	-2,288	0.32%
Did not return a survey (estimated ineligible)	-629	6.29%	-43,022	5.98%
Did not return a survey (estimated eligible)	-6,155	61.58%	-446,175	62.00%
Total: Non-response	-6,980	69.83%	-504,062	70.05%
<i>Usable responses</i>	1,370	13.71%	109,103	15.16%

In general, Spouse's residence addresses were used whenever possible. Member residence addresses were used next. The member's assigned or duty unit address was only when the residence address was incomplete or invalid. Procedures used to locate members are explained in a later section that describes the Survey Control System. Because of this address update procedure, less than 10.85% of the drawn sample (1,084 of 9,995) was lost because members spouse addresses could not be located. Personnel records for this group had missing, incomplete, or out-of-date addresses on file, and steps designed to obtain complete, current addresses were unsuccessful.

Losses attributable to either ineligibility or unlocatability resulted in a sample that was 83.54% of the drawn sample. Individuals in this remaining sample may be further categorized as nonrespondents versus respondents. Nonrespondents included the following groups: sample members spouses who contacted the operations contractor (by mail, fax, e-mail, Web, or telephone) and asked to have their names removed from the survey mailing list, and 6,784 sample members who did not return a survey.

Respondents included all sample members who completed 50% of applicable questions. At the conclusion of the survey fielding, 1,370 eligible, locatable sample members had returned usable surveys.

Location, Response and Completion Rates

Beginning in 1995, DMDC standardized its methods for calculating response rates and completion rates using procedures patterned after those advocated by the Council of American Survey Research Organizations (CASRO). CASRO noted that varying operational definitions of response rates can lead to problems or confusion (e.g., when awarding contracts requiring pre-specified response rates or when interpreting the results of a survey). As a result, CASRO formed a task force to recommend guidelines for standardizing the operational definitions of response rates. The new DMDC procedures closely follow CASRO's Sample Type II design (see Council of American Survey Research Organizations, 1982). This definition corresponds to The American Association for Public Opinion Research (AAPOR) RR3 (AAPOR, 2008), which estimates the proportion of eligible cases among cases of unknown eligibility.

Table 5 provides location, response, and completion rate information. The location rate is defined as the proportion of eligible sample members that were located. The completion rate is defined as the proportion of the located sample that returned usable surveys. The response rate is defined as the proportion of eligible sample members that returned usable surveys.

Table 5.
Location Rates, Response Rates, and Completion Rates for Eligible Sample Members

Type of Rate	Computation	Observed Rates	Weighted Rates
Location	Adjusted located sample / Adjusted eligible sample	88.7%	90.6%
Completion	Usable responses / Adjusted located sample	17.7%	19.1%
Response	Usable responses / Adjusted eligible sample	15.7%	17.3%

Experiment: Monetary Incentives

The 2012 PEV7 survey attempted to increase response rates through a simple monetary incentive where 80% of all sampled spouses received \$1 as a token of appreciation for completing the survey. The sample was selected proportionally within each stratum. While monetary incentives have been studied and implemented in the general population, incentives have not been used in Department of Defense surveys because the DoD prohibits their use for active duty military. DMDC was able to secure approval to provide a monetary incentive experiment in the 2012 Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) survey of active duty military spouses. DMDC had never conducted any monetary incentive experiments before and the intent of this incentive was to establish a baseline level of research for other subsequent spouse surveys.

Survey Development and Administration

The PEV7 2012 survey was administered by both web and paper-and-pencil questionnaires.

The survey was hosted on the operations contractor’s secure Web site. Respondents entered the survey through a .mil site (<https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/dodsurvey>). The sample members entered their personal ticket numbers; the “Continue” redirected them to the operations contractor’s secure Web site (<http://www.dodsurvey.net>). This site stated the source of the survey’s certification. Sample members next saw a welcome page, which told them what the survey was about and gave them access to the frequently asked questions (FAQ). The welcome page also invited sample members to create a Personal Identification Number (PIN) and click “Continue.” Next, members saw the Privacy Act Statement & Informed Consent Information. If the members agreed to do the survey, they clicked “Continue” to begin the survey.

Each survey question was displayed on its own Web page. For each question, the survey allowed respondents to return to the previous page, move forward to the next page, clear their response(s), or save and exit the survey. Respondents answered questions by clicking on radio buttons, checking boxes, by choosing from a drop-down list, or text or numeric entry. If the respondent chose to save and return to the survey later, upon returning to the survey, the respondent was required to enter their ticket number and was brought back to the item from which they exited. The final page of the survey had the option to submit the survey or to return to the previous page. In addition to the navigation features, the survey featured smart skips. Based on previous answers, the respondents would only be shown questions for which they were applicable (see D for skip information). The survey was hosted on the operations contractor’s secure Web site so that sample members could complete the survey online. At the entry point to the survey, sample members were prompted for their personal ticket number to gain entry to the survey. The Privacy Notice and a page of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ’s) were provided.

For those member spouses who had not responded to the Web survey were given an option to complete a paper-and-pencil survey. Approximately three weeks following the notification mailing, a letter, paper survey, and a folded business reply envelope were mailed to all eligible sample on November 28, 2012.

Survey Administration

The survey administration process began in November 2012, with mailouts of announcement letters to sample members (minus original ineligible). Notifications were sent by e-mail within 24 hours after the survey was available on the Web and seven (7) reminder e-mails were sent to those for whom we had e-mail addresses. A member e-mail was also distributed. In addition, there were postal mailouts of up to three (3) reminder letters during the field period to those who hadn’t submitted a survey. The dates of the postal mailouts are displayed in Table 6.

Table 6.
Mailing Timeline and Return Results

Mailing Numbers and Groups	Print File Creation Date*	Mail Drop Date	Number Sent	Number of PNDs
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Notification	10/24/12	11/07/12	9591	818
Subtotal: Notification			9591	818
Cover Letter, Survey	11/20/12	11/28/12	9,210	643
Subtotal: Cover Letter, Survey			9,210	643
Reminder 1	12/03/12	12/05/12	9,048	514
Reminder 1 Re-mail 1	12/06/12	12/10/12	153	42
Reminder 1 Re-mail 2	12/11/12	12/13/12	50	7
Subtotal: Reminder 1			9,251	563

Table 6. (continued)

Mailing Numbers and Groups	Print File Creation Date*	Mail Drop Date	Number Sent	Number of PNDs
Reminder 2	12/20/12	12/26/12	8,435	261
Subtotal: Reminder 2			8,435	261
Reminder 3	01/03/13	01/07/13	8,242	95
Reminder 3 Re-mail 1	01/11/13	01/15/13	132	0
Subtotal: Reminder 3			8,374	95
Mailing Grand Totals			44,861	2,380

Note. *Print file creation date: This is the date records were identified for inclusion in the mailing and written to a print file.

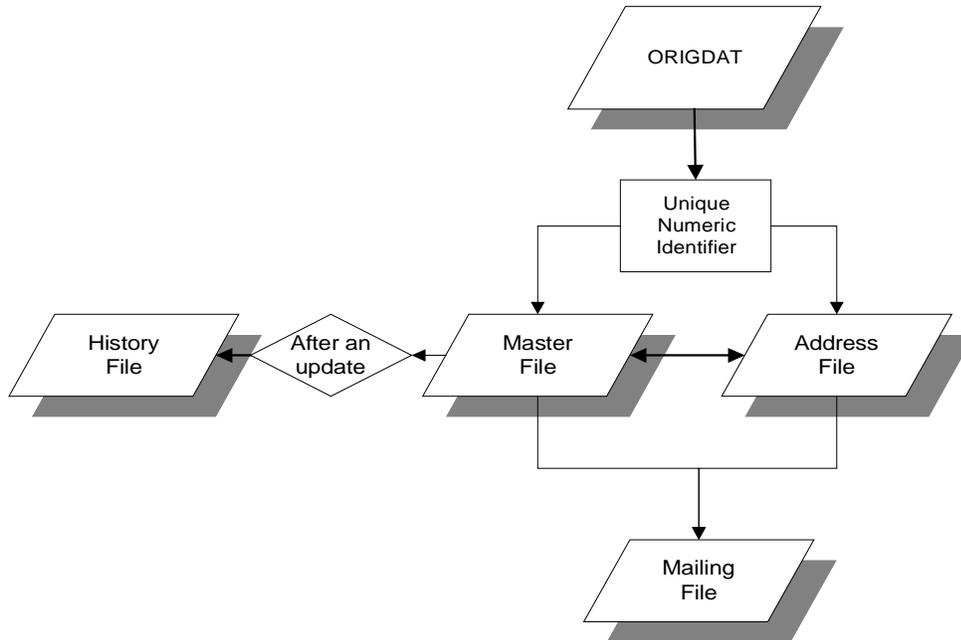
Survey Control System

The Survey Control System (SCS)⁷ was used to monitor the data collection process and to track all data transactions over the course of the survey administration. The datasets in the SCS include sample members' names and addresses, but do not contain survey data. Because of privacy concerns, SCS datasets are not available for basic release.

The operations contractor uses the SCS to store and update project data, monitor mailings, respond to documents returned as postal non-deliverables (PNDs), and determine survey participation and eligibility status. The SCS consists of five datasets: the ORIGDAT file, the ADDRESS file, the MASTER file, the HISTORY file, and the MAILING file. The files are linked relationally by INRECNO, a unique individual identification number that was assigned to each sample member when the record was loaded into the SCS. Figure 1 displays the interrelationships among those datasets.

⁷ In this document, the term SCS refers to the set of data files as well as the program or operating system which generates and maintains those files.

Figure 1.
Survey Control System



ORIGDAT file. The ORIGDAT file consists of 9,995 records, one record for each member of the sample. It is the original sampling frame file sent to the operations contractor by DMDC. The original file was loaded onto the operations contractor's computer system and converted to a SAS[®] dataset. As the file was converted into a SAS[®] dataset, the SCS generated a unique identification number (INRECNO) for each record. This number identifies the sample member throughout the SCS and also in returns data sets, comment text files and other specify text files. The names and some demographic data from the ORIGDAT file were loaded into the MASTER file in preparation for the first mailing. The addresses from the ORIGDAT file were loaded into the ADDRESS file.

ADDRESS file. The ADDRESS file tracked the postal and e-mail addresses that were maintained for each sample member. The ADDRESS file contains one record for each postal address for each sample member (e.g., if there were five addresses located for one sample member during the survey administration, that sample member has five separate records in the ADDRESS file) yielding an ADDRESS file containing 43,578 records. Each record is uniquely identified by the combination of INRECNO (identifying the sample member) and an address number (ADDRNO) assigned to each address. This address number is the sequential order of receipt of the address for a particular sample member. For example, if a sample member has one address record in the ADDRESS file, the address number for that record is one. If the sample member faxed in a change of postal or e-mail address, the new address was added as address number two. The ADDRESS file was initially loaded with postal and e-mail addresses from the

ORIGDAT file. Each record in the ADDRESS file includes the sample member's INRECNO, address, the source of the address, and address priority code, a variable indicating whether the record is the highest priority address for this sample member, and variables indicating whether the address successfully reached the sample member.

The priority code assigned to a given address number for a sample member was used to determine the "best" or "highest priority" address for the sample member at any given time. It was originally determined by the source of the address. Address updates obtained directly from a sample member received a priority number of one. The order of priority of address sources from "highest priority" to "lowest priority" is as follows, respectively:

1. updates directly from a sample member (call, fax, e-mail, Web update or letter)
2. address corrections from the U.S. Postal Service, (ACS [electronic address change service], ACRs [address correction requests], and ODF's [out-of-date-forwarded mail])
3. NCOA-updated addresses
4. DEERS residential addresses
5. DEERS unit addresses

MASTER file. The MASTER file is used by the SCS to select records for upcoming survey mailings. This file includes a record for each member of the sample and was initially created by extracting data from each record in the ORIGDAT file. Each MASTER record includes the sample member INRECNO and the address number for the highest priority postal and e-mail address in the ADDRESS file for this sample member. The MASTER file accommodated data updates through an automated process (e.g., updating the address number in use after the receipt of a postal or e-mail non-deliverable or Web update) or manual key entry (e.g., updating information in response to a telephone call, fax, letter return or e-mail from a sample member). As new information was received for a particular record (including changes to the highest priority address), the SCS updated the MASTER record (N=9,995) and wrote the old record to the HISTORY file. The MASTER file also contains a set of variables which summarize the sample member's participation in each of the mailings.

HISTORY file. The HISTORY file is a chronicle of the changes that occurred to the MASTER file. Each HISTORY record is a subset of an outdated MASTER record with the addition of a date and time stamp as the record is updated. That is, a HISTORY record is created when there is a name, address, paygrade, or eligibility status change in the MASTER file. Thus, the HISTORY file contains as many observations as there are updates to the MASTER file.

MAILING file. The MAILING file tracked all survey mailings (postal and e-mail). This file contains one record for either an item postal mailed or e-mailed during the survey administration (N=85,487). Each MAILING record includes the INRECNO, address number used, date of mailing, mailing status, type of mailing, and the mailing identification code (MIC).

Address Update Procedures and Processing

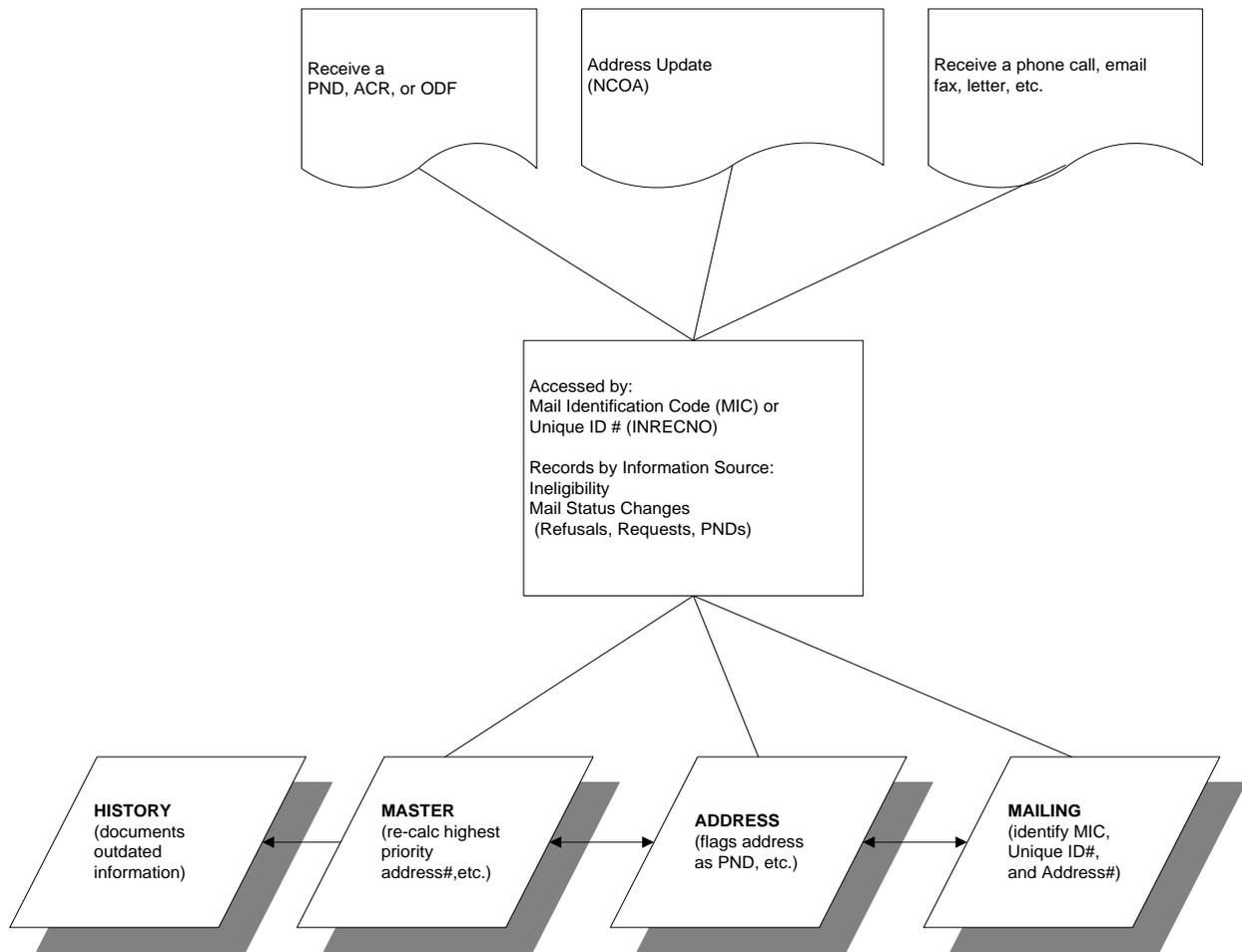
Initial Address Updates

Prior to the first mailing, the operations contractor ensured all domestic residential addresses were formatted to conform to U.S. Postal Service standards. Once the addresses were standardized, they were passed through operations contractor-owned Satori software where they were checked against the NCOA database. The NCOA software updated the address records (in standardized format) based on change-of-address cards filed with the United States Postal Service (USPS). The updated NCOA address file was integrated into the SCS. The NCOA-updated addresses were added to the ADDRESS file and became the current ADDRNO with the “highest priority code assigned” in the MASTER file.

Ongoing Address Updates

Address update procedures also occurred when (a) additional address records were received after NCOA processing, (b) a survey document was returned as undeliverable, (c) a sample member self-reported a name, rank, or address change, or (d) the U.S. Postal Service forwarded address correction information. Figure 2 outlines these procedures.

Figure 2.
Address Updating Procedures



As a new address was entered into the ADDRESS file, its source (NCOA, postal Address Correction Requested card, telephone call, fax, letter, Web, or e-mail) was recorded and a new address number was assigned. The priority assigned to the address was based upon the source of the update and the date and time of the address (see the description of priority, for the ADDRESS file). At any given time, the current address used corresponded to the address number with the highest priority code.

Updates from Sample Members

Updates from sample members could be communicated via the toll-free telephone number (either by speaking to the operations contractor’s Call Center staff or by leaving a voice

mail message). In addition, sample members could mail, fax or e-mail updates or go to the survey Web site and enter updates. The updates made on the Web site were loaded into the SCS before the start of the survey. Other updates were entered into the SCS by the operations contractor's Call Center staff to coincide with the mailing schedule.

Updates from the U.S. Postal Service

There are several types of address updates provided by the postal service. They are detailed below; each includes a description of the processing steps.

6. **Postal Non-Deliverable Mail (PND):** The sample member moved and no forwarding address was available. The mail piece was returned to the operations contractor. The operations contractor removed the letter from the envelope and scanned it to capture the Mailing Identification Code (MIC) in the lower right corner. A file of the MICs was loaded to the SCS so the records could be updated as PND. This was done as necessary to coincide with the mailing/re-mailing schedule. If the sample member had another address on file (e.g., the unit address), that address was used for the next mailing.
7. **Address Correction Requests (ACR):** The outbound envelopes contained the endorsement "Address Service Requested." The post office provided the corrections via hard copy cards that were sent to the operations contractor. The manual corrections were entered into the SCS by the operations contractor's Call Center staff, typically by close of business the next day but no later than prior to the preparation of the next mailing. The USPS also provided electronic updates delivered via a secure Web site. These updates were programmatically entered into the SCS.

KIA/Deceased List Process

Throughout the survey mailing cycle, DMDC provided weekly lists of sample members who have been killed in action (KIA), are missing in action (MIA), or are deceased. These sample members' SCS records were updated up until survey field close with a disposition code that indicated no further mailings are to occur. This updating process occurred within 24 hours of receiving the KIA/deceased list. The current list was applied to the sample file before the selection process for every postal and email distribution. In addition, for KIAs and MIAs, if a postal mailing was in process at the time the list is received, operations contractor manually pulled the indicated mail piece out of the mail stream.

Survey Materials and Their Distribution

Each eligible sample member received at most five (5) original mailings: an announcement letter, three (3) reminder mailings and a paper survey mailing that included a return envelope. Each mailing contained a letter. A sample of letters and e-mail communications is provided in B.

In addition, e-mail was used to communicate with sample members. Not every sample member had an e-mail address. However, for those sample members for whom we had an e-mail address, they received at most eight (8) e-mails; an announcement and seven (7) reminders. An additional email communication was sent to the active duty members as well.

General Mailing Procedures

Prior to every mailing, the SCS searched the records in the MASTER file to identify which records should be excluded (e.g., sample members self-reported as ineligible for survey participation, sample members who had already returned survey forms, and members with no valid addresses available). For re-mails (sent between mailings), the SCS identified only those records that had been updated since the prior mailing. More specifically, the SCS identified records that had resulted in PNDs or had been manually flagged for re-mailing (e.g., in response to a sample member calling the operations contractor stating she or he had received a reminder/thank you letter but had not received a survey, etc.).

Once all records for a particular mailing or re-mailing were identified, the SCS processed the records. If the mailing group was large enough to lead to a cost savings from sorting, the records were run through Satori⁸ postal software to sort the records according to first-class presort postal regulations. After this procedure, a unique Mail Identification Code (MIC) was assigned to each record. The MIC was assigned either from the survey lithocode list if a survey form was sent or independently if only a letter was sent.

Ticket Numbers for Web Survey Access

Prior to the first mailing, a list of ticket numbers⁹ for Web survey access was randomly generated. One secure ticket number was assigned to each sample member and remained linked to that member for the duration of the project. That is, while a member's MIC or lithocode changed with each mailing as described previously, the member's ticket number did not change. The member's unique ticket number was printed (along with the survey URL) in each letter and e-mail sent to that individual. A member could not access the Web survey without using his or her ticket number.

Description of Letters

Letters were printed with the record's unique MIC listed in the address field and on the lower right corner of the letter. The announcement and reminder letters were folded and machine inserted into window envelopes and sent by first class mail. The paper survey and cover letter were not folded, but sent with a return envelope in a larger envelope. The MIC on the cover letter was used to pair the letter with the correct survey. During the matching process, ten percent of the mailing was visually checked, comparing numbers printed on the letter with the survey number for quality control. Any mismatched pairs initiated further investigation of the matching process. This procedure ensured that each survey was sent to the person designated to receive it. Depending on the sample size, the letters and matched surveys were machine or hand inserted into envelopes, metered if necessary, and sent by first class mail.

The status of each mailing was tracked throughout the data collection so that address-correction information could be incorporated into all relevant mailings. When a mail piece came back PND, the next mail piece was sent to a new address (if one could be obtained during the

⁸ Satori Software is a non-exclusive NCOA^{Link}® Full Service Provider Licensee and RDITM Licensee of United States Postal Service®.

⁹ Ticket numbers are eight alpha numeric characters generated at random.

mailing period). For all mail pieces that came back PND, re-mails were completed if a newer/updated address could be found.

DMDC provided the operations contractor with the text, letterhead and signature for the cover letters. The letters explained why the survey was being conducted, how the survey information would be used, and why participation was important. See B for copies of the letters. The letters were approved and printed on letterhead from the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) and signed by the FVAP Acting Director, Pamela S. Mitchell.

The letterhead was printed in blue and red, the signature in black, and the text and recipient information of all letters were printed in black. In addition to including a name and address (which was also used as the mailing information for the window envelopes), each letter included a personalized salutation. The salutation addressed each sample member by his/her name. When spouse name was missing, the salutation was Dear Spouse of (Rank) Member Name. When the spouse name and member rank abbreviation were unknown or missing, the salutation was Dear Spouse.

Mailouts

Table 6 lists the mailing dates and record counts for each of the mailouts and re-mailings. For the notification mailing, a letter was inserted into a #10 window envelope. The letter notified sample members that they were selected for this Web survey and encouraged their participation announcing the availability of the Web survey. The announcement letter was mailed to 9,951 active duty spouse sample members on November 7, 2012.

.Approximately three (3) weeks following the notification mailing, eligible sample members who had not yet responded to the Web survey received the option to complete a paper survey. For this mailing, a letter, paper survey, and a folded business reply envelope were provided. The survey packet was mailed to 9,210 sample members.

The first reminder letter was sent to 9,048 spouses of active duty members. The mailing was sent out December 5, 2012. The letter, inserted into a #10 window envelope, thanked sample members for completing the survey if they had done so, and reminded them to complete the survey.

A second reminder letter was sent to 8,435 spouses of active duty members. The mailing was sent out December 26, 2012. The letter, inserted into a #10 window envelope, thanked sample members for completing the survey if they had done so, and reminded them to complete the survey if they had not.

The third and final reminder letter was sent to 8,242 spouses of active duty members. The mailing was sent out January 7, 2013. The letter, inserted into a #10 window envelope, thanked sample members for completing the survey if they had done so, and reminded them to complete the survey.

E-mail was also used to communicate with sample members. There were three sources for e-mails. First, each sample member had the opportunity to provide up to two personal e-mail addresses on the survey Internet site prior to start of the survey. The second source for e-mail addresses was the DEERS database. The third source were e-mail addresses purchased from an outside vendor (N=1,706). The outside vendor maintains a customer database of e-mail addresses that has been lawfully collected and compiled from consumers pursuant to a notice that advised them that their personal data was being collected. Table 7 displays the percent of sample members for whom we had at least one valid e-mail by Service.

Table 7.
E-mail Address Availability by Service

	Valid address available
Army	98%
Navy	95%
Marine Corp	86%
Air Force	96%
Coast Guard	94%
Active Duty Total	94%

At the start of the survey, sample members with e-mail addresses received an announcement which informed them the survey was active and ready for completion. A follow-up announcement e-mail was sent to members to encourage their spouses to complete the survey. An additional seven (7) e-mail reminders were sent throughout the survey field period. Table 8 lists the e-mail dates and e-mail addresses bounced. E-mail addresses “bounced” identifies sampled individuals that supplied an e-mail address but the address was invalid at the time the operations contractor attempted contact. This is analogous to a postal PND. E-mail address “sent” is not the same as e-mail received. It is analogous to the non-PND return experienced during a mailed survey. It is not known if the mail was delivered to the intended individual, only that it was not returned.

Table 8.
E-mail Communication Timeline

E-mail Numbers	E-mail Drop Date	Number Sent	Number Bounced
Announcement	11/07/12	9,316	236
Member follow-up Announcement Reminder	11/16/12	8,560	218
Reminder 1	11/21/12	2,367	75

Reminder 2	11/27/12	2,217	2
Reminder 3	12/04/12	2,143	0
Reminder 4	12/13/12	2,042	0
Member Reminder 1	12/13/12	8,200	26
Reminder 5	12/19/12	1,983	1
Reminder 6	01/03/13	1,924	0
Reminder 7	01/11/13	1,873	1

Survey Administration Problems

During the fielding period, the announcement email mistakenly were sent to the member's email address. A total of 9,316 announcement emails were sent for PEV7. Most of these email invitations were incorrectly sent to the military member's email. In terms of the impact of this on the data, only 2% of respondents (18 of the 859) cannot be confirmed as qualified member spouses. These 18 respondents could be spouses, not married to an active duty member, or were members trying to complete the survey. Both were accurately eliminated by the screening question. If they were members, who did not pass the survey to their spouse, 18 spouse interviews could have been potentially missed. Had 18 additional spouses responded, estimates of proportions would have been unlikely to change by more than 1% and margins of error would have changed by less than a tenth of a percent.

Processing Returned Surveys

Once a respondent completes the survey, data are stored in an indexed file on the Web (data) server. Prior to providing each dataset to DMDC, the operations contractor copied the indexed file to their internal network using FTP protocol.

The data are then converted to a sequential format, and the validate program reads and loads the data to the dataset.

DMDC Coding Scheme

To convert the raw data into the item scores that appear in the basic survey data files DMDC provided the operations contractor with an annotated copy of the survey form (see Appendix D) and the coding notes (see Appendix E). Every attempt is made to capture all information from completed surveys and preserve the data so that secondary analysts can later create variables that were not anticipated by DMDC researchers. To accomplish these goals, DMDC subscribes to a variety of coding conventions for all of its surveys. See Appendix E for in-depth coverage of these coding conventions.

DMDC uses “forward” coding when coding inconsistent answers in items with skip patterns. Data on the starting question accepted as marked and data for the items within the skip pattern are edited to be consistent with the starting question. However, an unedited version of each item is preserved in a full survey dataset. By preserving the unedited data, recoding can be done if ever required.

For Web respondents, the coding scheme is used to “smart skip” respondents. This does not allow respondents to view questions that they have indicated with previous answers do not apply to them. For example, if a respondent indicated on Question 1 (SRMARST = 3, 4, or 5) that they are divorced, widowed, or never married, they did not see the remaining items in the survey. Only those who indicated they are married or separated (denoting eligibility) are shown the rest of the items. For paper-and-pencil surveys “Go to” question criteria was used to skip items.

Coding or Keying Open-Ended Items

The Web survey contained 2 open-ended comment items. Paper-and-pencil survey used only 1 open ended comment item. The original text responses from the “Comment” response options were captured verbatim into a SAS[®] data set that is linked by the unique identification to the survey data. Text data in the SAS[®] files for open-ended items were spell-checked, and profanity, proper names, and locations were replaced with “(expletive),” “(name),” and “(location)” respectively.

For all open-ended items, the Web data file contains a flag indicating whether the respondent wrote anything in response to the item. Discrepancies existed where the Web data indicated presence of a comment but no comment was there.

Fifty-Record Check

After receiving the first 50 returned records from Web survey, the operations contractor performed a “50-record check.” Similar process was followed for paper-and pencil surveys separately. This is a check to verify that the coding scheme and skip patterns are working. DMDC checked the resulting skip logic to determine if there were any unanticipated problems in the coding procedures (e.g., respondents were consistently answering in an unexpected manner). Minor corrections to these procedures were necessary as a result of this check and were reviewed by DMDC prior to production of the initial SAS[®] dataset. At the completion of the 50-record check, the operations contractor compiled the full set of returned surveys. The data were then cleaned and edited following the coding scheme.

Survey Analysis Files

This section (a) provides an overview of requirements for analysis of the data, (b) documents the structure of survey analysis files created for the 2012 survey, (c) describes the assembly of the analysis files, and (d) provides an overview of the variables in the survey analysis files.

Estimation

Analysis of this data requires use of weights to compensate for the unequal selection probabilities and to account for differential nonresponse among population subgroups. The analytic weights were poststratified to population totals so that weighted sample estimates would reflect population values.

In general, the procedures used to compute sample estimates of population parameters (including population totals, means, proportions), tests of hypotheses, regression relations, and their associated variances are derived from the probability structure that gives rise to the observations. As with other surveys involving complex probability structures, most of the parameter estimates of interest in this survey take the form of non-linear statistics. Examples include domain means and proportions where the denominator values are unknown and must be estimated from the sample data. The estimator takes the form of a ratio of random variables (i.e., the ratio of the estimated numerator and denominator totals or counts). In general, ratio estimates are not unbiased and their variances cannot be expressed in closed form. The variances are, therefore, approximated. The bias in a ratio estimate depends on the variance associated with the denominator total or count and can usually be ignored in samples having a large number of observations. As a working rule, the bias may be assumed negligible if the number of observations on which the estimate is based exceeds 30 or is otherwise large enough so that the coefficient of variation $[SE(x)/x]$ of the denominator is less than .10 (cf., Cochran, 1977, pp. 153-165).

Two common variance estimation methods for complex sample data are linearization (Taylor series approximation) and replication. Wolter (1985) provides a detailed discussion on methods used for variance estimation from sample surveys, including Taylor series approximation and replication methods.

Many of the standard statistical software packages, such as SPSS¹⁰ and older versions of SAS,¹¹ compute variance estimates only for simple random samples. Using standard statistical programs with the appropriate eligibility indicator (ELIGFLGW) and the analytic weight (FINALWGT) to analyze this data will produce accurate point estimates, but variance estimates will not account for the complex sample design. Variables have been included in the analysis file so that Taylor series estimates can be computed for a stratified without replacement design, using either SUDAAN¹² or the recently available SAS Survey Procedures.

Data Structure

Care was taken in the preparation of the survey analysis files to provide basic access to data from the survey with sufficient information for accurate estimations, while meeting requirements for participant and non-participant anonymity. As described below, some detailed variables have been deleted from the basic-release files either because (a) they provide too great a chance of identifying an individual or (b) they are not needed to analyze the survey data. For the latter reason, some demographic variables are available on basic files only in a collapsed version. In addition to a basic-release file, a confidential file (containing a more complete set of variables than the basic-release file) has been prepared for internal DMDC use. Files were prepared as SAS and SPSS system files. An ASCII (Operating System or OS) flat file was prepared from the basic-release SAS system file. File names are indicated in Table 9.

¹⁰ SPSS® is a registered trademark of SPSS Inc., Chicago, IL, USA.

¹¹ SAS added survey procedures in Version 7, expanding them in releases 8.0 and higher.

¹² SUDAAN® is a registered trademark of Research Triangle Institute, Research Triangle Park, NC, USA.

Table 9.
Analysis File Names

Type of File	File Name
Basic-release File – SAS	PEV71201BP.SAS7BDAT
Full Survey File – SAS	PEV71201BC.SAS7BDAT
Basic-release File - SPSS	PEV71201BP.SAV
Basic-release File – OS	PEV71201BP.DAT

The structure of the full survey file is shown in Figure 3. The full survey file contains the basic-release file plus additional full survey variables. All variables in the full survey file are documented in this report. Appendices F and G list all variables with a notation to indicate which variables are confidential and show where each variable is documented. Intermediate weighting variables that appear only in the full survey file are documented by DMDC (2013a). Variables that appear in collapsed form in the basic-release part of the file and in a fuller version only in the full survey file are discussed later.

Analyses

Both the full survey file and basic-release file contain 9,995 records, one for every sampled individual, 1,370 of whom were eligible according to administrative records as of September 2012.

As depicted in Figure 3, these records can be divided into 4 subgroups. The *Non-response unweighted* subgroup, includes all records indicated by ELIGFLGW=3, where no usable Web response was received or no information was received to indicate ineligibility (n=8,064).

Assignment of a record to the other two subgroups was based on whether (a) an individual returned a “completed” survey; and (b) the person was eligible to be included in the population of interest. For active duty members, final eligibility was limited to those in the September 2012 Active Duty Master Edit File (ADMF) and who were also in the September 2012 Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) Medical Point-in-Time Extract (PITE) and did not contact the operations contractor to indicate that they were ineligible. Records that did not meet this requirement were assigned as *Record ineligible unweighted*. Records that respondents had self- or proxy-reported as ineligible due to death, illness, incarceration, or separated from Service were assigned as *Ineligible weighted*.

Records required for analyses of questions are those in the *Ineligible weighted* and *Eligible weighted* subgroups. Both the *Eligible weighted* (ELIGFLGW=1) and *Ineligible weighted* (ELIGFLGW=2) are included because both types of records were used to develop weights that sum to the population total, and both types of records are needed to compute accurate variance estimates by the Taylor series linearization method implemented by SUDAAN and SAS PROC SURVEYMEANS.

To analyze the Web responses, use the analytic weight, FINALWGT, with the file subset by ELIGFLGW.

Figure 3.
The Structure of the Full Survey File

Subgroups	Basic Survey File	Confidential and Detailed Methodological Variables	Web Eligibility Flag Value and Number of Records
Record ineligible unweighted			ELIGFLGW=4 n=401
Non-response unweighted			ELIGFLGW=3 n=8,064
Ineligible weighted			ELIGFLGW=2 n=160
Eligible weighted			ELIGFLGW=1 n=1,370

Note. The shaded portion represents the subset of the data typically required for analysis.

Variables in the Survey Analysis Files

Basic-survey Dataset

The variables in the basic-survey dataset fall into five categories: (1) information gathered on the survey, (2) variables constructed for analysis, (3) information on operations, (4) information from sampling and record data, and (5) information on weighting. Variables are grouped in these categories in Appendices G and H.

Information gathered on the survey. These variables came directly from the survey or were constructed using only information from the survey. There is at least one variable for every item in the survey except for a few items that had to be removed to preserve confidentiality. The annotated questionnaire (see Appendix D) contains the item names, the values used to code the pre-specified alternatives, and references to applicable coding notes in Appendix E.

DMDC uses a standard naming convention for most variables. In general, the survey-derived variables can be classified as variables that begin with either “SR,” or “X.” The “SR” variables are a set of primarily demographic items that are identically named across all DMDC

surveys. The “SR” serves as a mnemonic for self-report with the remainder of the name indicating the data being collected. For example, “SRRACEA - SRRACEE” are the variable names for the item that asks sample members what race they consider themselves to be. Although all survey data are self-reported, the “SR” is used to distinguish survey-reported information from DMDC-provided information (e.g., the variable “SRRACEA” from the survey is differentiated from the variable “RACE” from DMDC databases). When possible, “X” is reserved to create special crossing (marginal) variables for key analyses. “X” variables typically involve imputation for missing data and, like “SR” variables, are intended to be consistent across DMDC surveys. For more information on variable naming conventions, see Appendix E.

Variables constructed for analysis. An “R” as the last letter of a variable listed in Appendices F, G, and H is an indication that the variables may have been recoded to create special analysis. For example, VOTELASTR is a recoding of VOTELAST. Only one version of each variable is available in basic-dataset. For example, certain demographic variables, including some information collected on the survey, had to be censored to preserve the anonymity promised to survey respondents and nonrespondents.

Certain key demographic variables were constructed for DMDC analyses. These analytic variables, starting with “X,” are based primarily on self-reported information from the survey. Typically, where the self-reported information was missing on important demographics (e.g., Service, paygrade, location, or respondent gender) data were imputed from members’ administrative record.

The race and ethnicity questions were combined to be reported in accordance with the Standards for Maintaining, Collecting, and Presenting Federal Data on Race and Ethnicity (1997). Also, items were combined to derive employment indicators based on U.S. Census Bureau’s Decennial Census and Current Population Survey (2002).

Appendix J documents many of the decisions made in the analyses reported by DMDC (2013). For a large number of survey items, analysts must make decisions on the treatment of special codes (such as Not Applicable).

Information on operations. The DMDC-provided identification number, 2012 PEV7, is unique and is used to identify responses as they are processed. Other variables are created by the operations contractor but are too detailed to be in the basic-release file.

Information from sampling and record data. Most of the variables used in sample design and selection are too detailed to be in the basic-release file (see the later section on confidential variables).

Information on weighting. Derivation of weights is discussed in detail in DMDC (2013a).

ELIGFLGW	Eligibility Flag
FINALWGT	Final Weight with Non-response and Postratification Adjustments
V_STRAT	Variance Estimation Strata
TOTAL	Stratum Population Totals Based on Sampling Frame Counts

Full Survey Dataset

In addition to variables on the basic-survey dataset, the full survey dataset also has five additional categories of variables: (1) the raw version of survey items that appear in a collapsed form in the basic-release section, (2) the raw version of key demographic variables used in analyses that appear in a collapsed form in the basic-release section, (3) detailed variables created by the operations contractor to document operations, (4) detailed variables used in sampling, and (5) detailed variables used in weighting. Variables are grouped in these categories in Appendices F, G and H.

Confidential variables—survey data. This section of the full survey dataset contains the original survey variables that had a recoded version in the basic-survey dataset. To the extent possible, recoded versions of these variables are in the basic-release file section under variables constructed for analysis.

Confidential variables—analysis data. This section of the full survey dataset contains the analytic variables constructed by DMDC. To the extent possible, recoded versions of these variables are in the basic-survey dataset section under variables constructed for analysis.

Confidential variables—operations data. This section of the full survey dataset contains operational variables created by the operations contractor. These variables are useful for methodological studies and/or were used in determining eligibility and response status.

The identifying variables describe how the record was processed once a survey was returned. The variables BATCH, SERIAL, and LITHO uniquely identify each returned survey. LITHO is the lithocode scanned from the survey. BATCH and SERIAL are the codes printed on the survey during scanning to identify the scan batch number and scan order of each survey. These numbers can be used to retrieve the paper copy of a survey for a short time after it has been scanned (e.g., should researchers want to check electronically-stored information against the respondent's answer on the paper survey). DUPRET and DUPRET2 indicate the receipt of multiple returns. DUPRET2 includes blank returns in the multiple counts; DUPRET excludes these returns.

The classification variables describe how individual sample member's records were grouped and indexed. FLAG_FIN indicates the final disposition status of a sample member (i.e., survey returned, blank survey returned, not locatable, or no return). Several other classification variables were used to categorize a survey's final disposition. These variables are: BLKREAS, SCSINEL, and REFUSE. BLKREAS codes the reason given by the sample member for returning a blank survey, SCSINEL indicates the reason given by the sample member for being ineligible, and REFUSE indicates whether a sample member refused to complete a survey.

Confidential variables—sampling and record data. This section of the full survey dataset contains administrative file variables and constructed variables used in determining the sampling design. It also includes the sampling strata identifiers and counts.

Confidential variables—weighting. This section of the full survey dataset contains variables used in analysis of non-response and in the construction of the weights.

Using Appendix H

Regardless of whether analysts use all or only portions of the database, all analysts should replicate the results found in the tables in Appendix H. It is only by replicating these results that analysts can be sure that they are reading the data correctly. An annotated example of an Appendix H table is listed in Figure 4. (However, table does not reflect actual results.)

Figure 4.
Annotated Example of a Table from Appendix H

¹2012 Post-Election Voting Survey of Military Spouses
Information Gathered on the Survey

²RETABS ³Did you complete and return your regular absentee ballot for the November 6, 2012 election?

⁴ OS DATA		⁵ SAS DATA			
COLS	LENGTH	FORMAT NAME	TYPE	LENGTH	INFORMAT
0015-0016	2	NYTR	NUM	3	STDOS2

⁶ FREQ	⁷ PERCENT	⁸ OS VALUE	⁹ SAS VALUE	¹⁰ MEANING
5	0.1	-9	.	No response
8368	83.7	-1	.B	No survey return
1000	10.0	-6	.N	Not applicable per skip
142	1.4	-8	.S	Survey Self-Report Ineligible
50	0.5	1	1	No
430	4.3	2	2	yes
¹¹ 50132	100.0	TOTALS		

¹²RETABSU = RETABS, but are unedited for forward coding of non-applicable or missing response values. Here is how they are edited: If RETABSSK = 1 then do; RETABS = .N; end; .N = (Not Applicable)

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1. Codebook title and item text. The codebook title is the same for every table in Appendix H of this codebook. It lists survey name. If applicable, the indented text under the title presents the verbatim Question or instructions that accompany a specific item in the survey.
2. Variable name. The variable name for a survey item is up to twelve characters in length and corresponds to the variable name that is used in the SAS[®]-based, basic-release data file. The conventions for naming survey-derived variables are documented in Appendix E. Appendices F and G contain a full listing of the basic-release file variables, as well as short descriptions of what the variables document.

3. Survey item text. For survey items, this text is the verbatim item wording. For other variables, this text provides a verbal description of the variable.
4. Location of the item on the OS data file. This block provides the location of the variable on the OS data file. The OS data block documents (a) the starting and ending column numbers where the data are stored and (b) the number of columns that the data occupy.
5. SAS data file information. This block indicates format name, variable type (character or number), length and informat of the data in the SAS[®] data file. The last block indicates the informat appropriate for reading the data from the OS data file.
6. Counts of item value responses. This column indicates the number of sample members who fall into the category corresponding to each value for the variable. The count provided for each variable value should correspond exactly to those that analysts would obtain when running unweighted frequencies on all 9,995 records in the accompanying database. Before running complex statistical analyses, analysts are encouraged to re-create these frequency tables. Re-creating the counts minimally ensures that the data are being correctly read by the analysts' computers and programs.
7. Respondent percentages for each value. This column indicates the percentage of sample members who marked each variable value. The percentages are calculated by dividing the row value in the "FREQ" column by the total listed at the bottom of the "FREQ" column. The percentages provided for each variable value should correspond exactly to those that analysts would obtain when running unweighted frequencies on all 9,995 records in the accompanying database.
8. Response OS values. This column presents the OS (ASCII) code for the actual or re-coded response values for each survey item. Further details on the values in this column are found in either the annotated survey form or in Appendix E. For example, all negative values are found in Appendix E.
9. Response SAS[®] values. This column presents the SAS[®] code for the response values for each variable. Further details on the values in this column are found in either the annotated survey form or in Appendix E. An explanation of negative values is presented in Appendix E.
10. Explanation of the item value codes. This column presents brief verbal explanations of the OS and SAS[®] coding for each survey item. If the coded information corresponds to survey response alternatives, the text in the table is the verbatim response from the survey instrument. More detailed explanations are presented in the annotated survey form (Appendix D) and in Appendix E.
11. Total of response frequencies and percentages. The number appearing at the bottom of the "FREQ" column is the total number of sample members in the basic-release file. This number is the same for every table in this codebook. That is, every sample member in the database is accounted for on every variable even if the variable

indicates only that the information was missing for that sample member. The number appearing at the bottom of the “PERCENT” column is typically 100.0. Rounding error, however, occasionally causes the total percentage to be slightly above or below 100.0.

12. Messages to analysts. The messages alert analysts to situations specific to a variable including (a) rounding errors resulting in a total percentage other than 100 percent; (b) the variable having values that are “too numerous to list;” (c) extraction of the variable from another specified database; (d) creation of the variable from two or more variables specified in the message; and (e) further clarification of the survey item corresponding to the variable.
13. Codebook page number. This is the Appendix H page number corresponding to a specific variable. Appendices F and G identify the page number in Appendix H where the variable can be found.

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Appendix A.
Questionnaire Paper Form



Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP)

2012 Post-Election Voting Survey of Active Duty Military Spouses

Privacy Act Statement & Informed Consent Information

In accordance with the Privacy Act, this notice informs you of the purpose of the survey and how the findings of these surveys will be used. It also provides information about the Privacy Act and about informed consent. Please read it carefully. **Returning this survey indicates your agreement to participate in this research.**

AUTHORITY: The authority to solicit the information requested in this survey is contained in the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act of 1986, Section 101.b (1), 42 USC §1973ff (UOCAVA) and the Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act (MOVE Act), a subtitle of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010.

PRINCIPAL PURPOSE: Information collected in this survey will be used to evaluate the effectiveness of assistance under UOCAVA, as amended in November 2009 by the MOVE Act, in the 2012 election. Reports will be provided to the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP). Previous survey results have affected decisions in critical areas such as establishing advertising campaigns geared towards 18-24 year old uniformed service members, utilizing social networking sites to encourage voter participation, and developing online Federal Post Card Application and Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot wizards. Survey results are also the basis for developing Legislative initiatives. Some findings may be published by the Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) or in professional journals, or presented at conferences, symposia, and scientific meetings. Data could be used in future research. Datasets without any identifying information may be analyzed by researchers outside of DMDC. Survey results will be posted on the Web: www.fvap.gov

ROUTINE USES: None.

DISCLOSURE: Providing information on this survey is voluntary. Most people can complete the survey in 20 minutes. There is no penalty or loss of benefits to which you are entitled if you choose not to respond. However, maximum participation is encouraged so that the data will be complete and representative. Your survey responses will be treated as confidential. Identifying information will be used only by government and contractor staff engaged in, and for purposes of, the survey research. For example, the research oversight office of the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) and representatives of the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command are eligible to review research records as a part of their responsibility to protect human subjects in

research. This survey is being conducted for research purposes. In no case will individual identifiable survey responses be reported.

SURVEY ELIGIBILITY AND POTENTIAL BENEFITS: DMDC uses well-established, scientific procedures to randomly select a sample that represents the Defense community based on combinations of demographic characteristics (for example, location, gender). This is your chance to be heard on issues that directly affect you, including sources of voting information and assistance, satisfaction with voting information and assistance, and voting in the 2012 election. While there is no direct benefit for your individual participation, your responses on this survey *make a difference*. Individuals who are minors as per their state law are not eligible to participate in the survey.

STATEMENT OF RISK: The data collection procedures are not expected to involve any risk or discomfort to you. The only risk to you is accidental or unintentional disclosure of the data you provide. However, the government and its contractors have a number of policies and procedures to ensure that survey data are safe and protected. For example, no identifying information (name, address, Social Security Number) is ever stored in the same file as survey responses. Survey data may be shared with organizations doing research on DoD personnel but only after minimizing detailed demographic data (for example, paygrade and detailed location information) that could possibly be used to identify an individual. A confidentiality analysis is performed to reduce the risk of there being a combination of demographic variables that can single out an individual. Government and contractor staff members have been trained to protect client identity and are subject to civil penalties for violating your confidentiality.

If you experience any difficulties taking the survey, please contact the Survey Processing Center by sending an e-mail to ADMSSurvey@osd.pentagon.mil or call, toll-free, 1-800-881-5307. If you have concerns about your rights as a research participant, please contact the OUSD(P&R) Research Regulatory Oversight Office at 703-575-2677/703-575-3536 or e-mail R2Q2@tma.osd.mil

Once you start answering the survey, if you desire to withdraw your answers, please notify the Survey Processing Center prior to January 16, 2013. Please include in the e-mail or phone message your name, Ticket Number, and the PIN that you selected when you started this survey. Unless withdrawn, partially completed survey data may be used after that date.

COMPLETION INSTRUCTIONS:

- Use a blue or black pen.
- Place an "X" in the appropriate box or boxes.

RIGHT WRONG

To change an answer, completely black out the wrong answer and put an "X" in the correct box as shown below.

CORRECT ANSWER INCORRECT ANSWER

Please return your completed survey in the business envelope through a U.S. government mail room or post office.

DEFENSE MANPOWER DATA CENTER
ATTN: SURVEY PROCESSING CENTER
DATA RECOGNITION CORPORATION
P.O. BOX 5720
HOPKINS, MN 55343



BACKGROUND INFORMATION

1. What is your marital status?

- Married
- Separated
- Divorced ⇒ GO TO Q54
- Widowed ⇒ GO TO Q54
- Never married ⇒ GO TO Q54

2. Was your spouse serving on active duty on November 6, 2012?

- Yes
- No ⇒ GO TO Q54

3. Were you a U.S. citizen on November 6, 2012?

- Yes
- No ⇒ GO TO Q54

4. What was your age on November 6, 2012? *Mark one.*

- 17 years old or younger ⇒ GO TO Q54
- 18 to 24 years old
- 25 to 29 years old
- 30 to 34 years old
- 35 to 44 years old
- 45 years old or older

5. Are you Spanish/Hispanic/Latino?

- No, not Spanish/Hispanic/Latino
- Yes, Mexican, Mexican-American, Chicano, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or other Spanish/Hispanic/Latino

6. What is your race? *Mark one or more races to indicate what race you consider yourself to be.*

- White
- Black or African American
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian (e.g., Asian Indian, Chinese, Filipino, Japanese, Korean, or Vietnamese)
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander (e.g., Samoan, Guamanian, or Chamorro)

7. On November 6, 2012, where were you located?

- United States/territories
- Overseas

Your legal voting residence is the state or territory that you claim as your legal residence even though you may no longer own property or have other ties there.

8. As of the November 6, 2012 election, what state or territory was your legal voting residence? *Please enter your two letter postal code for the U.S. state, D.C., Puerto Rico, or a U.S. territory or possession that you claim as a legal residence.*

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9. In 2012, were you registered to vote in the United States?

- Yes
- No

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

10. Did you request an absentee ballot for the November 6, 2012 election? *Mark one.*

- Yes
- No, but I automatically received an absentee ballot from a local election official. ⇒ GO TO Q16
- No, and I never received an absentee ballot. ⇒ GO TO Q20
- No, I did not need an absentee ballot. ⇒ GO TO Q20

The Federal Post Card Application (FPCA; Standard Form 76) is a request for registration and a regular (as opposed to back-up) absentee ballot. Some states require eligible voters who vote absentee to use the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) to request an absentee ballot.

11. Did you use the FPCA to request your absentee ballot for the November 6, 2012 election or did you use another method? *Mark one.*

- Yes, I used an FPCA to request an absentee ballot.
- No, I used a State or local form to request an absentee ballot. ⇒ GO TO Q13
- No, I used a non-government website (e.g., Rock the Vote [RTV], Overseas Vote Foundation [OVF]) to request an absentee ballot. ⇒ GO TO Q13
- No, I used another method. ⇒ GO TO Q13

12. Did you obtain your Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) for the November 6, 2012 election from any of the following sources? *Mark one.*

- From the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) website
- From some other contact with the FVAP
- Through military channels/Voting Assistance Officers (VAOs)
- From a U.S. embassy or consulate
- From a state or local election official
- A printable FPCA downloaded from the FVAP website that you filled out by hand
- FVAP's automated assistant/wizard for filling out the FPCA online
- From a military post office
- Some other source

13. Did you receive notification from a local election official that your registration and/or request for an absentee ballot had been... *Mark one answer for each row.*

	Do not recall		
	No		Yes
a. Received?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Rejected?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Accepted?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

14. Did you receive your regular absentee ballot for the November 6, 2012 election?

- Yes
- No ⇒ GO TO Q18

15. How did you obtain your regular absentee ballot in 2012? *Mark one.*

- State voting website
- State link on the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) website
- Mail
- Fax
- E-mail
- In person
- Other
- Do not recall

16. Did you complete and return your regular absentee ballot for the November 6, 2012 election?

- Yes
- No ⇒ GO TO Q18

17. How did you complete and return your regular absentee ballot for the November 6, 2012 election? *Mark one.*

- Mail
- USPS Express/Certified mail
- FedEx, UPS, DHL, or other delivery carrier
- Embassy/consulate mail pouch
- Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) Electronic Transmission System (ETS)
- Fax
- E-mail (e.g., as attachment)
- Online (e.g., through a website)
- In person
- Other

If you did not request an absentee ballot (Q10), GO TO Q20

18. Did you return your Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) for the November 6, 2012 election using any of the following sources? *Mark one.*

- Does not apply; I did not use a FPCA to request an absentee ballot.
- Mail
- USPS Express/Certified mail
- FedEx, UPS, DHL, or other delivery carrier
- Embassy/consulate mail pouch
- Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) Electronic Transmission System (ETS)
- Fax
- E-mail (e.g., as attachment)
- Online (e.g., through a secure website)
- In person
- Other

If you requested an absentee ballot (Q10), answer question Q19. If you did not request an absentee ballot, GO TO Q20

19. How satisfied or dissatisfied were you, in general, with each aspect of the absentee voting process? *Mark one answer for each item.*

	Very dissatisfied				
	Dissatisfied				
	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied			Satisfied	
	Very Satisfied				
a. Process of registering to vote	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Process of requesting an absentee ballot.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Process of receiving/getting an absentee ballot.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Process of completing absentee ballot.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Process of returning absentee ballot to local election official	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

20. If you were to vote using an absentee ballot in a future election, how would you prefer to receive the absentee ballot? *Mark one.*

- By postal mail
- From a website
- By e-mail
- By fax

21. If you were to vote using an absentee ballot in a future election, how would you prefer to return the absentee ballot? *Mark one.*

- By postal mail
- Through a website
- By e-mail
- By fax

2012 ELECTION

22. How interested or uninterested were you in the U.S. elections held on November 6, 2012?

- Very interested
- Somewhat interested
- Neither interested nor uninterested
- Somewhat uninterested
- Very uninterested

23. During the months leading up to the election held on November 6, 2012, did you ever plan to vote in that election, or didn't you plan to vote? *Mark one.*

- Did plan to vote
- Did not plan to vote

24. In the election held on November 6, 2012, did you definitely vote in person on election day, definitely complete an absentee ballot by mail, e-mail/fax, or online on or before November 6, 2012, definitely not vote, or are you not completely sure whether you voted in that election? *Mark one.*

- Definitely voted in person ⇒ Go to Q26
- Definitely voted by mail ⇒ Go to Q26
- Definitely voted by e-mail ⇒ Go to Q26
- Definitely voted at an online website ⇒ Go to Q26
- Definitely voted by fax ⇒ Go to Q26
- Definitely did not vote
- Not sure ⇒ Go to Q26

25. What was the main reason you did not vote in the November 6, 2012 election? *Mark one.*

- I was not registered to vote.
- I felt out of touch with the issues in my local community.
- I did not know how to get an absentee ballot.
- My absentee ballot arrived too late.
- My absentee ballot did not arrive at all.
- The absentee voting process was too complicated.
- I was concerned my absentee ballot would not be counted.
- I tried to vote but did not or could not complete the process.
- I do not think it is appropriate for spouses of members of the military to vote.
- Some other reason

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

The Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB; Standard Form 186) is a back-up ballot if you do not receive your regular absentee ballot.

26. Were you aware that you could use the FWAB for the November 6, 2012 election?

- Yes
- No

27. Did you use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) in the November 6, 2012 election?

- Yes
- No ⇒ Go to Q31

28. Did you obtain your Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) for the November 6, 2012 election from any of the following sources? *Mark one.*

- From the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) website
- From some other contact with FVAP ⇒ Go to Q31
- Through military channels/Voting Assistance Officers (VAOs) ⇒ Go to Q31
- From a U.S. embassy or consulate ⇒ Go to Q31
- From a state or local election official ⇒ Go to Q31
- From an overseas organization (e.g., Overseas Vote Foundation, [OVF]) ⇒ Go to Q31
- From a non-FVAP website ⇒ Go to Q31
- From a military post office ⇒ Go to Q31
- Some other source ⇒ Go to Q31

29. How did you use the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) website to complete your Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)? *Mark one.*

- A printable FWAB downloaded from the FVAP website that you filled out by hand ⇒ Go to Q31
- FVAP's automated assistant/wizard for filling out the FWAB online
- Don't know ⇒ Go to Q31

30. In 2012, overall how satisfied or dissatisfied were you with the assistance you received filling out the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) from the automated assistant/wizard on the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) website?

- Very satisfied
- Satisfied
- Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- Dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied

31. What is the MAIN REASON you did not use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) for the November 6, 2012 election? *Mark one.*

- Does not apply; I used a FWAB for the November 6, 2012 election.
- I did not know about the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB).
- I knew about it, but didn't know how to get one.
- I knew about it, but could not get one.
- I had difficulty filling it out.
- I had already returned a regular absentee ballot.
- Some other reason

VOTING ASSISTANCE

Unit Voting Assistance Officers (UVAOs) are designated individuals who provide accurate, non-partisan voting information and assistance to members of military units who wish to vote.

32. During 2012, did you receive voting information or assistance from your spouse's UVAO?

- Yes
- No ⇒ GO TO Q35

33. In 2012, overall how satisfied or dissatisfied were you with the information or assistance you received from your spouse's Unit Voting Assistance Officer (UVAO)?

- Very satisfied
- Satisfied
- Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- Dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied

34. During 2012, did you receive the following information or assistance from your spouse's Unit Voting Assistance Officer (UVAO)? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item.

	Yes	No
a. Determining my eligibility to vote	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Understanding the absentee voting process .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Obtaining the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Completing the FPCA	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Obtaining the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Completing the FWAB	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Finding information on candidates/issues.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Finding information on deadlines.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. Electronic transmission of election materials (i.e., faxing, e-mailing).....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j. Assistance with websites (i.e., federal, state, local).....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
k. Finding out where to send my FPCA/FWAB	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
l. Some other voting information or assistance.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

35. In 2012, what is the MAIN REASON you didn't receive voting information or assistance from your spouse's Unit Voting Assistance Officer (UVAO)? Mark one.

- Does not apply; I received voting information or assistance from my spouse's UVAO.
- I did not need any voting information or assistance.
- I was not interested in voting.
- I did not know I could get information or assistance from the UVAO.
- My spouse did not have a UVAO.
- I did not know how to contact my spouse's UVAO.
- I did not have access to my spouse's UVAO.
- My spouse's UVAO did not have the materials or information I needed.
- I received my voting assistance elsewhere.
- Some other reason

Installation Voter Assistance Offices (IVAOs) are designed to provide accurate, non-partisan voting information and assistance to members of military units who wish to vote.

36. During 2012, did you receive voting information or assistance from your spouse's IVAO?

- Yes
- No ⇒ GO TO Q39

37. In 2012, overall how satisfied or dissatisfied were you with the information or assistance you received from your spouse's Installation Voter Assistance Office (IVAO)?

- Very satisfied
- Satisfied
- Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- Dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied

38. During 2012, did you receive the following information or assistance from your spouse's Installation Voter Assistance Office (IVAO)? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item.

	Yes	No
a. Determining my eligibility to vote	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Understanding the absentee voting process .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Obtaining the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Completing the FPCA	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Obtaining the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Completing the FWAB	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Finding information on candidates/issues.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Finding information on deadlines	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. Electronic transmission of election materials (i.e., faxing, e-mailing).....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j. Assistance with websites (i.e., federal, state, local).....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
k. Finding out where to send my FPCA/FWAB	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
l. My spouse's IVAO offered to send my election materials to my election official for me	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
m. Some other voting information or assistance.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

39. In 2012, what is the MAIN REASON you didn't receive voting information or assistance from your spouse's Installation Voter Assistance Office (IVAO)? Mark one.

- Does not apply; I received voting information or assistance from my spouse's IVAO.
- My location does not have an IVAO.
- I did not need any voting information or assistance.
- I was not interested in voting.
- I did not know I could get information or assistance from the IVAO.
- I did not know how to contact the IVAO.
- The IVAO did not have the materials or information I needed.
- I received my voting assistance elsewhere.
- Some other reason

The Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) website, www.fvap.gov, provides voting-related information and resources.

40. In preparation for the 2012 primaries and general election, did you visit this website?

- Yes
- No ⇒ GO TO Q44

41. Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied were you with the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) website when you visited it in 2012?

- Very satisfied
- Satisfied
- Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- Dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied

42. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) website? Mark one answer for each item.

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
a. State voting and related instructions were clear and easy to understand. .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Contact information was easy to find.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Search feature met my needs.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. I was able to find what I needed quickly and easily.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. I was able to find the materials and forms I needed to vote.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

43. In preparation for the 2012 primaries and general election, how often did you visit the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) website? Mark one.

- Once
- More than once
- Do not recall

44. In 2012, why didn't you visit the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) website? Mark one.

- Does not apply; I visited the FVAP website.
- I did not need any voting information or assistance.
- I was not interested in voting.
- I did not have Internet access.
- I did not know the website address.
- I did not know about it.
- I got all the information I needed from other sources.
- I received my voting assistance elsewhere.
- I did not think it would be useful.
- Some other reason

The Department of Defense 2012-13 Voting Assistance Guide (VAG) provides state-by-state information about registering to vote and requesting an absentee ballot.

45. In preparation for the 2012 primaries and general election, did you refer to the VAG for information about registering to vote or requesting an absentee ballot?

- Yes
- No

The Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) provides online chat, e-mail support, and a toll-free telephone service so you can ask FVAP staff for voting information or assistance.

46. Did you use FVAP's . . . *Mark one answer for each row.*

	No, and I was not aware of this service	No, but I was aware of this service	Yes
a. Online chat service?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. E-mail support?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Toll-free telephone service?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you did not use FVAP's online chat, e-mail support, or toll-free telephone service, GO TO Q48.

47. Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied were you with the assistance you received in 2012 from the Federal Voting Assistance Program's (FVAP) staff via the online chat, e-mail support, or toll-free telephone service?

- Very satisfied
- Satisfied
- Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- Dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied

OTHER SOURCES OF VOTING INFORMATION

48. In preparation for the 2012 primaries and general election, did you visit the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) on Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, or Google+? *Mark one answer for each item.*

	No, but I use this social networking site	No, and I do not use this social networking site	Yes
a. Twitter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Facebook	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. LinkedIn.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Google+.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

49. Did you receive voting information from any of the following sources in 2012? *Mark one answer for each item.*

	No, was not available	No, was available	Yes
a. State or local election official	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Local television, radio, and print media	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Armed Forces Radio/TV	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Other U.S. civilian newspapers, magazines, radio, or TV.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. International television, radio, and print media	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Family or friends	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. The Internet.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Voting Assistance Officers (VAO).....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. FVAP website.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j. Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

50. If you were to need information about absentee voting in a future election, which of the following sources would best serve you? *Mark one.*

- Use an Internet search engine to find information
- Contact my state election office online
- Contact my county election office online
- Contact my Voting Assistance Officer (VAO)
- Use the Federal Voting Assistance Program's (FVAP) website
- Ask a friend
- Ask my supervisor

ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION OF VOTING MATERIALS

Some states allow potential voters to check their voting eligibility status, to obtain voting materials such as absentee ballots from their websites, and/or to fax or e-mail voting materials including absentee ballots.

51. Considering your location and working conditions, approximately how often, from Labor Day to November 6, 2012, did you have access to each of the following? *Mark one answer for each item. If you did not have access to any of the following, please mark 'Does not apply...'*.

	Does not apply, I did not have access to this resource	100% of the time	71% - 99% of the time	51% - 70% of the time	31% - 50% of the time	16% - 30% of the time	1% - 15% of the time
a. Government websites other than the Federal Voting Assistance Program (e.g., state or Federal .gov or .mil sites)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Non-government websites (e.g., .com sites)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Fax	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. DoD e-mail account	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Personal e-mail account	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Printers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Scanners	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you did not have access to fax or e-mail between Labor Day and November 6, 2012, GO TO Q53.

52. During 2012, did you fax or e-mail any of the following materials? *Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item.*

	Yes	No
a. Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) for absentee ballot.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Other non-FPCA request for absentee ballot.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Voted regular absentee ballot.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Voted Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Other voting materials.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2010 ELECTION

Elections for the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives were held in 2010. A lot of respondents did not get to vote because they weren't registered, they were sick, or they didn't have time.

53. How about you — did you vote in that election? *Mark one.*

- Definitely voted in person
- Definitely voted by mail
- Definitely voted by e-mail
- Definitely voted at an online website
- Definitely voted by fax
- Definitely did not vote
- Not sure

TAKING THE SURVEY

54. If you have comments or concerns that you were not able to express in answering this survey, please enter them in the space provided.

Appendix B.
Questionnaire Web Form

2012 Post Election Voting Survey of Active Duty Military Spouses

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

1. What is your marital status?

- Married
- Separated
- Divorced
- Widowed
- Never married

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. Was your spouse serving on active duty on November 6, 2012?

- Yes
- No

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3. Were you a U.S. citizen on November 6, 2012?

- Yes
- No

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

4. What was your age on November 6, 2012? *Mark one.*

- 17 years old or younger
- 18 to 24 years old
- 25 to 29 years old
- 30 to 34 years old
- 35 to 44 years old
- 45 years old or older

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

5. Are you Spanish/Hispanic/Latino?

- No, not Spanish/Hispanic/Latino
- Yes, Mexican, Mexican-American, Chicano, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or other Spanish/Hispanic/Latino

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

6. What is your race? *Mark one or more races to indicate what race you consider yourself to be.*

- White
- Black or African American
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian (e.g., Asian Indian, Chinese, Filipino, Japanese, Korean, or Vietnamese)
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander (e.g., Samoan, Guamanian, or Chamorro)

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

7. On November 6, 2012, where were you located?

- United States/territories
- Overseas

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Please specify in which overseas country you were located.

Select Country

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Your legal voting residence is the state or territory that you claim as your legal residence even though you may no longer own property or have other ties there.

8. As of the November 6, 2012 election, what state or territory was your legal voting residence? *Please select the U.S. state, D.C., Puerto Rico, or a U.S. territory or possession that you claim as a legal residence.*

Please select

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

9. In 2012, were you registered to vote in the United States?

- Yes
- No

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ABSENTEE BALLOTS

10. Did you request an absentee ballot for the November 6, 2012 election? *Mark one.*

- Yes
- No, but I automatically received an absentee ballot from a local election official.
- No, and I never received an absentee ballot.
- No, I did not need an absentee ballot.

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ABSENTEE BALLOTS

The Federal Post Card Application (FPCA; Standard Form 76) is a request for registration and a regular (as opposed to back-up) absentee ballot. Some states require eligible voters who vote absentee to use the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) to request an absentee ballot.

11. Did you use the FPCA to request your absentee ballot for the November 6, 2012 election or did you use another method? *Mark one.*

- Yes, I used an FPCA to request an absentee ballot.
- No, I used a State or local form to request an absentee ballot.
- No, I used a non-government website (e.g., Rock the Vote [RTV], Overseas Vote Foundation [OVF]) to request an absentee ballot.
- No, I used another method.

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ABSENTEE BALLOTS

12. Did you obtain your Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) for the November 6, 2012 election from any of the following sources? *Mark one.*

- From the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) website
- From some other contact with the FVAP
- Through military channels/Voting Assistance Officers (VAOs)
- From a U.S. embassy or consulate
- From a state or local election official
- A printable FPCA downloaded from the FVAP website that you filled out by hand
- FVAP's automated assistant/wizard for filling out the FPCA online
- From a military post office
- Some other source

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ABSENTEE BALLOTS

13. Did you receive notification from a local election official that your registration and/or request for an absentee ballot had been... *Mark one answer for each row.*

	Yes	No	Do not recall
a. Received?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Rejected?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Accepted?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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ABSENTEE BALLOTS

14. Did you receive your regular absentee ballot for the November 6, 2012 election?

- Yes
- No

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ABSENTEE BALLOTS

15. How did you obtain your regular absentee ballot in 2012? *Mark one.*

- State voting website
- State link on the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) website
- Mail
- Fax
- E-mail
- In person
- Other
- Do not recall

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ABSENTEE BALLOTS

16. Did you complete and return your regular absentee ballot for the November 6, 2012 election?

- Yes
- No

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ABSENTEE BALLOTS

17. How did you complete and return your regular absentee ballot for the November 6, 2012 election? *Mark one.*

- Mail
- USPS Express/Certified mail
- FedEx, UPS, DHL, or other delivery carrier
- Embassy/consulate mail pouch
- Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) Electronic Transmission System (ETS)
- Fax
- E-mail (e.g., as attachment)
- Online (e.g., through a website)
- In person
- Other

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ABSENTEE BALLOTS

18. Did you return your Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) for the November 6, 2012 election using any of the following sources? *Mark one.*

- Mail
- USPS Express/Certified mail
- FedEx, UPS, DHL, or other delivery carrier
- Embassy/consulate mail pouch
- Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) Electronic Transmission System (ETS)
- Fax
- E-mail (e.g., as attachment)
- Online (e.g., through a secure website)
- In person
- Other
- Does not apply; I did not use a FPCA to request an absentee ballot

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ABSENTEE BALLOTS

19. How satisfied or dissatisfied were you, in general, with each aspect of the absentee voting process? *Mark one answer for each item.*

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied
a. Process of registering to vote	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Process of requesting an absentee ballot	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Process of receiving/getting an absentee ballot	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Process of completing absentee ballot	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Process of returning absentee ballot to local election official	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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ABSENTEE BALLOTS

20.If you were to vote using an absentee ballot in a future election, how would you prefer to *receive* the absentee ballot? *Mark one.*

- By postal mail
- From a website
- By e-mail
- By fax

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ABSENTEE BALLOTS

21.If you were to vote using an absentee ballot in a future election, how would you prefer to *return* the absentee ballot? *Mark one.*

- By postal mail
- Through a website
- By e-mail
- By fax

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2012 ELECTION

22.How interested or uninterested were you in the U.S. elections held on November 6, 2012?

- Very interested
- Somewhat interested
- Neither interested nor uninterested
- Somewhat uninterested
- Very uninterested

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2012 ELECTION

23. During the months leading up to the election held on November 6, 2012, did you ever plan to vote in that election, or didn't you plan to vote? *Mark one.*

- Did plan to vote
- Did not plan to vote

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2012 ELECTION

24. In the election held on November 6, 2012, did you definitely vote in person on election day, definitely complete an absentee ballot by mail, e-mail, fax, or online on or before November 6, 2012, definitely not vote, or are you not completely sure whether you voted in that election? *Mark one.*

- Definitely voted in person
- Definitely voted by mail
- Definitely voted by e-mail
- Definitely voted at an online website
- Definitely voted by fax
- Definitely did not vote
- Not sure

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2012 ELECTION

25. What was the main reason you did not vote in the November 6, 2012 election?

Mark one.

- I was not registered to vote.
- I felt out of touch with the issues in my local community.
- I did not know how to get an absentee ballot.
- My absentee ballot arrived too late.
- My absentee ballot did not arrive at all.
- The absentee voting process was too complicated.
- I was concerned my absentee ballot would not be counted.
- I tried to vote but did not or could not complete the process.
- I do not think it is appropriate for spouses of members of the military to vote.
- Some other reason

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ABSENTEE BALLOTS

The Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB; Standard Form 186) is a back-up ballot if you do not receive your regular absentee ballot.

26. Were you aware that you could use the FWAB for the November 6, 2012 election?

- Yes
- No

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ABSENTEE BALLOTS

27. Did you use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) in the November 6, 2012 election?

- Yes
- No

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ABSENTEE BALLOTS

28. Did you obtain your Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) for the November 6, 2012 election from any of the following sources? *Mark one.*

- From the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) website
- From some other contact with FVAP
- Through military channels/Voting Assistance Officers (VAOs)
- From a U.S. embassy or consulate
- From a state or local election official
- From an overseas organization (e.g., Overseas Vote Foundation, [OVF])
- From a non-FVAP website
- From a military post office
- Some other source

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ABSENTEE BALLOTS

29. How did you use the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) website to complete your Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)? *Mark one.*

- A printable FWAB downloaded from the FVAP website that you filled out by hand
- FVAP's automated assistant/wizard for filling out the FWAB online
- Don't know

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ABSENTEE BALLOTS

30. In 2012, overall how satisfied or dissatisfied were you with the assistance you received filling out the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) from the automated assistant/wizard on the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) website?

- Very satisfied
- Satisfied
- Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- Dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied

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ABSENTEE BALLOTS

31. What is the MAIN REASON you did not use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) for the November 6, 2012 election? *Mark one.*

- I did not know about the Federal Write-In Ballot (FWAB).
- I knew about it, but didn't know how to get one.
- I knew about it, but could not get one.
- I had difficulty filling it out.
- I had already returned a regular absentee ballot.
- Some other reason
- Does not apply; I used a FWAB for the November 6, 2012 election

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VOTING ASSISTANCE

Unit Voting Assistance Officers (UVAOs) are designated individuals who provide accurate, non-partisan voting information and assistance to members of military units who wish to vote.

32. During 2012, did you receive voting information or assistance from your spouse's UVAO?

- Yes
- No

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VOTING ASSISTANCE

33. In 2012, overall how satisfied or dissatisfied were you with the information or assistance you received from your spouse's Unit Voting Assistance Officer (UVAO)?

- Very satisfied
- Satisfied
- Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- Dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied

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VOTING ASSISTANCE

34. During 2012, did you receive the following information or assistance from your spouse's Unit Voting Assistance Officer (UVAO)? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item.

	Yes	No
a. Determining my eligibility to vote	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Understanding the absentee voting process	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Obtaining the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Completing the FPCA	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Obtaining the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Completing the FWAB	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Finding information on candidates/issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Finding information on deadlines	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. Electronic transmission of election materials (i.e., faxing, e-mailing)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j. Assistance with websites (i.e., federal, state, local)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
k. Finding out where to send my FPCA/FWAB	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
l. Some other voting information or assistance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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VOTING ASSISTANCE

35. In 2012, what is the MAIN REASON you didn't receive voting information or assistance from your spouse's Unit Voting Assistance Officer (UVAO)? Mark one.

- I did not need any voting information or assistance.
- I was not interested in voting.
- I did not know I could get information or assistance from the UVAO.
- My spouse did not have a UVAO.
- I did not know how to contact my spouse's UVAO.
- I did not have access to my spouse's UVAO.
- My spouse's UVAO did not have the materials or information I needed.
- I received my voting assistance elsewhere.
- Some other reason
- Does not apply; I received voting information or assistance from my spouse's UVAO

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VOTING ASSISTANCE

Installation Voter Assistance Offices (IVAOs) are designed to provide accurate, non-partisan voting information and assistance to members of military units who wish to vote.

36. During 2012, did you receive voting information or assistance from your spouse's IVAO?

- Yes
- No

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VOTING ASSISTANCE

37. In 2012, overall how satisfied or dissatisfied were you with the information or assistance you received from your spouse's Installation Voter Assistance Office (IVAO)?

- Very satisfied
- Satisfied
- Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- Dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied

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VOTING ASSISTANCE

38. During 2012, did you receive the following information or assistance from your spouse's Installation Voter Assistance Office (IVAO)? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item.

	Yes	No
a. Determining my eligibility to vote	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Understanding the absentee voting process	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Obtaining the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Completing the FPCA	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Obtaining the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Completing the FWAB	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Finding information on candidates/issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Finding information on deadlines	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. Electronic transmission of election materials (i.e., faxing, e-mailing)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j. Assistance with websites (i.e., federal, state, local)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
k. Finding out where to send my FPCA/FWAB	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
l. My spouse's IVAO offered to send my election materials to my election official for me	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
m. Some other voting information or assistance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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VOTING ASSISTANCE

39. In 2012, what is the MAIN REASON you didn't receive voting information or assistance from your spouse's Installation Voter Assistance Office (IVAO)?
Mark one.

- My location does not have an IVAO.
- I did not need any voting information or assistance.
- I was not interested in voting.
- I did not know I could get information or assistance from the IVAO.
- I did not know how to contact the IVAO
- The IVAO did not have the materials or information I needed.
- I received my voting assistance elsewhere.
- Some other reason
- Does not apply; I received voting information or assistance from my spouse's IVAO

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VOTING ASSISTANCE

The Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) website, www.fvap.gov, provides voting-related information and resources.

40. In preparation for the 2012 primaries and general election, did you visit this website?

- Yes
- No

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VOTING ASSISTANCE

41. Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied were you with the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) website when you visited it in 2012?

- Very satisfied
- Satisfied
- Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- Dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied

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VOTING ASSISTANCE

42. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) website? *Mark one answer for each item.*

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
a. State voting and related instructions were clear and easy to understand.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Contact information was easy to find.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Search feature met my needs.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. I was able to find what I needed quickly and easily.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. I was able to find the materials and forms I needed to vote.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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VOTING ASSISTANCE

43. In preparation for the 2012 primaries and general election, how often did you visit the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) website? *Mark one.*

- Once
- More than once
- Do not recall

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VOTING ASSISTANCE

44. In 2012, why didn't you visit the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) website? *Mark one.*

- I did not need any voting information or assistance.
- I was not interested in voting.
- I did not have Internet access.
- I did not know the website address.
- I did not know about it.
- I got all the information I needed from other sources.
- I received my voting assistance elsewhere.
- I did not think it would be useful.
- Some other reason
- Does not apply; I visited the FVAP website

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VOTING ASSISTANCE

The Department of Defense *2012-13 Voting Assistance Guide (VAG)* provides state-by-state information about registering to vote and requesting an absentee ballot.

45. In preparation for the 2012 primaries and general election, did you refer to the VAG for information about registering to vote or requesting an absentee ballot?

Yes

No

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VOTING ASSISTANCE

The Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) provides online chat, e-mail support, and a toll-free telephone service so you can ask FVAP staff for voting information or assistance.

46. Did you use FVAP's... Mark one answer for each item.

	Yes	No, but I was aware of this service	No, and I was not aware of this service
a. Online chat service?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. E-mail support?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Toll-free telephone service?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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VOTING ASSISTANCE

47. Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied were you with the assistance you received in 2012 from the Federal Voting Assistance Program's (FVAP) staff via the online chat, e-mail support, or toll-free telephone service?

- Very satisfied
- Satisfied
- Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- Dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied

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OTHER SOURCES OF VOTING INFORMATION

48. In preparation for the 2012 primaries and general election, did you visit the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) on Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, or Google+? *Mark one answer for each item.*

	Yes	No, and I do not use this social networking site	No, but I use this social networking site
a. Twitter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Facebook	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. LinkedIn	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Google+	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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OTHER SOURCES OF VOTING INFORMATION

**49. Did you receive voting information from any of the following sources in 2012?
Mark one answer for each item.**

	Yes	No, was available	No, was not available
a. State or local election official	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Local television, radio, and print media	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Armed Forces Radio/TV	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Other U.S. civilian newspapers, magazines, radio, or TV	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. International television, radio, and print media	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Family or friends	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. The Internet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Voting Assistance Officers (VAO)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. FVAP website	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j. Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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OTHER SOURCES OF VOTING INFORMATION

**50. If you were to need information about absentee voting in a future election,
which of the following sources would best serve you? Mark one.**

- Use an Internet search engine to find information
- Contact my state election office online
- Contact my county election office online
- Contact my Voting Assistance Officer (VAO)
- Use the Federal Voting Assistance Program's (FVAP) website
- Ask a friend
- Ask my supervisor

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ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION OF VOTING MATERIALS

Some states allow potential voters to check their voting eligibility status, to obtain voting materials such as absentee ballots from their websites, and/or to fax or e-mail voting materials including absentee ballots.

51. Considering your location and working conditions, approximately how often, from Labor Day to November 6, 2012, did you have access to each of the following? Mark one answer for each item. If you did not have access to any of the following, please mark 'Does not apply...'

	1%	15%	16%	31%	51%	71%	99%	100%	
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	of the time								
									Does not apply, I did not have access to this resource
a. Government websites other than the Federal Voting Assistance Program (e.g., state or Federal .gov or .mil sites)	<input type="checkbox"/>								
b. Non-government websites (e.g., .com sites)	<input type="checkbox"/>								
c. Fax	<input type="checkbox"/>								
d. DoD e-mail account	<input type="checkbox"/>								
e. Personal e-mail account	<input type="checkbox"/>								
f. Printers	<input type="checkbox"/>								
g. Scanners	<input type="checkbox"/>								

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ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION OF VOTING MATERIALS

52. During 2012, did you fax or e-mail any of the following materials? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item.

	Yes	No
a. Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) for absentee ballot	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Other non-FPCA request for absentee ballot	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Voted regular absentee ballot	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Voted Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Other voting materials	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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2010 ELECTION

Elections for the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives were held in 2010. A lot of respondents did not get to vote because they weren't registered, they were sick, or they didn't have time.

53. How about you — did you vote in that election?

- Definitely voted in person
- Definitely voted by mail
- Definitely voted by e-mail
- Definitely voted at an online website
- Definitely voted by fax
- Definitely did not vote
- Not sure

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TAKING THE SURVEY

54. Thank you for participating in the survey. There are no more questions on this survey. If you have comments or concerns that you were not able to express in answering this survey, please enter them in the space provided. Your comments will be viewed and considered as policy deliberations take place. Your feedback is useful and appreciated.



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TAKING THE SURVEY

55. Based on your answers to previous questions, you are ineligible to take this survey. If you feel you have encountered this message in error, click the back arrow and check your answers.

To submit your answer, click *Submit*. For further help, please call our Survey Processing Center toll-free at 1-800-881-5307 or e-mail ADMSSurvey@osd.pentagon.mil



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Appendix C.
Survey Cover Letters and Brochure



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ALEXANDRIA, VA 22350-4000**

#BWNJZYZ
#8000 6999 9994#
SPOUSE OF SN PAT M SAMPLE
C/O SN PAT M SAMPLE
432 MAIN STREET
GROUND FLOOR
ANYTOWN MN 54321-6789

November 28, 2012



Dear Spouse of Seaman Pat M Sample:

The Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP), in cooperation with the Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC), recently requested your participation in a DoD survey, the *2012 Post-Election Voting Survey of Active Duty Military Spouses*. The post-election survey is conducted after every federal election to ensure that all the spouses of military members, like you, have the opportunity to cast their vote no matter where they are located around the world. Although the survey is voluntary, the information and opinions you provide are important in helping to improve the absentee voting process for all military families. The survey will also help identify and address any problems military families might encounter when voting. **We need to hear from everyone selected for this very important project – voters and non-voters alike.**

You may complete either the enclosed paper version or Web version of the survey. If you choose to complete the paper survey, please return it at your earliest convenience in the enclosed, postage-paid envelope. To complete the survey online, please go to the DMDC website, <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/dodsurvey> and enter your personal **Ticket Number: WXXXXXXXX**

If you have questions regarding how to complete this survey or need assistance troubleshooting issues, please call our Survey Processing Center at 1-800-881-5307 or send an e-mail to ADMSSurvey@osd.pentagon.mil If you do not wish to participate in or receive reminders about this survey, you may remove yourself from the mailing list by contacting the Survey Processing Center. Please include your Ticket Number in your communications. If you wish to withdraw your answers after starting this survey, notify the Survey Processing Center prior to January 16, 2013. If you have any questions or suggestions about the survey, please visit our website at www.fvap.gov

Thank you for your participation in this important effort.

Sincerely,

Pamela S. Mitchell
Acting Director



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#8000 3122 5694#
JOHN SAMPLE
123 MAIN STREET
GROUND FLOOR
ANYTOWN MN 12345-1234

November 7, 2012



Dear John Sample:

The General Election is quickly approaching. With that in mind, I invite you to participate in a DoD survey regarding your voting experience. The Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) works to ensure that all spouses of military members have the opportunity to cast their vote, no matter where they are located around the world. The *2012 Post-Election Voting Survey of Active Duty Military Spouses*, which will launch on November 7, 2012, will provide FVAP with critical information to help improve the absentee voting process for all military spouses. The survey will also help identify and address any problems military families might encounter when voting. Your participation is vital, and we would appreciate your taking the time to complete the survey once you receive it. The survey will not take long and is entirely voluntary.

FVAP has teamed with another DoD organization, the Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC), on this effort. DMDC randomly selected spouses of military personnel from across the Uniformed Services to participate. **We need to hear from everyone selected for this very important project – voters and non-voters alike.**

Between now and Election Day, we invite you to provide us with a current e-mail or postal address in order to receive notifications about the survey. Please visit the DMDC website, <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/dodsurvey> and enter your personal **Ticket Number: WXXXXXXXX**

This site can be accessed from any computer with Internet access. If you log on from a non-DoD computer, your browser may provide a security alert. If so, follow the instructions and proceed to the DoD secure website.

If you have any questions about how to update your contact information, contact the Survey Processing Center at 1-800-881-5307 or send an e-mail to ADMSSurvey@osd.pentagon.mil Please include your Ticket Number in your communications. If you have any questions or suggestions about the survey, please visit our website at www.fvap.gov

Thank you for your participation in this important effort.

Sincerely,

Pamela S. Mitchell
Acting Director

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HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

You'll need a Ticket Number each time you access the surveyWeb site. The tear-out card to the right contains your Ticket Number. Please register on-line now and you will be contacted via e-mail when the survey is ready to take. The tear-out card was designed to fit in your wallet. Please remove and save for future use.



2012 POST-ELECTION VOTING SURVEY
OF ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY SPOUSES

Survey Start Date: November 7, 2012

Registration for:
JOHN SAMPLE

- 1: Log onto: <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/dodsurvey>
2. Enter your Ticket Number: **WXXXXXXXX**

If you have any questions, leave a message at **1-800-881-5307** or e-mail ADMSSurvey@osd.pentagon.mil

-Thank You-



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December 5, 2012



Dear Spouse of Seaman Pat Z Sample:

The Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) recently requested your participation in a DoD survey, the *2012 Post-Election Voting Survey of Active Duty Military Spouses*. If you have already completed the survey, we appreciate your prompt participation and please disregard this notice. If you have not completed the survey, we encourage you to do so today. Although the survey is voluntary, the information and opinions you provide are important in helping to improve the absentee voting process for all military families, and to identify and address any problems military spouses might encounter when voting. **We need to hear from everyone selected for this very important project – voters and non-voters alike.**

To complete the survey online, please go to the following website:
<https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/dodsurvey> and enter your personal **Ticket Number:**
WXXXXXXXX

These surveys are *Official Business* and can be completed using your government computer. If you have questions regarding how to complete this survey or need assistance troubleshooting issues, please call our Survey Processing Center at 1-800-881-5307 or send an e-mail to **ADMSSurvey@osd.pentagon.mil** If you do not wish to participate in or receive reminders about this survey, you may remove yourself from the mailing list by contacting the Survey Processing Center. Please include your Ticket Number in your communications. If you wish to withdraw your answers after starting this survey, notify the Survey Processing Center prior to January 16, 2013. If you have any questions or suggestions about the survey itself, please visit our website at **www.fvap.gov**

Thank you for your participation in this important effort.

Sincerely,

Pamela S. Mitchell
Acting Director



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SPOUSE OF CAPT CAMERON A SAMPLE
C/O CAPT CAMERON A SAMPLE
2222 MAIN STREET
ANYTOWN MN 55555-6789

December 26, 2012



Dear Spouse of Captain Cameron A Sample:

More than a month ago, the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP), in cooperation with the Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC), requested your participation in a DoD survey, the *2012 Post-Election Voting Survey of Active Duty Military Spouses*. If you have already completed the survey, we appreciate your prompt participation and please disregard this notice. If you have not completed the survey, we encourage you to do so today. Although the survey is voluntary, the information and opinions you provide are critical to improving the absentee voting process for all military families, and to identifying and addressing any problems military spouses might encounter when voting. **We need to hear from everyone selected for this very important project – voters and non-voters alike.**

If you would prefer to fill out the paper version, but no longer have your copy, please call our Survey Processing Center at 1-800-881-5307 or send an e-mail to ADMSSurvey@osd.pentagon.mil. The Center staff will be happy to send you another copy. Be sure to include your Ticket Number in all communications.

To access the online version of the survey, go to <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/dodsurvey> and enter your personal **Ticket Number: WXXXXXXX**

If you have partially completed the survey, but have not clicked the “Submit” button, please go back, log onto the website, complete the remaining items, and submit the survey.

If you do not wish to participate in or receive reminders about this survey, you may remove yourself from the mailing list by contacting the Survey Processing Center. Include your Ticket Number in your communications. If you wish to withdraw your answers after starting this survey, notify the Survey Processing Center prior to January 16, 2013. If you have any questions or suggestions about the survey, please visit our website at www.fvap.gov

Thank you for your participation in this important effort.

Sincerely,

Pamela S. Mitchell
Acting Director



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SPOUSE OF SGT JORDAN P SAMPLE
C/O SGT JORDAN P SAMPLE
8 MAIN STREET
APT 2
ANYTOWN MN 55333-6789

January 7, 2013



Dear Spouse of Sergeant Jordan P Sample:

The Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) requested your participation in FVAP's *2012 Post-Election Voting Survey of Active Duty Military Spouses*. However, as of the date of this letter, your survey has not been submitted to the Survey Processing Center and our deadline is fast approaching. Because your views and opinions are important, I urge you to take this final opportunity to complete the survey. Although the survey is voluntary, the information and opinions you provide are critical to improving the absentee voting process for all military families, and in identifying and addressing any problems military spouses might encounter when voting. **We need to hear from everyone selected for this very important project – voters and non-voters alike.**

If you have already completed the survey, thank you for your time and cooperation. If you have not already done so, please take time to complete the survey previously mailed to you and return it in the postage-paid envelope or complete the survey via the Web.

To complete the survey online, please go to the following website:
<https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/dodsurvey> and enter your personal **Ticket Number:**
WXXXXXXX

If you have partially completed the survey, but have not clicked the "Submit" button, please go back, log onto the website, complete the remaining items, and submit the survey.

If you have questions regarding how to complete this survey or need help troubleshooting issues, please call our Survey Processing Center at 1-800-881-5307 or send an e-mail to **ADMSSurvey@osd.pentagon.mil** If you do not wish to participate in or receive reminders about this survey, you may remove yourself from the mailing list by contacting the Survey Processing Center. Include your Ticket Number in your communications. If you wish to withdraw your answers after starting this survey, notify the Survey Processing Center prior to January 16, 2013. If you have any questions or suggestions about the survey, please visit our website at **www.fvap.gov**

Thank you for your service, and thank you for your participation in this important effort.

Sincerely,

Pamela S. Mitchell
Acting Director

From: Active Duty Military Spouse [ADMSSurvey@dmdc.osd.mil]
Sent: November 07, 2012 12:55 PM
To: Jane Sample
Subject: 2012 Post-Election Voting Survey of Active Duty Military Spouses (ANNOUNCEMENT)

Dear Jane Sample:

Your Ticket Number: ANNOUNCE

Recently the Director of the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) mailed you a letter regarding the "2012 Post-Election Voting Survey of Active Duty Military Spouses." Now that the General Election has taken place, the survey is available at <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/dodsurvey>

In coordination with the Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC), another Department of Defense (DoD) organization, you were randomly selected to participate in this very important survey. The survey asks you about your voting experiences and we would like to hear from both voters and non-voters alike. The survey is confidential (only group statistics will be reported) and should only take about 20 minutes to complete. It is very important that we hear back from you as the information you provide will help improve the absentee voting process for all military personnel. While participation is voluntary, your opinions are very important.

Clicking this link (<https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/dodsurvey>) will take you directly to the survey website. You can also copy this address into the Web address box of your Internet browser (enter the address into the address box, not into a search engine, such as Google). Once you have accessed the website, enter your personal Ticket Number: ANNOUNCE

We know you are very busy and so the survey will let you to start and stop as often as you like. If you have questions regarding how to complete this survey or need assistance, please contact the Survey Processing Center toll-free at 1-800-881-5307 or send an email to ADMSSurvey@osd.pentagon.mil If you have any questions or suggestions about the survey, please visit our website at www.fvap.gov If you do not wish to participate in or receive reminders about this survey, you may remove yourself from the mailing list by replying to this message along with the words, "Please remove me from this survey's mailing list," and include your Ticket Number.

The 2012 survey is one of the only tools we have to assess the reliability and effectiveness of the absentee voting process. Your information and your opinions are crucial to improving the program and the absentee voting process for our Uniformed Service members.

In compliance with DoD regulations and to authenticate its source, this email has been digitally signed.

On behalf of FVAP, thank you for participating in this survey.

From: Active Duty Military Spouse [ADMSSurvey@dmdc.osd.mil]
Sent: November 21, 2012 12:57 PM
To: Jane Sample
Subject: 2012 Post-Election Voting Survey of Active Duty Military Spouses (REMINDER 1)

Dear Jane Sample:

Your Ticket Number: REMIND1

The Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) recently contacted you in regards to the "2012 Post-Election Voting Survey of Active Duty Military Spouses." If you have already completed the survey, we thank you. If you have not had a chance to do so, please take the time today. While participation is voluntary, the information and the opinions you provide are very important to the success of our research effort. Your answers will remain confidential, only group statistics are reported, and the survey should only take about 20 minutes to complete.

The website for the survey is: <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/dodsurvey>
Simply click on this address to go directly to the website, or you can "copy and paste" this address into the Web address box of your Internet browser. Once at the website, please enter your Ticket Number: REMIND1

If you have partially completed the survey, but have not clicked the "Submit Button," please go back, log onto the website, complete the remaining items, and submit the survey.

If you cannot access the website or experience technical issues, please call our Survey Processing Center toll-free at 1-800-881-5307 or send an e-mail to ADMSSurvey@osd.pentagon.mil We hope you will participate in this important effort, but if you choose not to you can reply to this message along with the words, "Please remove me from this survey's mailing list," and include your Ticket Number. If you have any questions or suggestions about the survey, please visit our website at www.fvap.gov

On behalf of FVAP, thank you for participating in this survey.

From: Active Duty Military Spouse [ADMSSurvey@dmdc.osd.mil]
Sent: November 27, 2012 3:53 PM
To: Jane Sample
Subject: 2012 Post-Election Voting Survey of Active Duty Military Spouses (REMINDER 2)

Dear Jane Sample:

Your Ticket Number: REMIND2

The Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) recently contacted you in regards to the "2012 Post-Election Voting Survey of Active Duty Military Spouses." If you have already completed the survey, thank you. If you have not had a chance to do so, please take the time today. Your input is greatly appreciated and we look forward to learning about your voting experiences - whether or not you voted in general election. While participation is voluntary, your opinions are very important.

The website for the survey is: <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/dodsurvey>
Simply click on this address to go directly to the website, or you can "copy and paste" this address into the Web address box of your Internet browser. Once at the website, please enter your Ticket Number: REMIND2

If you have partially completed the survey, but have not clicked the "Submit Button," please go back, log onto the website, complete the remaining items, and submit the survey. We assure you that your answers will remain confidential as only group statistics are reported.

If you cannot access the website or experience technical issues, please call our Survey Processing Center toll-free at 1-800-881-5307 or send an e-mail to ADMSSurvey@osd.pentagon.mil We hope you will participate in this important effort, but if you choose not to you can reply to this message along with the words, "Please remove me from this survey's mailing list," and include your Ticket Number. If you have any questions or suggestions about the survey, please visit our website at www.fvap.gov

On behalf of FVAP, thank you for participating in this survey.

From: Active Duty Military Spouse [ADMSSurvey@dmdc.osd.mil]
Sent: December 04, 2012 11:15 AM
To: Jane Sample
Subject: 2012 Post-Election Voting Survey of Active Duty
Military Spouses (REMINDER 3)

Dear Jane Sample:

Your Ticket Number: REMIND3

For those who have completed the "2012 Post-Election Voting Survey of Active Duty Military spouses," from the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP), we thank you. If you have not had a chance to do so, please take the time today.

The website for the survey is: <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/dodsurvey>
Simply click on this address to go directly to the website, or you can "copy and paste" this address into the Web address box of your Internet browser. Once at the website, please enter your Ticket Number: REMIND3

If you have partially completed the survey, but have not clicked the "Submit Button," please go back, log onto the website, complete the remaining items, and submit the survey. If you prefer, you may also fill out the paper form mailed to you earlier. We assure you that responses will be reported in the aggregate and no individual data will be reported. While participation is voluntary, your opinions are very important.

If you cannot access the website or experience technical issues, please call our Survey Processing Center toll-free at 1-800-881-5307 or send an e-mail to ADMSSurvey@osd.pentagon.mil We hope you will participate in this important effort, but if you choose not to, you can reply to this message along with the words, "Please remove me from this survey's mailing list," and include your Ticket Number. If you have any questions or suggestions about the survey, please visit our website at www.fvap.gov

On behalf of FVAP, thank you for participating in this survey.

From: Active Duty Military Spouse [ADMSSurvey@dmdc.osd.mil]
Sent: December 13, 2012 1:25 PM
To: Jane Sample
Subject: 2012 Post-Election Voting Survey of Active Duty Military Spouses (REMINDER 4)

Dear Ms. Sample:

Your Ticket Number: REMIND4

The Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) has received many responses to "2012 Post-Election Voting Survey of Active Duty Military Spouses," and we want to thank those of you who have taken the time so far to answer the survey.

If you have not had a chance to participate or complete your survey, and you would like to inform FVAP of your opinions on the absentee voting process, please take time to complete the survey today. While your participation is desired, it is entirely voluntary.

The website for the survey is: <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/dodsurvey>
Simply click on this address to go directly to the website, or you can "copy and paste" this address into the Web address box of your Internet browser. Once at the website, please enter your Ticket Number: REMIND4

If you have partially completed the survey, but have not clicked the "Submit Button," please go back, log onto the website, complete the remaining items, and submit the survey.

If you cannot access the website or experience technical issues, please call our Survey Processing Center toll-free at 1-800-881-5307 or send an e-mail to ADMSSurvey@osd.pentagon.mil We hope you will participate in this important effort, but if you choose not to, you can reply to this message along with the words, "Please remove me from this survey's mailing list," and include your Ticket Number. If you have any questions or suggestions about the survey, please visit our website at www.fvap.gov

On behalf of FVAP, thank you for participating in this survey.

From: Active Duty Military Spouse [ADMSSurvey@dmdc.osd.mil]
Sent: December 13, 2012 4:10 PM
To: Joe Sample
Subject: 2012 Post-Election Voting Survey of Active Duty Military Spouses (MEMBER REMINDER)

Dear Sergeant Sample:

The Director of the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) recently requested your spouse to participate in the "2012 Post-Election Voting Survey of Active Duty Military Spouses." This post-election voting survey is conducted after every General Election to assess the experience that spouses of military members have with the absentee voting process.

In coordination with the Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC), another Department of Defense (DoD) organization, your spouse was randomly selected to participate in this very important survey. The survey asks specific questions about the voting experiences of military spouses and we would like to hear from both voters and non-voters alike. The information provided by your spouse will help FVAP with critical information to improve their programs and the absentee voting process for all military spouses. The survey is confidential (only group statistics will be reported) and should only take about 20 minutes to complete. While participation is voluntary, your spouse's opinions are very important.

The 2012 survey is one of the only tools we have to measure the reliability and effectiveness of the absentee voting process. Therefore, we ask you to encourage your spouse to complete the survey. If your spouse has not yet completed the Web survey, the website is:
<https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/dodsurvey>

Your spouse has received a unique Ticket Number which must be used to access the survey. If your spouse has not received a Ticket Number and needs to update contact information, please reference ID number 12345 when contacting the Survey Processing Center. This number will not grant access to the survey, but will allow your spouse to update contact information so that he/she can receive survey mailings.

If your spouse has any questions regarding how to complete this survey or need assistance, please contact the Survey Processing Center toll-free at 1-800-881-5307 or send an e-mail to ADMSSurvey@osd.pentagon.mil

In compliance with DoD regulations and to authenticate its source, this e-mail has been digitally signed.

Thank you for your service and thank you for your help with this important effort.

From: Active Duty Military Spouse [ADMSSurvey@dmdc.osd.mil]
Sent: December 19, 2012 12:35 PM
To: Jane Sample
Subject: 2012 Post-Election Voting Survey of Active Duty Military Spouses (REMINDER 5)

Dear Jane Sample:

Your Ticket Number: REMIND5

If you have completed the Federal Voting Assistance Program's (FVAP) "2012 Post-Election Voting Survey of Active Duty Military Spouses," we thank you. If you have not had the time to participate, please try to take the time today to do so. While your participation is desired, it is entirely voluntary.

The website for the survey is: <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/dodsurvey>
Simply click on this address to go directly to the website, or you can "copy and paste" this address into the Web address box of your Internet browser. Once at the website, please enter your Ticket Number: REMIND5

If you have partially completed the survey, but have not clicked the "Submit Button," please go back, log onto the website, complete the remaining items, and submit the survey. You may also fill the questionnaire previously mailed to you and return it in the postage-paid envelope. Whether you complete the paper or Web survey, your answers will remain confidential, only group statistics will be reported.

If you cannot access the website or experience technical issues, please call our Survey Processing Center toll-free at 1-800-881-5307 or send an e-mail to ADMSSurvey@osd.pentagon.mil We hope you will participate in this important effort, but if you choose not to, you can reply to this message along with the words, "Please remove me from this survey's mailing list," and include your Ticket Number. If you have any questions or suggestions about the survey, please visit our website at www.fvap.gov

On behalf of FVAP, thank you for participating in this survey.

From: Active Duty Military Spouse [ADMSSurvey@dmdc.osd.mil]
Sent: January 03, 2013 2:26 PM
To: Jane Sample
Subject: Post-Election Voting Survey of Active Duty
Military Spouses (REMINDER 6)

Dear Jane Sample:

Your Ticket Number: REMIND6

For those who have completed the Federal Voting Assistance Program's (FVAP) "2012 Post-Election Voting Survey of Active Duty Military Spouses," we thank you very much. If you have not had the time to do so, there are only a few days remaining before we will have to close the website. Please take the time before January 16, 2013, to complete the survey so that we may collect information regarding your experience with the absentee voting process. While your participation is desired, it is entirely voluntary.

The website for the survey is: <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/dodsurvey>
Simply click on this address to go directly to the website, or you can "copy and paste" this address into the Web address box of your Internet browser. Once at the website, please enter your Ticket Number: REMIND6

If you have started the survey, but have not clicked the "Submit" button, please go back, log onto the website, complete as many items as you can and submit the survey. You may also fill the questionnaire previously mailed to you and return it in the postage-paid envelope. Whether you complete the paper or Web survey, your answers will remain confidential, only group statistics are reported.

If you cannot access the website or experience technical issues, please call our Survey Processing Center toll-free at 1-800-881-5307 or send an e-mail to ADMSSurvey@osd.pentagon.mil We hope you will participate in this important effort, but if you choose not to, you can reply to this message along with the words, "Please remove me from this survey's mailing list," and include your Ticket Number. If you have any questions or suggestions about the survey, please visit our website at www.fvap.gov

On behalf of FVAP, thank you for participating in this survey.

From: Active Duty Military Spouse [ADMSSurvey@dmdc.osd.mil]
Sent: January 11, 2013 2:30 PM
To: Jane Sample
Subject: 2012 Post-Election Voting Survey of Active Duty
Military Spouses (REMINDER 7)

Dear Jane Sample:

Your Ticket Number: REMIND7

If you have completed the Federal Voting Assistance Program's (FVAP) "2012 Post-Election Voting Survey of Active Duty Military Spouses," we thank you. If you have not had a chance to complete the survey, please do so before the website closes on January 16, 2013. Your opinions are very important and while your participation is desired, it is entirely voluntary.

The website for the survey is: <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/dodsurvey>
Simply click on this address to go directly to the website, or you can "copy and paste" this address into the Web address box of your Internet browser. Once at the website, please enter your Ticket Number: REMIND7

If you have partially completed the survey, but have not clicked the "Submit Button," please go back, log onto the website, complete remaining items as you can, and submit the survey. To complete the paper version of the survey, please take time to complete the questionnaire previously mailed to you and return it in the postage-paid envelope.

If you cannot access the website or experience technical issues, please call our Survey Processing Center toll-free at 1-800-881-5307 or send an e-mail to ADMSSurvey@osd.pentagon.mil We hope you will participate in this important effort, but if you choose not to, you can reply to this message along with the words, "Please remove me from this survey's mailing list," and include your Ticket Number. If you have any questions or suggestions about the survey, please visit our website at www.fvap.gov

On behalf of FVAP, thank you for participating in this survey.

**Appendix D.
Annotated Questionnaire**

2012 Post Election Voting Survey of Active Duty Military Spouses

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

SRMARST

1. What is your marital status?

- 1 Married
2 Separated
3 Divorced
4 Widowed
5 Never married

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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CURRACTIVE

2. Was your spouse serving on active duty on November 6, 2012?

- 2 Yes
1 No

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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NOT ([CURRACTIVE] = "No")*

USCTZN

3. Were you a U.S. citizen on November 6, 2012?

- 2 Yes
1 No

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SRAGEGP

4. What was your age on November 6, 2012? Mark one.

- 1 17 years old or younger
- 2 18 to 24 years old
- 3 25 to 29 years old
- 4 30 to 34 years old
- 5 35 to 44 years old
- 6 45 years old or older

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younger")*

SRHISPA1

5. Are you Spanish/Hispanic/Latino?

- 1 No, not Spanish/Hispanic/Latino
- 2 Yes, Mexican, Mexican-American, Chicano, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or other Spanish/Hispanic/Latino

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

SRRACEA, SRRACEB, SRRACEC, SRRACED, SRRACEE

6. What is your race? *Mark one or more races to indicate what race you consider yourself to be.*

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- White
- Black or African American
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian (e.g., Asian Indian, Chinese, Filipino, Japanese, Korean, or Vietnamese)
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander (e.g., Samoan, Guamanian, or Chamorro)

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STATION

7. On November 6, 2012, where were you located?

- 1 United States/territories
- 2 Overseas

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Please specify in which overseas country you were located.

Select Country

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Your legal voting residence is the state or territory that you claim as your legal residence even though you may no longer own property or have other ties there.

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LEGALRES

8. As of the November 6, 2012 election, what state or territory was your legal voting residence? Please select the U.S. state, D.C., Puerto Rico, or a U.S. territory or possession that you claim as a legal residence.

Please select

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REGVOTER

9. In 2012, were you registered to vote in the United States?

2 Yes

1 No

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ABSENTEE BALLOTS

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REQABSBAL

10. Did you request an absentee ballot for the November 6, 2012 election? Mark one.

- 1 Yes
- 2 No, but I automatically received an absentee ballot from a local election official.
- 3 No, and I never received an absentee ballot.
- 4 No, I did not need an absentee ballot.

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ABSENTEE BALLOTS

The Federal Post Card Application (FPCA; Standard Form 76) is a request for registration and a regular (as opposed to back-up) absentee ballot. Some states require eligible voters who vote absentee to use the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) to request an absentee ballot.

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REQFPCA

11. Did you use the FPCA to request your absentee ballot for the November 6, 2012 election or did you use another method? Mark one.

- 1 Yes, I used an FPCA to request an absentee ballot.
- 2 No, I used a State or local form to request an absentee ballot.
- 3 No, I used a non-government website (e.g., Rock the Vote [RTV], Overseas Vote Foundation [OVF]) to request an absentee ballot.
- 4 No, I used another method.

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ABSENTEE BALLOTS

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WHEREFPCA

12. Did you obtain your Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) for the November 6, 2012 election from any of the following sources? *Mark one.*

- 1 From the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) website
- 2 From some other contact with the FVAP
- 3 Through military channels/Voting Assistance Officers (VAOs)
- 4 From a U.S. embassy or consulate
- 5 From a state or local election official
- 6 A printable FPCA downloaded from the FVAP website that you filled out by hand
- 7 FVAP's automated assistant/wizard for filling out the FPCA online
- 8 From a military post office
- 9 Some other source

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ABSENTEE BALLOTS

CONFPCAA, CONFPCAB, CONFPCAC

13. Did you receive notification from a local election official that your registration and/or request for an absentee ballot had been... *Mark one answer for each row.*

	Yes	No	Do not recall
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a. Received?	<u>1</u> <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>2</u> <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>3</u> <input type="checkbox"/>
b. Rejected?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Accepted?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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ABSENTEE BALLOTS

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RECABS

14. Did you receive your regular absentee ballot for the November 6, 2012 election?

- 2 Yes
1 No

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ABOBTAIN

15. How did you obtain your regular absentee ballot in 2012? Mark one.

- 1 State voting website
2 State link on the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) website
3 Mail
4 Fax
5 E-mail
6 In person
7 Other
60 Do not recall

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ABSENTEE BALLOTS

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RETABS

16. Did you complete and return your regular absentee ballot for the November 6, 2012 election?

- 2 Yes
1 No

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CMPLTBAL

17. How did you complete and return your regular absentee ballot for the November 6, 2012 election? *Mark one.*

- 1 Mail
2 USPS Express/Certified mail
3 FedEx, UPS, DHL, or other delivery carrier
4 Embassy/consulate mail pouch
5 Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) Electronic Transmission System (ETS)
6 Fax
7 E-mail (e.g., as attachment)
8 Online (e.g., through a website)
9 In person
10 Other

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RETFPCA

18. Did you return your Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) for the November 6, 2012 election using any of the following sources? *Mark one.*

- 1 Mail
- 2 USPS Express/Certified mail
- 3 FedEx, UPS, DHL, or other delivery carrier
- 4 Embassy/consulate mail pouch
- 5 Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) Electronic Transmission System (ETS)
- 6 Fax
- 7 E-mail (e.g., as attachment)
- 8 Online (e.g., through a secure website)
- 9 In person
- 10 Other
- 60 Does not apply; I did not use a FPCA to request an absentee ballot

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ABSENTEE BALLOTS

SATVOTEA, SATVOTEB, SATVOTEC, SATVOTED, SATVOTEE

19. How satisfied or dissatisfied were you, in general, with each aspect of the absentee voting process? Mark one answer for each item.

	Very satisfied		Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied		Very dissatisfied
	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
a. Process of registering to vote	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Process of requesting an absentee ballot	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Process of receiving/getting an absentee ballot	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Process of completing absentee ballot	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Process of returning absentee ballot to local election official	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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ABRECEIVE

20. If you were to vote using an absentee ballot in a future election, how would you prefer to receive the absentee ballot? Mark one.

- 1 By postal mail
- 2 From a website
- 3 By e-mail
- 4 By fax

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ABSENTEE BALLOTS

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ABRETURN

21. If you were to vote using an absentee ballot in a future election, how would you prefer to *return* the absentee ballot? *Mark one.*

- 1 By postal mail
- 2 Through a website
- 3 By e-mail
- 4 By fax

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2012 ELECTION

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INTEREST

22. How interested or uninterested were you in the U.S. elections held on November 6, 2012?

- 5 Very interested
- 4 Somewhat interested
- 3 Neither interested nor uninterested
- 2 Somewhat uninterested
- 1 Very uninterested

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2012 ELECTION

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VOTEPLAN

23. During the months leading up to the election held on November 6, 2012, did you ever plan to vote in that election, or didn't you plan to vote? *Mark one.*

- 1 Did plan to vote
- 2 Did not plan to vote

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2012 ELECTION

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VOTED

24. In the election held on November 6, 2012, did you definitely vote in person on election day, definitely complete an absentee ballot by mail, e-mail, fax, or online on or before November 6, 2012, definitely not vote, or are you not completely sure whether you voted in that election? *Mark one.*

- 1 Definitely voted in person
- 2 Definitely voted by mail
- 3 Definitely voted by e-mail
- 4 Definitely voted at an online website
- 5 Definitely voted by fax
- 6 Definitely did not vote
- 7 Not sure

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2012 ELECTION

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NOVOTE

25. What was the main reason you did not vote in the November 6, 2012 election?
Mark one.

- 1 I was not registered to vote.
- 2 I felt out of touch with the issues in my local community.
- 3 I did not know how to get an absentee ballot.
- 4 My absentee ballot arrived too late.
- 5 My absentee ballot did not arrive at all.
- 6 The absentee voting process was too complicated.
- 7 I was concerned my absentee ballot would not be counted.
- 8 I tried to vote but did not or could not complete the process.
- 9 I do not think it is appropriate for spouses of members of the military to vote.
- 10 Some other reason

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ABSENTEE BALLOTS

The Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB; Standard Form 186) is a back-up ballot if you do not receive your regular absentee ballot.

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FWABAWR

26. Were you aware that you could use the FWAB for the November 6, 2012 election?

- 2 Yes
- 1 No

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FWABUSE

27. Did you use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) in the November 6, 2012 election?

2 Yes

1 No

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WHEREFWAB

28. Did you obtain your Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) for the November 6, 2012 election from any of the following sources? *Mark one.*

1 From the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) website

2 From some other contact with FVAP

3 Through military channels/Voting Assistance Officers (VAOs)

4 From a U.S. embassy or consulate

5 From a state or local election official

6 From an overseas organization (e.g., Overseas Vote Foundation, [OVF])

7 From a non-FVAP website

8 From a military post office

9 Some other source

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ABSENTEE BALLOTS

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USEWEBFWAB

29. How did you use the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) website to complete your Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)? Mark one.

- 1 A printable FWAB downloaded from the FVAP website that you filled out by hand
- 2 FVAP's automated assistant/wizard for filling out the FWAB online
- 3 Don't know

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ABSENTEE BALLOTS

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WEBFWABSAT

30. In 2012, overall how satisfied or dissatisfied were you with the assistance you received filling out the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) from the automated assistant/wizard on the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) website?

- 5 Very satisfied
- 4 Satisfied
- 3 Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- 2 Dissatisfied
- 1 Very dissatisfied

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ABSENTEE BALLOTS

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NOFWABR

31. What is the MAIN REASON you did not use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) for the November 6, 2012 election? Mark one.

- 1 I did not know about the Federal Write-In Ballot (FWAB).
2 I knew about it, but didn't know how to get one.
3 I knew about it, but could not get one.
4 I had difficulty filling it out.
5 I had already returned a regular absentee ballot.
6 Some other reason
60 Does not apply; I used a FWAB for the November 6, 2012 election

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VOTING ASSISTANCE

Unit Voting Assistance Officers (UVAOs) are designated individuals who provide accurate, non-partisan voting information and assistance to members of military units who wish to vote.

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UVAOHELP

32. During 2012, did you receive voting information or assistance from your spouse's UVAO?

- 2 Yes
1 No

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VOTING ASSISTANCE

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UVAOSAT

33. In 2012, overall how satisfied or dissatisfied were you with the information or assistance you received from your spouse's Unit Voting Assistance Officer (UVAO)?

- 5 Very satisfied
- 4 Satisfied
- 3 Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- 2 Dissatisfied
- 1 Very dissatisfied

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VOTING ASSISTANCE

UVAOASTA, UVAOASTB, UVAOASTC, UVAOASTD, UVAOASTE, UVAOASTF, UVAOASTG, UVAOASTH, UVAOASTI, UVAOASTJ, UVAOASTK, UVAOASTL

34. During 2012, did you receive the following information or assistance from your spouse's Unit Voting Assistance Officer (UVAO)? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item.

	Yes	No
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a. Determining my eligibility to vote	<u>2</u> <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>1</u> <input type="checkbox"/>
b. Understanding the absentee voting process	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Obtaining the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Completing the FPCA	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Obtaining the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Completing the FWAB	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Finding information on candidates/issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Finding information on deadlines	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. Electronic transmission of election materials (i.e., faxing, e-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

mailing)

j. Assistance with websites (i.e., federal, state, local)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
k. Finding out where to send my FPCA/FWAB	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
l. Some other voting information or assistance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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VOTING ASSISTANCE

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NOUVAOMAIN

35. In 2012, what is the MAIN REASON you didn't receive voting information or assistance from your spouse's Unit Voting Assistance Officer (UVAO)? Mark one.

- 1 I did not need any voting information or assistance.
- 2 I was not interested in voting.
- 3 I did not know I could get information or assistance from the UVAO.
- 4 My spouse did not have a UVAO.
- 5 I did not know how to contact my spouse's UVAO.
- 6 I did not have access to my spouse's UVAO.
- 7 My spouse's UVAO did not have the materials or information I needed.
- 8 I received my voting assistance elsewhere.
- 9 Some other reason
- 60 Does not apply; I received voting information or assistance from my spouse's UVAO

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VOTING ASSISTANCE

Installation Voter Assistance Offices (IVAOs) are designed to provide accurate, non-partisan voting information and assistance to members of military units who wish to vote.

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IVAOHELP

36. During 2012, did you receive voting information or assistance from your spouse's IVAO?

2 Yes

1 No

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VOTING ASSISTANCE

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IVAOSAT

37. In 2012, overall how satisfied or dissatisfied were you with the information or assistance you received from your spouse's Installation Voter Assistance Office (IVAO)?

5 Very satisfied

4 Satisfied

3 Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied

2 Dissatisfied

1 Very dissatisfied

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VOTING ASSISTANCE

IVAOASTA, IVAOASTB, IVAOASTC, IVAOASTD, IVAOASTE, IVAOASTF, IVAOASTG, IVAOASTH, IVAOASTI, IVAOASTJ, IVAOASTK, IVAOASTL, IVAOASTM

38. During 2012, did you receive the following information or assistance from your spouse's Installation Voter Assistance Office (IVAO)? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item.

	Yes	No
<p><i>NOT ([SRMARST] = "Divorced" OR [SRMARST] = "Widowed" OR [SRMARST] = "Never married") AND NOT ([CURRACTIVE] = "No") AND NOT ([USCTZN] = "No") AND NOT ([SRAGEGP] = "17 years old or younger") AND ([IVAOHELP] = "Yes")</i></p>		
a. Determining my eligibility to vote	<input type="checkbox"/> ²	<input type="checkbox"/> ¹
b. Understanding the absentee voting process	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Obtaining the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Completing the FPCA	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Obtaining the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Completing the FWAB	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Finding information on candidates/issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Finding information on deadlines	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. Electronic transmission of election materials (i.e., faxing, e-mailing)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j. Assistance with websites (i.e., federal, state, local)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
k. Finding out where to send my FPCA/FWAB	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
l. My spouse's IVAO offered to send my election materials to my election official for me	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
m. Some other voting information or assistance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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VOTING ASSISTANCE

NOT ([SRMARST] = "Divorced" OR [SRMARST] = "Widowed" OR [SRMARST] = "Never married") AND NOT ([CURRACTIVE] = "No") AND NOT ([USCTZN] = "No") AND NOT ([SRAGEGP] = "17 years old or younger") AND ([IVAHELP] = "No")

NOIVAOMAIN

39. In 2012, what is the MAIN REASON you didn't receive voting information or assistance from your spouse's Installation Voter Assistance Office (IVAO)?
Mark one.

- 1 My location does not have an IVAO.
- 2 I did not need any voting information or assistance.
- 3 I was not interested in voting.
- 4 I did not know I could get information or assistance from the IVAO.
- 5 I did not know how to contact the IVAO
- 6 The IVAO did not have the materials or information I needed.
- 7 I received my voting assistance elsewhere.
- 8 Some other reason
- 60 Does not apply; I received voting information or assistance from my spouse's IVAO

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VOTING ASSISTANCE

The Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) website, www.fvap.gov, provides voting-related information and resources.

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WEBSITE

40. In preparation for the 2012 primaries and general election, did you visit this website?

- 2 Yes
- 1 No

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VOTING ASSISTANCE

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WEBSATIS

41. Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied were you with the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) website when you visited it in 2012?

- 5 Very satisfied
- 4 Satisfied
- 3 Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- 2 Dissatisfied
- 1 Very dissatisfied

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VOTING ASSISTANCE

AGREEWEBA, AGREEWEBB, AGREEWEBC, AGREEWEBD, AGREEWEBE

42. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) website? Mark one answer for each item.

		Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
<p><i>NOT ([SRMARST] = "Divorced" OR [SRMARST] = "Widowed" OR [SRMARST] = "Never married") AND NOT ([CURRACTIVE] = "No") AND NOT ([USCTZN] = "No") AND NOT ([SRAGEGP] = "17 years old or younger") AND ([WEBSITE] = "Yes")</i></p>						
a. State voting and related instructions were clear and easy to understand.	5	<input type="checkbox"/>	4	<input type="checkbox"/>	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Contact information was easy to find.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Search feature met my needs.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. I was able to find what I needed quickly and easily.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. I was able to find the materials and forms I needed to vote.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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VOTING ASSISTANCE

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WEBTIMES

43. In preparation for the 2012 primaries and general election, how often did you visit the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) website? *Mark one.*

- 1 Once
2 More than once
60 Do not recall

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VOTING ASSISTANCE

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NOFWEBWHY

44. In 2012, why didn't you visit the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) website? *Mark one.*

- 1 I did not need any voting information or assistance.
2 I was not interested in voting.
3 I did not have Internet access.
4 I did not know the website address.
5 I did not know about it.
6 I got all the information I needed from other sources.
7 I received my voting assistance elsewhere.
8 I did not think it would be useful.
9 Some other reason
60 Does not apply; I visited the FVAP website

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VOTING ASSISTANCE

The Department of Defense *2012-13 Voting Assistance Guide (VAG)* provides state-by-state information about registering to vote and requesting an absentee ballot.

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VAG

45. In preparation for the 2012 primaries and general election, did you refer to the VAG for information about registering to vote or requesting an absentee ballot?

- 2 Yes
- 1 No

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VOTING ASSISTANCE

The Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) provides online chat, e-mail support, and a toll-free telephone service so you can ask FVAP staff for voting information or assistance.

USEFVAPA, USEFVAPB, USEFVAPC

46. Did you use FVAP's... Mark one answer for each item.

	Yes	No, but I was aware of this service	No, and I was not aware of this service
	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>
a. Online chat service?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. E-mail support?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Toll-free telephone service?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

NOT ([SRMARST] = "Divorced" OR [SRMARST] = "Widowed" OR [SRMARST] = "Never married") AND NOT ([CURRACTIVE] = "No") AND NOT ([USCTZN] = "No") AND NOT ([SRAGEGP] = "17 years old or younger")

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VOTING ASSISTANCE

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FVAPUSESAT

47. Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied were you with the assistance you received in 2012 from the Federal Voting Assistance Program's (FVAP) staff via the online chat, e-mail support, or toll-free telephone service?

- 5 Very satisfied
- 4 Satisfied
- 3 Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- 2 Dissatisfied
- 1 Very dissatisfied

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OTHER SOURCES OF VOTING INFORMATION

SOCIALA, SOCIALB, SOCIALC, SOCIALD

48. In preparation for the 2012 primaries and general election, did you visit the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) on Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, or Google+? Mark one answer for each item.

	Yes	No, and I do not use this social networking site	No, but I use this social networking site
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a. Twitter	<u>1</u> <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>2</u> <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>3</u> <input type="checkbox"/>
b. Facebook	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. LinkedIn	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Google+	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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OTHER SOURCES OF VOTING INFORMATION

RECINFOA, RECINFOB, RECINFOC, RECINFOD, RECINFOE, RECINFOF, RECINFOG, RECINFOH, RECINFOI, RECINFOJ

**49. Did you receive voting information from any of the following sources in 2012?
Mark one answer for each item.**

	Yes	No, was available	No, was not available
<i>NOT ([SRMARST] = "Divorced" OR [SRMARST] = "Widowed" OR [SRMARST] = "Never married") AND NOT ([CURRACTIVE] = "No") AND NOT ([USCTZN] = "No") AND NOT ([SRAGEGP] = "17 years old or younger")</i>			
a. State or local election official	<u>1</u> <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>2</u> <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>3</u> <input type="checkbox"/>
b. Local television, radio, and print media	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Armed Forces Radio/TV	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Other U.S. civilian newspapers, magazines, radio, or TV	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. International television, radio, and print media	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Family or friends	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. The Internet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Voting Assistance Officers (VAO)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. FVAP website	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j. Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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OTHER SOURCES OF VOTING INFORMATION

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SEEKABINF

50. If you were to need information about absentee voting in a future election, which of the following sources would best serve you? *Mark one.*

- 1 Use an Internet search engine to find information
- 2 Contact my state election office online
- 3 Contact my county election office online
- 4 Contact my Voting Assistance Officer (VAO)
- 5 Use the Federal Voting Assistance Program's (FVAP) website
- 6 Ask a friend
- 7 Ask my supervisor

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ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION OF VOTING MATERIALS

FAXEMAILA, FAXEMAILB, FAXEMAILC, FAXEMAILD, FAXEMAIL E

52. During 2012, did you fax or e-mail any of the following materials? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item.

	Yes	No
<p><i>NOT ([SRMARST] = "Divorced" OR [SRMARST] = "Widowed" OR [SRMARST] = "Never married") AND NOT ([CURRACTIVE] = "No") AND NOT ([USCTZN] = "No") AND NOT ([SRAGEGP] = "17 years old or younger") AND (([ACTUALACCC] = "1% - 15% of the time" OR [ACTUALACCC] = "16% - 30% of the time" OR [ACTUALACCC] = "31% - 50% of the time" OR [ACTUALACCC] = "51% - 70% of the time" OR [ACTUALACCC] = "71% - 99% of the time" OR [ACTUALACCC] = "100% of the time") OR ([ACTUALACCD] = "1% - 15% of the time" OR [ACTUALACCD] = "16% - 30% of the time" OR [ACTUALACCD] = "31% - 50% of the time" OR [ACTUALACCD] = "51% - 70% of the time" OR [ACTUALACCD] = "71% - 99% of the time" OR [ACTUALACCD] = "100% of the time") OR ([ACTUALACCE] = "1% - 15% of the time" OR [ACTUALACCE] = "16% - 30% of the time" OR [ACTUALACCE] = "31% - 50% of the time" OR [ACTUALACCE] = "51% - 70% of the time" OR [ACTUALACCE] = "71% - 99% of the time" OR [ACTUALACCE] = "100% of the time"))</i></p>		
a. Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) for absentee ballot	<u>2</u> <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>1</u> <input type="checkbox"/>
b. Other non-FPCA request for absentee ballot	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Voted regular absentee ballot	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Voted Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Other voting materials	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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2010 ELECTION

Elections for the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives were held in 2010. A lot of respondents did not get to vote because they weren't registered, they were sick, or they didn't have time.

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VOTELAST

53. How about you — did you vote in that election?

- 1 Definitely voted in person
- 2 Definitely voted by mail
- 3 Definitely voted by e-mail
- 4 Definitely voted at an online website
- 5 Definitely voted by fax
- 6 Definitely did not vote
- 7 Not sure

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TAKING THE SURVEY

NOT ([SRMARST] = "Divorced" OR [SRMARST] = "Widowed" OR [SRMARST] = "Never married") AND NOT ([CURRACTIVE] = "No") AND NOT ([USCTZN] = "No") AND NOT ([SRAGEGP] = "17 years old or younger")

COMMENT

54. Thank you for participating in the survey. There are no more questions on this survey. If you have comments or concerns that you were not able to express in answering this survey, please enter them in the space provided. Your comments will be viewed and considered as policy deliberations take place. Your feedback is useful and appreciated.

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TAKING THE SURVEY

([SRMARST] = "Never married" OR [SRMARST] = "Widowed" OR [SRMARST] = "Divorced" OR [CURRACTIVE] = "No" OR [USCTZN] = "No" OR [SRAGEGP] = "17 years old or younger")

COMMUNELIG

55. Based on your answers to previous questions, you are ineligible to take this survey. If you feel you have encountered this message in error, click the back arrow and check your answers.

To submit your answer, click *Submit*. For further help, please call our Survey Processing Center toll-free at 1-800-881-5307 or e-mail

ADMSSurvey@osd.pentagon.mil

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Appendix E.
Coding Scheme

APPENDIX E: Coding Scheme for the 2012 Post-Election Voting Survey of Active Duty Military Spouses

The guiding premise of this DMDC survey is that the analysts creating the dataset will not be the only ones analyzing the data. DMDC rarely collects data only for immediate use or to answer one question. Different people, both at DMDC and other organizations, analyze DMDC datasets over time. Every care is taken in organizing and documenting DMDC surveys so secondary analysts can be reasonably certain they understand both how data were coded and the limitations of the data. This appendix describes (1) conventions for naming variables, (2) methods for capturing data from the survey instrument, and (3) the process of editing survey response variables created for the analysis file.

Variable Naming

In responding to a customer's request for information, DMDC often uses multiple data sources. Information on a particular topic may need to be obtained from different surveys or from a survey that has been repeated over a number of years. For example, a customer might be interested in organizational commitment items included in a survey of active duty members in 1999 and in an exit survey in 2000. Conventions discussed below are being used as a means for facilitating such analyses

Non-survey-derived Variables

Variable names for non-survey-derived variables tend to be character strings that aid in remembering the meanings of the variables. Two important conventions were used in naming variables.

Administrative record variables. A variable name from DMDC record files is used only if the data, values, and value labels are identical to those from an official DMDC data file. When data is added to an analysis file unchanged from record data, the same variable name, values, and value labels are used. For example, if SVC is a field in the record data indicating the employee's direct employing agency, since the variable in the survey data file is identical to that in the record data from the month that the sample is drawn, the same variable name and labels are used. In contrast, the variable SRSVC will have slightly different values and value labels, and consequently is given a variable name that is not used in the official records so as not to confuse analysts who work routinely with record data.

Crossing variables. Beginning a variable name with "X" indicates it is a special crossing (marginal) variable for key analyses. "X variables" typically involve using record data to impute values for missing data in survey items. "X variables" may also require collapsing or recoding to missing in order to preserve the confidentiality of respondents. (See Appendix J for the programming that was used to compute "X variables.")

Survey Variables

Standard survey response and operational variables. Variables common to DMDC surveys are assigned identical names and values across surveys. The prefix "SR" is used for self-

reported demographic survey items: SRMARST and SRAGEGP are examples. Examples of common operational variables are CMTFLAG (indicates whether the respondent entered a comment) and DARVDATE (date the survey was submitted)

Nonstandard survey response variables. Survey item variables are named according to the following conventions (illustrated for the 2012 Post-Election Voting Survey of Active Duty Military Spouses):

- 1) Naming conventions of all Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) post-election surveys variables tend to be character strings that aid in remembering the item text and have been standardized across surveys. The length of these variables names are limited to twelve characters.
- 2) The last position may represent sub-items for multi-part survey items, or “U” (indicating that the values have not been edited to enforce skip pattern consistency) or “R” (indicating that the original values have been recoded).
- 3) The exceptions, skip pattern flags (“SK”) and specify flags (“SP”), are explained later in the section Standard Flag Variables. Specify flags (ending in a “SP”) represent whether information has been written in a specify box. Certain types of negative replies such as, nothing, none, NA, and not applicable are ignored. The information contained in the write-in variables is not on the survey file, but housed separately in a verbatim file. Skip flag variables (ending in a “SK”) are created, and codes are assigned to indicate if respondents completed the skip patterns correctly. 2012 Post-Election Voting Survey of Active Duty Military Spouses had only one comment box for the respondents to express their concerns.

Raw-Data Encoding Process

When a respondent completes an online survey, data are stored in an indexed file on the Web (data) server. This file is copied to the operations contractor’s internal network and the data are matched to the sample file, attaching each member’s survey responses to the sample record. Paper surveys are scanned using Intelligent Character Recognition (ICR) technology. If any documents cannot be scanned, they are batched separately and the data are key-entered. The data from the paper form are then merged with the Web data.

As a result of this merge, survey items appearing on the paper form but not on the Web form have missing values on Web respondents’ records; these missing values are assigned the SAS special value .F. More information on missing values is given in the section “Missing Data Codes.”

The data are then cleaned in an iterative multi-step process. First, values are assigned to valid responses (see Appendix D for the annotated form) and item nonresponse is coded (-9). Then the process creates flag variables for respondent-specified items; flags, validates, and codes skip pattern variables; codes the content of text entries.

The Web survey form’s “other specify” and open-ended comments are collected in a comment file and linked to the Web survey data by ticket number. The paper survey form “other specify” and open-ended comments are collected in a comment file and linked to the data by an

identifier given to each survey as it is scanned. All text entries are cleaned and edited to remove identifying information and expletives. The long comment item at the end of the questionnaire is keyed in a separate process. The comments data are confidential and are not merged into the returns dataset.

The next sections discuss the assignment of missing value codes, the special treatment of data variables, and the editing of variable to enforce skip patterns.

Value Coding and Formats

Datasets are prepared as SAS¹ system files. An OS or flat file version of the basic survey release file is then prepared from the SAS system file. This section describes how values are treated in creating the SAS system files and notes any differences in the flat file.

In the SAS system files, variables are declared as numeric unless they contain true alphabetic characters. Although numeric variables can take more storage space, many statistical and logical operations can be done only with variables that are declared as numeric. Values for alphabetic variables are input with \$CHARww. formats to preserve leading, embedded, and trailing blanks.

Missing Data Codes

The instructions used to assign missing data codes and other special codes are shown in Tables E-1 and E-2. The labels associated with each assigned value are shown in italicized text. These are the SAS format labels used in the SAS dataset.

- Table E-1 contains basic SAS and flat file missing data values.
- Table E-2 contains SAS and flat file missing data values for dates.

The values presented in Table E-1 are general missing data values that have been adopted in recent years for use on DMDC surveys. (Standards for date variables are in Table E-2.) Both tables have separate columns for values used for SAS system files and flat files. The biggest difference between the flat files and SAS system files is in the treatment of missing values. The flat file values differ from the SAS values because SAS implements special missing values and formats that may not be compatible with other statistical analysis software such as SPSS².

¹ SAS is a trademark of the SAS Institute, Inc.

² SPSS is a trademark of SPSS Inc.

Table E-1.
Basic SAS[®] and Flat Missing Data Values

SAS [®] File		Flat File		Description
Numeric	Alpha	Numeric	Alpha	
.	.	-9	.	<i>No response or missing skip</i>
.S	.S	-8	.S	<i>Survey self-report ineligible</i>
.O	.O	-7	.O	<i>Out-of-range</i>
.N	.N	-6	.N	<i>Not applicable or Valid skip</i>
.F	.F	-5	.F	<i>Variable not on survey form.</i> This value is reserved for multiple-form surveys
.I	.I	-4	.I	<i>Incomplete grid or multiple response error</i>
.B	.B	-1	.B	<i>No survey returned.</i> Filler values for survey variables when either a blank survey is returned or no survey is returned. Control system variables retain assigned values.

Table E-2.
SAS[®] and Flat File Missing Data Values for Dates

SAS [®] File		Flat File		Description
Re-coded value	Value read from input	YYYYMMDD	MMYYYY	
.	-54908	18090901	SEP1809	<i>No response (invalid skip)</i>
.O	-55701	18070701	JUL1807	<i>Out-of-range error</i>
.N	-56096	18060601	JUN1806	<i>Not applicable (valid skip)</i>
.I	-56887	18040401	APR1804	<i>Incomplete grid error</i>
.B	-58073	18010101	JAN1801	<i>No survey returned.</i> Filler values for survey variables when either a blank survey is returned or no survey is returned. Control system variables retain assigned values.

Note: This conversion has already been done in DMDC SAS[®] files.

SAS can represent up to 27 missing data values for numeric variables as either a period or a period-letter combination. While SAS can read alpha characters representing missing data in a raw data field declared to be numeric, other programs such as SPSS do not accept these characters in numeric fields. Missing numeric data are represented in the flat files by negative numbers that can be declared as missing values. For example, a survey self-report ineligible in flat files is coded as a “-8”, which can be declared as a missing value when the data are input in SPSS—in the SAS file, the value “.S” is used to represent a survey self-report ineligible.

Data requirements of SUDAAN³ are also considered in coding. Primarily this means avoiding in coding the use of a zero, which has a special use for certain procedures in SUDAAN, for a variable that will be used as a categorical independent variable.

Many types of missing data are common to scanned surveys and are self explanatory. In general, missing data are coded as “-9” (SAS: .) for item nonresponse; survey self-report ineligibles are coded as “-8” (SAS: .S).⁴ Incomplete responses in grids that could not be resolved by visual inspection are coded as “-4” (SAS:.I). Out-of-Range responses in grids (e.g., number of days or weeks in a year larger than 365 or 52, respectively) are coded as “-7” (SAS: .O). For a single item that contains a response alternative of “Not applicable”, a missing data code of “-6” (SAS: .N) is typically used. When multiple items can be affected by a skip pattern or when item(s) have multiple ways to be not applicable, other specific codes are used. This type of coding is discussed later in the section entitled “Skip Pattern Coding.”

Multiple survey forms or modes (e.g., paper and web) are sometimes used in a single effort, and the data from all the related forms combined into a single dataset for analysis. Questions may appear in one form or mode but not in another. In a combined dataset, a code of “-5” (SAS: .F) indicates missing data for variables not on the form completed by a respondent.

Records are included in the files for sampled spouses regardless of whether or not they returned a survey. If a spouse did not return a survey or returned a blank survey, every survey variable is assigned a value of “-1” (SAS: .B).

Standard Flag Variables

Skip pattern flags indicate whether one or more questions were or are not to be asked of respondents. For example, if respondents to this survey indicated on question 28 (WHEREFWAB) that they did not obtain their Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot (FWAB) for the November 6, 2012 election from the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) website, then web respondents did not see question 29; USEWEBFWABSK is a flag variable indicating whether question 29 (USEWEBFWAB) was answered consistently with the skip pattern. The skip flag is then used to remove incongruent responses from the paper form. Skip flags are useful for evaluating the effectiveness of the skip pattern and for screening out ambiguous response patterns during analysis.

³ SUDAAN is a trademark of the Research Triangle Institute.

⁴ Multiple response errors can only occur for users of the paper form. Web instrument, through the use of radio buttons, does not allow multiple responses for one item.

Skip flags are set during data editing in accordance with Table E-2. Skip flags are set in the manner discussed in Table E-3; however, the specifics for each skip flag are detailed in the next section. Note that the value -9 (SAS: .) is used to represent missing data in flag variables in a slightly different way than they are used for standard survey variables.

Special Codes for Skip Patterns

Discrepancies in skip patterns are resolved during data editing. First, skip flags are created. The section Raw-Data Encoding Process introduced the general outline of the skip flags, but the specific flags for each skip pattern are specified in Table E-3.⁵ After the creation of all the skip flags, variables within the skip patterns are forward coded to make them consistent with the variables that start the skip patterns. To preserve all data, the variables within skip patterns are first copied to a set of confidential variables. The convention for naming these “raw” variables is to end the name with “U” for Unedited. Table E-3 specifies how to assign the special values to variables within the skip patterns. While Table E-3 is organized to show all the edits for a skip pattern, all skip flags are set prior to undertaking any forward coding. The remainder of this section describes the logic behind coding of skip patterns.

While an analyst can ignore discrepancies between a respondent’s answer on an item containing a conditional direction to skip items and answers to those items, it is generally better to resolve the discrepancies. Two ways of resolving the discrepancies can be termed backward and forward coding. Backward coding involves correcting the discrepancy by editing back from the skip pattern items to make the initial question conform. Forward coding involves correcting the discrepancy by editing forward from the initial question to make the skip pattern items conform. Data for this survey are forward coded with data on the starting question accepted as marked and data for the items within the skip pattern edited to be consistent with the starting question.

If a starting item is marked in such a way that the respondent should skip, items within the skip pattern have the not applicable value (.N) assigned regardless of what the respondent marked on the items within the skip pattern. These values differentiate items with data missing because the item should have been skipped from items where data are missing because the respondent should have answered them but did not.

Table E-3: Special Coding Notes

Note Coding instructions and codebook specifications

1. **STATIONSPSK, STATIONSPU. The following explains how to create the flag variable -- the codebook page should contain this information:**

STATIONSPSK is an indicator of whether **STATIONSP** were or were not to be asked of a respondent and its initial value is 1 (Not asked). If (STATION = 2) then **STATIONSPSK** = 2 (Asked).

⁵ Table E-3 also provides special coding notes for other non-obvious codings.

The following explains how the flag variable is used in editing -- the codebook page for the edited variable should contain this information:

STATIONSPU = STATIONSP, but are unedited for forward coding of non-applicable or missing response values.

Here is how they are edited:

If STATIONSPSK = 1 then do;

STATIONSP = .N;

end;

.N = (Not Applicable)

2. **REQFPCASK, REQFPCAU.** The following explains how to create the flag variable -- the codebook page should contain this information:

REQFPCASK is an indicator of whether **REQFPCA** were or were not to be asked of a respondent and its initial value is 1 (Not asked). If (REQABSBAL = 1) then **REQFPCASK** = 2 (Asked).

The following explains how the flag variable is used in editing -- the codebook page for the edited variable should contain this information:

REQFPCAU = REQFPCA, but are unedited for forward coding of non-applicable or missing response values.

Here is how they are edited:

If REQFPCASK = 1 then do;

REQFPCA = .N;

end;

.N = (Not Applicable)

3. **WHEREFPCASK, WHEREFPCAU.** The following explains how to create the flag variable -- the codebook page should contain this information:

WHEREFPCASK is an indicator of whether **WHEREFPCA** were or were not to be asked of a respondent and its initial value is 1 (Not asked). If (REQFPCA = 1) then **WHEREFPCASK** = 2 (Asked).

The following explains how the flag variable is used in editing -- the codebook page for the

edited variable should contain this information:

WHEREFPCAU = WHEREFPCA, but are unedited for forward coding of non-applicable or missing response values.

Here is how they are edited:

If WHEREFPCASK = 1 then do;

WHEREFPCA = .N;

end;

.N = (Not Applicable)

4. **CONFPCASK, CONFPCAAU, CONFPCABU, CONFPCACU, RECABSU. The following explains how to create the flag variable -- the codebook page should contain this information:**

CONFPCASK is an indicator of whether **CONFPCAA, CONFPCAB, CONFPCAC, RECABS** were or were not to be asked of a respondent and its initial value is 1 (Not asked). If (REQABSBAL = 1) then **CONFPCASK = 2** (Asked).

The following explains how the flag variable is used in editing -- the codebook page for the edited variable should contain this information:

CONFPCAAU = CONFPCAA, CONFPCABU = CONFPCAB, CONFPCACU = CONFPCAC, RECABSU = RECABS, but are unedited for forward coding of non-applicable or missing response values.

Here is how they are edited:

If CONFPCASK = 1 then do;

CONFPCAA = .N;

CONFPCAB = .N;

CONFPCAC = .N;

RECABS = .N;

end;

.N = (Not Applicable)

5. **ABOBTAINSK, ABOBTAINU. The following explains how to create the flag variable -- the codebook page should contain this information:**

ABOBTAINSK is an indicator of whether **ABOBTAIN** were or were not to be asked of a respondent and its initial value is 1 (Not asked). If (RECABS = 2) then **ABOBTAINSK = 2**

(Asked).

The following explains how the flag variable is used in editing -- the codebook page for the edited variable should contain this information:

ABOBTAINU = ABOBTAIN, but are unedited for forward coding of non-applicable or missing response values.

Here is how they are edited:

If ABOBTAINSK = 1 then do;

ABOBTAIN = .N;

end;

.N = (Not Applicable)

6. **RETABSSK, RETABSU.** The following explains how to create the flag variable -- the codebook page should contain this information:

RETABSSK is an indicator of whether **RETABS** were or were not to be asked of a respondent and its initial value is 1 (Not asked). If (REQABSBAL = 2 OR RECABS = 2) then **RETABSSK** = 2 (Asked).

The following explains how the flag variable is used in editing -- the codebook page for the edited variable should contain this information:

RETABSU = RETABS, but are unedited for forward coding of non-applicable or missing response values.

Here is how they are edited:

If RETABSSK = 1 then do;

RETABS = .N;

end;

.N = (Not Applicable)

7. **CMPLTBALSK, CMPLTBALU.** The following explains how to create the flag variable -- the codebook page should contain this information:

CMPLTBALSK is an indicator of whether **CMPLTBAL** were or were not to be asked of a respondent and its initial value is 1 (Not asked). If (RETABS = 2) then **CMPLTBALSK** = 2 (Asked).

The following explains how the flag variable is used in editing -- the codebook page for the edited variable should contain this information:

CMPLTBALU = CMPLTBAL, but are unedited for forward coding of non-applicable or missing response values.

Here is how they are edited:

If CMPLTBALSK = 1 then do;

CMPLTBAL = .N;

end;

.N = (Not Applicable)

8. **RETFPCASK, RETFPCAU. The following explains how to create the flag variable -- the codebook page should contain this information:**

RETFPCASK is an indicator of whether **RETFPCA** were or were not to be asked of a respondent and its initial value is 1 (Not asked). If (REQFPCA = 1) then **RETFPCASK** = 2 (Asked).

The following explains how the flag variable is used in editing -- the codebook page for the edited variable should contain this information:

RETFPCAU = RETFPCA, but are unedited for forward coding of non-applicable or missing response values.

Here is how they are edited:

If RETFPCASK = 1 then do;

RETFPCA = .N;

end;

.N = (Not Applicable)

9. **SATVOTESK, SATVOTEAU, SATVOTEBU, SATVOTECU, SATVOTEDU, SATVOTEEU. The following explains how to create the flag variable -- the codebook page should contain this information:**

SATVOTESK is an indicator of whether **SATVOTEA, SATVOTEB, SATVOTEC, SATVOTED, SATVOTEE** were or were not to be asked of a respondent and its initial value is 1 (Not asked). If (REQABSBAL = 1) then **SATVOTESK** = 2 (Asked).

The following explains how the flag variable is used in editing -- the codebook page for the

edited variable should contain this information:

SATVOTEAU = SATVOTEA, SATVOTEBU = SATVOTEB, SATVOTECU = SATVOTEC, SATVOTEDU = SATVOTED, SATVOTEEU = SATVOTEE, but are unedited for forward coding of non-applicable or missing response values.

Here is how they are edited:

If SATVOTESK = 1 then do;

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SATVOTEA = .N;  
SATVOTEB = .N;  
SATVOTEC = .N;  
SATVOTED = .N;  
SATVOTEE = .N;
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end;

.N = (Not Applicable)

10. NOVOTESK, NOVOTEU. The following explains how to create the flag variable -- the codebook page should contain this information:

NOVOTESK is an indicator of whether **NOVOTE** were or were not to be asked of a respondent and its initial value is 1 (Not asked). If (VOTED = 6) then **NOVOTESK** = 2 (Asked).

The following explains how the flag variable is used in editing -- the codebook page for the edited variable should contain this information:

NOVOTEU = NOVOTE, but are unedited for forward coding of non-applicable or missing response values.

Here is how they are edited:

If NOVOTESK = 1 then do;

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NOVOTE = .N;
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end;

.N = (Not Applicable)

11. WHEREFWABSK, WHEREFWABU. The following explains how to create the flag variable -- the codebook page should contain this information:

WHEREFWABSK is an indicator of whether **WHEREFWAB** were or were not to be asked of a respondent and its initial value is 1 (Not asked). If (FWABUSE = 2) then **WHEREFWABSK** = 2 (Asked).

The following explains how the flag variable is used in editing -- the codebook page for the edited variable should contain this information:

WHEREFWABU = WHEREFWAB, but are unedited for forward coding of non-applicable or missing response values.

Here is how they are edited:

If WHEREFWABSK = 1 then do;

WHEREFWAB = .N;

end;

.N = (Not Applicable)

12. USEWEBFWABSK, USEWEBFWABU. The following explains how to create the flag variable -- the codebook page should contain this information:

USEWEBFWABSK is an indicator of whether **USEWEBFWAB** were or were not to be asked of a respondent and its initial value is 1 (Not asked). If (WHEREFWAB = 1) then **USEWEBFWABSK = 2** (Asked).

The following explains how the flag variable is used in editing -- the codebook page for the edited variable should contain this information:

USEWEBFWABU = USEWEBFWAB, but are unedited for forward coding of non-applicable or missing response values.

Here is how they are edited:

If USEWEBFWABSK = 1 then do;

USEWEBFWAB = .N;

end;

.N = (Not Applicable)

13. WEBFWABSATSK, WEBFWABSATU. The following explains how to create the flag variable -- the codebook page should contain this information:

WEBFWABSATSK is an indicator of whether **WEBFWABSAT** were or were not to be asked of a respondent and its initial value is 1 (Not asked). If (USEWEBFWAB = 2) then **WEBFWABSATSK = 2** (Asked).

The following explains how the flag variable is used in editing -- the codebook page for the

edited variable should contain this information:

WEBFWABSATU = WEBFWABSAT, but are unedited for forward coding of non-applicable or missing response values.

Here is how they are edited:

If WEBFWABSATSK = 1 then do;

WEBFWABSAT = .N;

end;

.N = (Not Applicable)

14. NOFWABRSK, NOFWABRU. The following explains how to create the flag variable -- the codebook page should contain this information:

NOFWABRSK is an indicator of whether **NOFWABR** were or were not to be asked of a respondent and its initial value is 1 (Not asked). If (FWABUSE = 1) then **NOFWABRSK** = 2 (Asked).

The following explains how the flag variable is used in editing -- the codebook page for the edited variable should contain this information:

NOFWABRU = NOFWABR, but are unedited for forward coding of non-applicable or missing response values.

Here is how they are edited:

If NOFWABRSK = 1 then do;

NOFWABR = .N;

end;

.N = (Not Applicable)

15. UVAOSATSK, UVAOSATU, UVAOASTAU, UVAOASTBU, UVAOASTCU, UVAOASTDU, UVAOASTEU, UVAOASTFU, UVAOASTGU, UVAOASTHU, UVAOASTIU, UVAOASTJU, UVAOASTKU, UVAOASTLU. The following explains how to create the flag variable -- the codebook page should contain this information:

UVAOSATSK is an indicator of whether **UVAOSAT, UVAOASTA, UVAOASTB, UVAOASTC, UVAOASTD, UVAOASTE, UVAOASTF, UVAOASTG, UVAOASTH, UVAOASTI, UVAOASTJ, UVAOASTK, UVAOASTL** were or were not to be asked of a respondent and its initial value is 1 (Not asked). If (UVAOHELP = 2) then **UVAOSATSK** = 2 (Asked).

The following explains how the flag variable is used in editing -- the codebook page for the edited variable should contain this information:

UVAOSATU = UVAOSAT, UVAOASTAU = UVAOASTA, UVAOASTBU = UVAOASTB, UVAOASTCU = UVAOASTC, UVAOASTDU = UVAOASTD, UVAOASTEU = UVAOASTE, UVAOASTFU = UVAOASTF, UVAOASTGU = UVAOASTG, UVAOASTHU = UVAOASTH, UVAOASTIU = UVAOASTI, UVAOASTJU = UVAOASTJ, UVAOASTKU = UVAOASTK, UVAOASTLU = UVAOASTL, but are unedited for forward coding of non-applicable or missing response values. Here is how they are edited:

If UVAOSATSK = 1 then do;

UVAOSAT = .N;
UVAOASTA = .N;
UVAOASTB = .N;
UVAOASTC = .N;
UVAOASTD = .N;
UVAOASTE = .N;
UVAOASTF = .N;
UVAOASTG = .N;
UVAOASTH = .N;
UVAOASTI = .N;
UVAOASTJ = .N;
UVAOASTK = .N;
UVAOASTL = .N;

end;

.N = (Not Applicable)

16. NOUVAOMAINSK, NOUVAOMAINU. The following explains how to create the flag variable -- the codebook page should contain this information:

NOUVAOMAINSK is an indicator of whether **NOUVAOMAIN** were or were not to be asked of a respondent and its initial value is 1 (Not asked). If (UVAOHELP = 1) then **NOUVAOMAINSK** = 2 (Asked).

The following explains how the flag variable is used in editing -- the codebook page for the edited variable should contain this information:

NOUVAOMAINU = **NOUVAOMAIN**, but are unedited for forward coding of non-applicable or missing response values.

Here is how they are edited:

If NOUVAOMAINSK = 1 then do;

NOUVAOMAIN = .N;

end;

.N = (Not Applicable)

17. **IVAOSATSK, IVAOSATU, IVAOASTAU, IVAOASTBU, IVAOASTCU, IVAOASTDU, IVAOASTEU, IVAOASTFU, IVAOASTGU, IVAOASTHU, IVAOASTIU, IVAOASTJU, IVAOASTKU, IVAOASTLU, IVAOASTMU.** The following explains how to create the flag variable -- the codebook page should contain this information:

IVAOSATSK is an indicator of whether **IVAOSAT, IVAOASTA, IVAOASTB, IVAOASTC, IVAOASTD, IVAOASTE, IVAOASTF, IVAOASTG, IVAOASTH, IVAOASTI, IVAOASTJ, IVAOASTK, IVAOASTL, IVAOASTM** were or were not to be asked of a respondent and its initial value is 1 (Not asked). If (IVAOHELP = 2) then **IVAOSATSK** = 2 (Asked).

The following explains how the flag variable is used in editing -- the codebook page for the edited variable should contain this information:

IVAOSATU = IVAOSAT, IVAOASTAU = IVAOASTA, IVAOASTBU = IVAOASTB, IVAOASTCU = IVAOASTC, IVAOASTDU = IVAOASTD, IVAOASTEU = IVAOASTE, IVAOASTFU = IVAOASTF, IVAOASTGU = IVAOASTG, IVAOASTHU = IVAOASTH, IVAOASTIU = IVAOASTI, IVAOASTJU = IVAOASTJ, IVAOASTKU = IVAOASTK, IVAOASTLU = IVAOASTL, IVAOASTMU = IVAOASTM, but are unedited for forward coding of non-applicable or missing response values.

Here is how they are edited:

If IVAOSATSK = 1 then do;

IVAOSAT = .N;
IVAOASTA = .N;
IVAOASTB = .N;
IVAOASTC = .N;
IVAOASTD = .N;
IVAOASTE = .N;
IVAOASTF = .N;
IVAOASTG = .N;
IVAOASTH = .N;
IVAOASTI = .N;
IVAOASTJ = .N;
IVAOASTK = .N;
IVAOASTL = .N;
IVAOASTM = .N;

end;

.N = (Not Applicable)

18. NOIVAOMAINSK, NOIVAOMAINU. The following explains how to create the flag variable -- the codebook page should contain this information:

NOIVAOMAINSK is an indicator of whether **NOIVAOMAIN** were or were not to be asked of a respondent and its initial value is 1 (Not asked). If (IVAOHELP = 1) then **NOIVAOMAINSK** = 2 (Asked).

The following explains how the flag variable is used in editing -- the codebook page for the edited variable should contain this information:

NOIVAOMAINU = **NOIVAOMAIN**, but are unedited for forward coding of non-applicable or missing response values.

Here is how they are edited:

If **NOIVAOMAINSK** = 1 then do;

NOIVAOMAIN = .N;

end;

.N = (Not Applicable)

19. WEBSATISSK, WEBSATISU, AGREEWEBAU, AGREEWEBBU, AGREEWEBCU, AGREEWEBDU, AGREEWEBEU, WEBTIMESU. The following explains how to create the flag variable -- the codebook page should contain this information:

WEBSATISSK is an indicator of whether **WEBSATIS, AGREEWEBA, AGREEWEBB, AGREEWEBC, AGREEWEBD, AGREEWEBE, WEBTIMES** were or were not to be asked of a respondent and its initial value is 1 (Not asked). If (WEBSITE = 2) then **WEBSATISSK** = 2 (Asked).

The following explains how the flag variable is used in editing -- the codebook page for the edited variable should contain this information:

WEBSATISU = **WEBSATIS, AGREEWEBAU** = **AGREEWEBA, AGREEWEBBU** = **AGREEWEBB, AGREEWEBCU** = **AGREEWEBC, AGREEWEBDU** = **AGREEWEBD, AGREEWEBEU** = **AGREEWEBE, WEBTIMESU** = **WEBTIMES**, but are unedited for forward coding of non-applicable or missing response values.

Here is how they are edited:

If **WEBSATISSK** = 1 then do;

WEBSATIS = .N;

AGREEWEBA = .N;

AGREEWEBB = .N;

AGREEWEBC = .N;

AGREEWEBD = .N;
AGREEWEBE = .N;
WEBTIMES = .N;

end;

.N = (Not Applicable)

20. **NOFWEBWHYSK, NOFWEBWHYU. The following explains how to create the flag variable -- the codebook page should contain this information:**

NOFWEBWHYSK is an indicator of whether **NOFWEBWHY** were or were not to be asked of a respondent and its initial value is 1 (Not asked). If (WEBSITE = 1) then **NOFWEBWHYSK** = 2 (Asked).

The following explains how the flag variable is used in editing -- the codebook page for the edited variable should contain this information:

NOFWEBWHYU = **NOFWEBWHY**, but are unedited for forward coding of non-applicable or missing response values.

Here is how they are edited:

If **NOFWEBWHYSK** = 1 then do;

NOFWEBWHY = .N;

end;

.N = (Not Applicable)

21. **FVAPUSESATSK, FVAPUSESATU. The following explains how to create the flag variable -- the codebook page should contain this information:**

FVAPUSESATSK is an indicator of whether **FVAPUSESAT** were or were not to be asked of a respondent and its initial value is 1 (Not asked). If (USEFVAPA = 1 OR USEFVAPB = 1 OR USEFVAPC = 1) then **FVAPUSESATSK** = 2 (Asked).

The following explains how the flag variable is used in editing -- the codebook page for the edited variable should contain this information:

FVAPUSESATU = **FVAPUSESAT**, but are unedited for forward coding of non-applicable or missing response values.

Here is how they are edited:

If **FVAPUSESATSK** = 1 then do;

FVAPUSESAT = .N;

end;

.N = (Not Applicable)

22. **FAXEMAILSK, FAXEMAILAU, FAXEMAILBU, FAXEMAILCU, FAXEMAILDU, FAXEMAILEU.** The following explains how to create the flag variable -- the codebook page should contain this information:

FAXEMAILSK is an indicator of whether **FAXEMAILA, FAXEMAILB, FAXEMAILC, FAXEMAILD, FAXEMAILE** were or were not to be asked of a respondent and its initial value is 1 (Not asked). If ((ACTUALACCC = 1 OR ACTUALACCC = 2 OR ACTUALACCC = 3 OR ACTUALACCC = 4 OR ACTUALACCC = 5 OR ACTUALACCC = 6) OR (ACTUALACCD = 1 OR ACTUALACCD = 2 OR ACTUALACCD = 3 OR ACTUALACCD = 4 OR ACTUALACCD = 5 OR ACTUALACCD = 6) OR (ACTUALACCE = 1 OR ACTUALACCE = 2 OR ACTUALACCE = 3 OR ACTUALACCE = 4 OR ACTUALACCE = 5 OR ACTUALACCE = 6)) then **FAXEMAILSK** = 2 (Asked).

The following explains how the flag variable is used in editing -- the codebook page for the edited variable should contain this information:

FAXEMAILAU = FAXEMAILA, FAXEMAILBU = FAXEMAILB, FAXEMAILCU = FAXEMAILC, FAXEMAILDU = FAXEMAILD, FAXEMAILEU = FAXEMAILE, but are unedited for forward coding of non-applicable or missing response values. Here is how they are edited:

If FAXEMAILSK = 1 then do;

FAXEMAILA = .N;
FAXEMAILB = .N;
FAXEMAILC = .N;
FAXEMAILD = .N;
FAXEMAILE = .N;

end;

.N = (Not Applicable)

23. **COMMINEIGSK, COMMINEIGU.** The following explains how to create the flag variable -- the codebook page should contain this information:

COMMINEIGSK is an indicator of whether **COMMINEIG** were or were not to be asked of a respondent and its initial value is 1 (Not asked). If (SRMARST = 5 OR SRMARST = 4 OR SRMARST = 3 OR CURRACTIVE = 1 OR USCTZN = 1 OR SRAGEGP = 1) then **COMMINEIGSK** = 2 (Asked).

The following explains how the flag variable is used in editing -- the codebook page for the edited variable should contain this information:

COMMINGELIGU = COMMINGELIG, but are unedited for forward coding of non-applicable or missing response values.

Here is how they are edited:

If COMMINGELIGSK = 1 then do;

COMMINGELIG = '.N';

end;

.N = (Not Applicable)

24. SRRACEA—SRRACEE, SRRETH1

The codebook pages for SRRACEA—SRRACEE should note:

These items are consistent with the ‘1997 Standards for Maintaining, Collecting, and Presenting Federal Data on Race and Ethnicity’ and the 2000 Decennial Census.”

SRRACEA-SRRACEE are coded as “Mark all that apply” items, where 1= Not marked and 2= Marked. SRRACEA indicates whether the “White” response category was marked, SRRACEB indicates whether the “Black or African-American” response category was marked, SRRACEC indicates whether “American Indian or Alaska Native” was marked, SRRACED indicates whether “Asian” was marked, and SRRACEE indicates whether “Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander” was marked. If none are marked then all of SRRACEA-SRRACEE are assigned -9 (missing).

SRRACE1 groups the responses to SRRACEA-SRRACEE into Racial categories including multi-Racial combinations. The coding for SRRACE1 follows the coding provided in the chart below.

CODE	RACIAL CATEGORY (SRRACE1)	SR- RACEA	SR- RACEB	SR- RACEC	SR- RACED	SR- RACEE
001	American Indian or Alaska Native	1	1	2	1	1
002	Asian	1	1	1	2	1
003	Black or African American	1	2	1	1	1
004	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1	1	1	1	2
005	White	2	1	1	1	1
100	American Indian or Alaska Native & Asian	1	1	2	2	1
101	American Indian or Alaska Native & Asian & Black	1	2	2	2	1
102	American Indian or Alaska Native & Asian & Black & Hawaiian Pacific Islander	1	2	2	2	2
103	American Indian or Alaska Native & Black & Hawaiian Pacific Islander & White	2	2	2	2	2
104	American Indian or Alaska Native & Asian & Black & White	2	2	2	2	1
105	American Indian or Alaska Native & Asian & Hawaiian Pacific Islander	1	1	2	2	2
106	American Indian or Alaska Native & Asian & Hawaiian Pacific Islander & White	2	1	2	2	2
107	American Indian or Alaska Native & Asian & White	2	1	2	2	1
108	American Indian or Alaska Native & Black	1	2	2	1	1
109	American Indian or Alaska Native & Black & Hawaiian Pacific Islander	1	2	2	1	2
110	American Indian or Alaska Native & Black & Hawaiian Pacific Islander & White	2	2	2	1	2
111	American Indian or Alaska Native & Black & White	2	2	2	1	1
112	American Indian or Alaska Native & Hawaiian Pacific Islander	1	1	2	1	2
113	American Indian or Alaska Native & Hawaiian Pacific Islander & White	2	1	2	1	2
114	American Indian or Alaska Native & White	2	1	2	1	1
115	Asian & Black	1	2	1	2	1
116	Asian & Black & Hawaiian Pacific Islander	1	2	1	2	2
117	Asian & Black & Hawaiian Pacific Islander & White	2	2	1	2	2
118	Asian & Black & White	2	2	1	2	1
119	Asian & Hawaiian Pacific Islander	1	1	1	2	2
120	Asian & Hawaiian Pacific Islander & White	2	1	1	2	2
121	Asian & White	2	1	1	2	1
122	Black & Hawaiian Pacific Islander	1	2	1	1	2
123	Black & Hawaiian Pacific Islander & White	2	2	1	1	2
124	Black & White	2	2	1	1	1
125	Hawaiian Pacific Islander & White	2	1	1	1	2
.	Unknown Race	-9	-9	-9	-9	-9

**Appendix F.
Alphabetical Variable List for the Survey
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XVOTE*		Tab Cross: Voter participation	312
XVOTE2*		Tab Cross: Voter participation by intere	314
XVOTE2R*		Tab Cross: Voter participation by intere	315
XVOTER*		Tab Cross: Voter participation	313
Total		Variance Estimation Strata Totals Based	128
_Total_C		CVAP-Variance Estimation Strata Totals B	129

* Confidential Variable

**Appendix G.
Positional Variable List for the Survey
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VARIABLE NAME	ITEM NUMBER	LABEL	PAGE
CURRACTIVE	2.	[2] Spouse on active duty 11/6/12	1
USCTZN	3.	[3] US citizen on 11/6/12	2
SRAGEGP	4.	[4] Age	3
REGVOTER	9.	[9] Registered voter of U.S.	4
WHEREFPCA	12.	[12] Where did you obtain your FPCA	5
RECABS	14.	[14] Rcv abs ballot for election	6
ABOBTAIN	15.	[15] How obtain abs ballot	7
RETABS	16.	[16] Complete and return abs ballot	8
CMPLTBAL	17.	[17] How complete and return abs ballot	9
RETFPCA	18.	[18] Source to return FPCA	10
SATVOTEA	19a.	[19a] Sat Process: Registering	11
SATVOTEB	19b.	[19b] Sat Process: Req abs ballot	12
SATVOTEC	19c.	[19c] Sat Process: Delivery of abs ballo	13
SATVOTED	19d.	[19d] Sat Process: Cmplt abs ballot	14
SATVOTEE	19e.	[19e] Sat Process: Ret abs ballot to leo	15
ABRECEIVE	20.	[20] Prefer to receive absentee ballot	16
ABRETURN	21.	[21] Prefer to return absentee ballot	17
INTEREST	22.	[22] Interest in elections	18
VOTEPLAN	23.	[23] Plan to vote in 2012 election	19
NOVOTE	25.	[25] Reason didn't vote	20
FWABAWR	26.	[26] Aware of FWAB	21
FWABUSE	27.	[27] Use FWAB	22
WHEREFWAB	28.	[28] Where obtain FWAB	23
USEWEBFWAB	29.	[29] How use website for FWAB	24
WEBFWABSAT	30.	[30] Satisfied w/asst for FWAB	25
NOFWABR	31.	[31] Main reason not used FWAB	26
UVAOHELP	32.	[32] Rcv info or help from UVAO	27
UVAOSAT	33.	[33] Satisfied w/info or asst from UVAO	28
NOUVAOMAIN	35.	[35] Main reason no UVAO assistance	29
IVAOHELP	36.	[36] Rcv info or help from IVAO	30
IVAOSAT	37.	[37] Satisfied w/info or asst from IVAO	31
NOIVAOMAIN	39.	[39] Main reason didn't use IVAO	32
WEBSITE	40.	[40] Use FVAP website	33
WEBSATIS	41.	[41] Satisfaction w/FVAP website	34
AGREEWEBE	42a.	[42a] Agree FVAP Web: Clear	35
AGREEWEBB	42b.	[42b] Agree FVAP Web: Easy to find	36
AGREEWEBE	42c.	[42c] Agree FVAP Web: Search feature	37
AGREEWEBD	42d.	[42d] Agree FVAP Web: Find what I need	38
AGREEWEBE	42e.	[42e] Agree FVAP Web: Find materials	39
WEBTIMES	43.	[43] Times used FVAP website	40
NOFWEBWHY	44.	[44] Why did not visit FVAP site	41
VAG	45.	[45] Refer to VAG for info	42
USEFVAPA	46a.	[46a] Use FVAP chat service	43
USEFVAPB	46b.	[46b] Use FVAP email service	44
USEFVAPC	46c.	[46c] Use FVAP phone service	45
FVAPUSESAT	47.	[47] Satisfied w/FVAP chat/email/phone	46
RECINFOA	49a.	[49a] Info source: state/loc election of	47
RECINFOB	49b.	[49b] Info source:TV, radio/print	48
RECINFOC	49c.	[49c] Info source: Armed Forces Radio/TV	49
RECINFOD	49d.	[49d] Info source: Other	50
RECINFOE	49e.	[49e] Info source: Intl tv radio print	51
RECINFOF	49f.	[49f] Info source: family/friends	52
RECINFOG	49g.	[49g] Info source: Internet	53
RECINFOH	49h.	[49h] Info source: VAO	54
RECINFOI	49i.	[49i] Info source: FVAP website	55

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ACTUALACCCR		Tab Recode: Access Fax	60
ACTUALACCDR		Tab Recode: Access DoD e-mail acc	61
ACTUALACCER		Tab Recode: Access pers e-mail acc	62
ACTUALACCFR		Tab Recode: Access printers	63
ACTUALACCGR		Tab Recode: Access scanners	64
CONFPCAAR		Tab Recode: Received notification	65
CONFPCABR		Tab Recode: Rejected notification	66
CONFPCACR		Tab Recode: Accepted notification	67
FAXEMAILAR		Tab Recode: Fax/e-mail FPCA	68
FAXEMAILBR		Tab Recode: Fax/e-mail non-FPCA	69
FAXEMAILCR		Tab Recode: Voted reg absentee	70
FAXEMAILDR		Tab Recode: Voted FWAB	71
FAXMAILER		Tab Recode: Other voting mat	72
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IVAOASTBR		Tab Recode: IVAO: Understand abs proc	74
IVAOASTCR		Tab Recode: IVAO: Obtain FPCA	75
IVAOASTDR		Tab Recode: IVAO: Complete FPCA	76
IVAOASTER		Tab Recode: IVAO: Obtain FWAB	77
IVAOASTFR		Tab Recode: IVAO: Complete FWAB	78
IVAOASTGR		Tab Recode: IVAO: Inf candidate/issues	79
IVAOASTHR		Tab Recode: IVAO: Inf deadlines	80
IVAOASTIR		Tab Recode: IVAO: Elect trans mat	81
IVAOASTJR		Tab Recode: IVAO: Assist with websites	82
IVAOASTKR		Tab Recode: IVAO: Where to send FPCA	83
IVAOASTLR		Tab Recode: IVAO: Elec mat to elec offic	84
IVAOASTMR		Tab Recode: IVAO: Some other voting inf	85
REQABSALR		Tab Recode: Req abs bal for election	86
REQFPCAR		Tab Recode: Req FPCA to request abs ball	87
UVAOASTAR		Tab Recode: UVAO: Elig to vote	88
UVAOASTBR		Tab Recode: UVAO: Understand process	89
UVAOASTCR		Tab Recode: UVAO: Obtain FPCA	90
UVAOASTDR		Tab Recode: UVAO: Complete FPCA	91
UVAOASTER		Tab Recode: UVAO: Obtain FWAB	92
UVAOASTFR		Tab Recode: UVAO: Complete FWAB	93
UVAOASTGR		Tab Recode: UVAO: Inf candidates	94
UVAOASTHR		Tab Recode: UVAO: Inf deadlines	95
UVAOASTIR		Tab Recode: UVAO: Elec trans mat	96
UVAOASTJR		Tab Recode: UVAO: Assis with Website	97
UVAOASTKR		Tab Recode: UVAO: Send FPCA/FWAB	98
UVAOASTLR		Tab Recode: UVAO: Some other info	99
VOTEDR		Tab Recode: Voted/not voted election	100
VOTELASTR		Tab Recode: Vote/Did not in 2010 elec	101
XMSVCR		Tab Crossing: 5 level Member Service	102
XNXPAYGRPR		Tab Crossing: Collapsed Member Pay Grpup	103
XNXSTATIONR		Tab Crossing: Collapsed Location on Nov	104

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FinalWgt		Final Weight With Non-response and Posts	108-115
FinalWgt_C		CVAP-Final Weight With Non-response and	116-125
V_Strat		Variance estimation V_strat (25 or more	126
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Total		Variance Estimation Strata Totals Based	128
_Total_C		CVAP-Variance Estimation Strata Totals B	129

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SRHISPA1	5.	[5] Are U Spanish Hispanic Latino	131
SRRACEA	6A.	[6a] Self Rpt Race-White	132
SRRACEB	6B.	[6a] Self Rpt Race-Blck/African Am	133
SRRACEC	6C.	[6a] Self Rpt Race-Am Ind/Alaska Native	134
SRRACED	6D.	[6a] Self Rpt Race-Asian	135
SRRACEE	6E.	[6a] Self Rpt Race-Nat Hawaiian/OPI	136
STATION	7.	[7] Deployed location	137
PV7B008		[7spo] Specify deployed location	138
STATIONSP		[7spo] Specify deployed location	139
STATIONSPU		Uned:[7spo] Specify deployed location	140
STATIONSPSK		[7] Deployed location -Skip	141
LEGALRES	8.	[8] State of voting residence	142-143
REQFPCA	11.	[11] Use FPCA to request absentee ballot	144
REQFPCAU		Uned:[11] Use FPCA to request absentee b	145
REQFPCASK		[11] Use FPCA to request absentee -Skip	146
WHEREFPCAU		Uned:[12] Where did you obtain your FPCA	147
WHEREFPCASK		[12] Where did you obtain your FPC -Skip	148
CONFPCAA	13a.	[13a] Confirmed FPCA: Received	149
CONFPCAAU		Uned:[13a] Confirmed FPCA: Received	150
CONFPCAB	13b.	[13b] Confirmed FPCA: Rejected	151
CONFPCABU		Uned:[13b] Confirmed FPCA: Rejected	152
CONFPCAC	13c.	[13c] Confirmed FPCA: Accepted	153
CONFPCACU		Uned:[13c] Confirmed FPCA: Accepted	154
CONFPCASK		[13a] Confirmed FPCA: Received -Skip	155
REQABSBAL	10.	[10] Request absentee ballot	156
ABOBTAINU		Uned:[15] How obtain abs ballot	157
ABOBTAINSK		[15] How obtain abs ballot -Skip	158
RETABSU		Uned:[16] Complete and return abs ballot	159
RETABSSK		[16] Complete and return abs ballo -Skip	160
CMPLTBALU		Uned:[17] How complete and return abs ba	161
CMPLTBALSK		[17] How complete and return abs b -Skip	162
RETFPCAU		Uned:[18] Source to return FPCA	163
RETFPCASK		[18] Source to return FPCA -Skip	164
SATVOTEAU		Uned:[19a] Sat Process: Registering	165
SATVOTEBU		Uned:[19b] Sat Process: Req abs ballot	166
SATVOTECU		Uned:[19c] Sat Process: Delivery of abs	167
SATVOTEDU		Uned:[19d] Sat Process: Cmplt abs ballot	168
SATVOTEEU		Uned:[19e] Sat Process: Ret abs ballot t	169
SATVOTESK		[19a] Sat Process: Registering -Skip	170
VOTED	24.	[24] Vote in person/mail/email/fax/onlin	171
NOVOTEU		Uned:[25] Reason didn't vote	172
NOVOTESK		[25] Reason didn't vote -Skip	173
WHEREFWABU		Uned:[28] Where obtain FWAB	174
WHEREFWABSK		[28] Where obtain FWAB -Skip	175
USEWEBFWABU		Uned:[29] How use website for FWAB	176
USEWEBFWABSK		[29] How use website for FWAB -Skip	177
WEBFWABSATU		Uned:[30] Satisfied w/asst for FWAB	178
WEBFWABSATSK		[30] Satisfied w/asst for FWAB -Skip	179
NOFWABRU		Uned:[31] Main reason not used FWAB	180
NOFWABRSK		[31] Main reason not used FWAB -Skip	181
UVAOASTA	34a.	[34a] UVAO assist:determine voter elig	182
UVAOASTAU		Uned:[34a] UVAO assist:determine voter e	183
UVAOASTB	34b.	[34b] UVAO assist:understand abs vot prc	184
UVAOASTBU		Uned:[34b] UVAO assist:understand abs vo	185

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UVAOASTCU		Uned:[34c] UVAO assist:obtaining FPCA	187
UVAOASTD	34d.	[34d] UVAO assist:completing FPCA	188
UVAOASTDU		Uned:[34d] UVAO assist:completing FPCA	189
UVAOASTE	34e.	[34e] UVAO assist:obtaining FWAB	190
UVAOASTEU		Uned:[34e] UVAO assist:obtaining FWAB	191
UVAOASTF	34f.	[34f] UVAO assist:completing FWAB	192
UVAOASTFU		Uned:[34f] UVAO assist:completing FWAB	193
UVAOASTG	34g.	[34g] UVAO assist:info on candidates	194
UVAOASTGU		Uned:[34g] UVAO assist:info on candidate	195
UVAOASTH	34h.	[34h] UVAO assist:transmitting elec matr	196
UVAOASTHU		Uned:[34h] UVAO assist:transmitting elec	197
UVAOASTI	34i.	[34i] UVAO assist:info on candidates	198
UVAOASTIU		Uned:[34i] UVAO assist:info on candidate	199
UVAOASTJ	34j.	[34j] UVAO assist:where 2 send FWAB	200
UVAOASTJU		Uned:[34j] UVAO assist:where 2 send FWAB	201
UVAOASTK	34k.	[34k] UVAO assist:other	202
UVAOASTKU		Uned:[34k] UVAO assist:other	203
UVAOASTL	34l.	[34l] UVAO assist:other	204
UVAOASTLU		Uned:[34l] UVAO assist:other	205
UVAOSATU		Uned:[33] Satisfied w/info or asst from	206
UVAOSATSK		[33] Satisfied w/info or asst from -Skip	207
NOUVAOMAINU		Uned:[35] Main reason no UVAO assistance	208
NOUVAOMAINSK		[35] Main reason no UVAO assistanc -Skip	209
IVAOSATU		Uned:[37] Satisfied w/info or asst from	210
IVAOASTA	38a.	[38a] IVAO assist:determine voter elig	211
IVAOASTAU		Uned:[38a] IVAO assist:determine voter e	212
IVAOASTB	38b.	[38b] IVAO assist:understand abs vot prc	213
IVAOASTBU		Uned:[38b] IVAO assist:understand abs vo	214
IVAOASTC	38c.	[38c] IVAO assist:obtaining FPCA	215
IVAOASTCU		Uned:[38c] IVAO assist:obtaining FPCA	216
IVAOASTD	38d.	[38d] IVAO assist:completing FPCA	217
IVAOASTDU		Uned:[38d] IVAO assist:completing FPCA	218
IVAOASTE	38e.	[38e] IVAO assist:obtaining FWAB	219
IVAOASTEU		Uned:[38e] IVAO assist:obtaining FWAB	220
IVAOASTF	38f.	[38f] IVAO assist:completing FWAB	221
IVAOASTFU		Uned:[38f] IVAO assist:completing FWAB	222
IVAOASTG	38g.	[38g] IVAO assist:info on candidates	223
IVAOASTGU		Uned:[38g] IVAO assist:info on candidate	224
IVAOASTH	38h.	[38h] IVAO assist:info on candidates	225
IVAOASTHU		Uned:[38h] IVAO assist:info on candidate	226
IVAOASTI	38i.	[38i] IVAO assist:info on candidates	227
IVAOASTIU		Uned:[38i] IVAO assist:info on candidate	228
IVAOASTJ	38j.	[38j] VAO assist:transmitting elec matr1	229
IVAOASTJU		Uned:[38j] VAO assist:transmitting elec	230
IVAOASTK	38k.	[38k] IVAO assist:where 2 send FPCA/FWAB	231
IVAOASTKU		Uned:[38k] IVAO assist:where 2 send FPCA	232
IVAOASTL	38l.	[38l] IVAO assist:offered to submit	233
IVAOASTLU		Uned:[38l] IVAO assist:offered to submit	234
IVAOASTM	38m.	[38m] IVAO assist:other	235
IVAOASTMU		Uned:[38m] IVAO assist:other	236
IVAOSATSK		[37] Satisfied w/info or asst from -Skip	237
NOIVAOMAINU		Uned:[39] Main reason didn't use IVAO	238
NOIVAOMAINSK		[39] Main reason didn't use IVAO -Skip	239
WEBSATISU		Uned:[41] Satisfaction w/FVAP website	240

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VARIABLE NAME	ITEM NUMBER	LABEL	PAGE
AGREEWEBAU		Uned:[42a] Agree FVAP Web: Clear	241
AGREEWEBBU		Uned:[42b] Agree FVAP Web: Easy to find	242
AGREEWEBCU		Uned:[42c] Agree FVAP Web: Search featur	243
AGREEWEBDU		Uned:[42d] Agree FVAP Web: Find what I n	244
AGREEWEBEU		Uned:[42e] Agree FVAP Web: Find material	245
WEBTIMESU		Uned:[43] Times used FVAP website	246
WEBSATISSK		[41] Satisfaction w/FVAP website -Skip	247
NOFWEBWHYU		Uned:[44] Why did not visit FVAP site	248
NOFWEBWHYSK		[44] Why did not visit FVAP site -Skip	249
FVAPUSESATU		Uned:[47] Satisfied w/FVAP chat/email/ph	250
FVAPUSESATSK		[47] Satisfied w/FVAP chat/email/p -Skip	251
SOCIALA	48a.	[48a] Times used FVAP Twitter site	252
SOCIALB	48b.	[48b] Times used FVAP Facebook site	253
SOCIALC	48c.	[48c] Times used FVAP LinkedIn site	254
SOCIALD	48d.	[48d] Times used FVAP Google+ site	255
ACTUALACCA	51a.	[51a] Actual access to: gov websites	256
ACTUALACCB	51b.	[51b] Actual access to: non-gov websites	257
ACTUALACCC	51c.	[51c] Actual access to: fax	258
ACTUALACCD	51d.	[51d] Actual access to: DoD email	259
ACTUALACCE	51e.	[51e] Actual access to: personal email	260
ACTUALACCF	51f.	[51f] Actual access to: printers	261
ACTUALACCG	51g.	[51g] Actual access to: scanners	262
FAXEMAILA	52a.	[52a] Emailed:FPCA	263
FAXEMAILAU		Uned:[52a] Emailed:FPCA	264
FAXEMAILB	52b.	[52b] Emailed:req abs ballot	265
FAXEMAILBU		Uned:[52b] Emailed:req abs ballot	266
FAXEMAILC	52c.	[52c] Emailed:ballot	267
FAXEMAILCU		Uned:[52c] Emailed:ballot	268
FAXMAILD	52d.	[52d] Emailed:FWAB	269
FAXMAILDU		Uned:[52d] Emailed:FWAB	270
FAXEMAILE	52e.	[52e] Emailed:other voting materials	271
FAXEMAILEU		Uned:[52e] Emailed:other voting material	272
FAXMAILSK		[52a] Emailed:FPCA -Skip	273
VOTELAST	53.	[53] Vote 2008?	274
COMMNELIGSK		[55] Ineligible to take survey -Skip	275

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ELIGSKIP1		[1] Marital status -Skip	277
ELIGSKIP2		[2] Spouse on active duty 11/6/12 -Skip	278
ELIGSKIP3		[3] US citizen on 11/6/12 -Skip	279
ELIGSKIP4		[4] What was your age on November 6-Skip	280
HISP_IM		Hispanic/Non-Hispanic from self reported	281
LEGALRESR		Tab Recode: State of voting residence	282
NXPAYGRP		Crossing: Member compressed PayGrade	283
NXSTATION		Crossing: Spouse compressed location	284
RACE_IM		Imputed Race Code	285
RACE_NI		5 digit non-imputed race from combinatio	286
SAMPLE		Tab Crossing: Total records	287
SRRACE1		3 Digit self-reported race from survey	288
SRRACEAR		Recode- What is your race: White	289
SRRACEBR		Recode- What is your race: Black	290
SRRACECR		Recode- What is your race: Amrcn Indn	291
SRRACEDR		Recode- What is your race: Asian	292
SRRACEER		Recode- What is your race: Native Hawaii	293
SRRACEM		More than one race - Recode	294
SRRACEMR		Recode- What is your race: More than one	295
SRRETH1		Racial/Ethnic Category	296
XMSVC		Tab Crossing: 5 level Member Service	297
XSAGE		Tab Crossing: 2 level Self Rep Sp Age	298
XSAGER		Tab Crossing: 2 level Self Rep Sp Age	299
XSAGE5		Tab Crossing: 5 level Self Rep Sp Age	300
XSAGESTA		Tab Crossing: Spouse Age in US/Terr	301
XSAGESTAR		Tab Crossing: Spouse Age in US/Terr	302
XSREGVOTE		Tab Crossing: Voter Registration	303
XSREGVOTER		Tab Crossing: Voter Registration	304
XSRETH1		Constructed Race Ethnicity (7 levels)	305
XSRETH2		Constructed Race Ethnicity (2 levels)	306
XSRETH2R		Constructed Race Ethnicity (2 levels)	307
XSSEX		Tab Crossing: Spouse Gender	308
XSSEXR		Tab Crossing: Spouse Gender	309
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CMTFLAG		Additional Comment Flag	318
COMPFLAG		[COMPFLAG] Questionnaire complete flag	319
CRITFLAG		[CRITFLAG] Critical ques. complete flag	320
DARVDATE		Date Survey Arrived	321
DENTDATE		Date Survey Processed	322
DUPRET		Multiple Returns Flag - Excludes Blanks	323
DUPRET2		Multiple Returns Flag - Includes Blanks	324
EMAILSTAT		Email address status flag	325
ERR_FLG		Member received incorrect info	326
FLAG_FIN		Final Disposition	327
INCWEB		Incomplete Web Flag	328
INRECNO		Master SCS ID number	329
LITHO		Litho code	330
MAILTYP		Mail Type	331
QCOMPN		Questions completed count	332
QCOMPP		[QCOMPP] Questions completed proportion	333
REFUSE		Reason Survey Refused	334
SCSINEL		Reason reported for ineligibility	335
SERIAL		DRC Serial Number applied	336
SURVFORM		Survey form type	337
SURVMAIL		Mailing Number	338
TOTALTIME		Total time spent taking the survey	339
TRMIMIC		Recode to mimic tracking report	340
WBTICKNO		Web Survey Access Code	341
WEBINFO		Web site information	342
WEBSTAT		Web Survey Status Code	343
WITHDRAW		Withdraw my answers from this survey	344

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BAHREC		Basic Allowance For Housing Flag	346
CAGE2		Constructed Age Variable	347
CCONUS		CONUS	348
CDOD		Constructed DoD	349
CEDEC		Member Education Grouped	350
CEDEC4		Member Education Level 4	351
CHILDCNT		Number of Children Counter	352
CHILDST		Members Children	353
CMARITAL		Constructed Marital status	354
CPAYGRP1		Pay Grade Group 1	355
CPAYGRP5		Pay Grade Group 5	356
CPAYGRP6		Pay Grade Group 6	357
CRACECAT		Race/Ethnic Category	358
CRACEETH		Constructed Race Ethnic	359
CREGINS		Regions	360
CREGION1		Regions - collapsed	361
CSERVICE		Constructed Service	362
CSEX		Constructed Sex Code - Member	363
CUR		Currently deployed	364
CUR_DEPLOY		Currently Deployed Flag	365
CYOS		Constructed Years of Service	366
DCOUNT		Number of Deployments	367
DEPLOY12		Deployed in the Last 12 Months	368
DEPLOY24		Deployed in the Last 24 Months	369
DEPLOY6		Deployed in the Last 6 Months	370
DSVC_SP		Dual Service Spouse	371
FAMSTAT		Family Status	372
FAMSTAT4		Family Status 4	373
FLAG		Incentives/Phone Experiment Flag	374
HREGION1		Regions - collapsed version of CREGION1	375
JSVC_SP		Joint Service Spouse Data Source Code	376
MAGE		Member's Age	377
MDEER1208		Member DEERS Match Flag	378
MDODIDFLG		MDODIDFLG	379
MEDUC		Member Education Level	380
METH		Member Ethnic Affinity Code	381
MPNDTH		Member Death Code	382
MRACE		Member Race Code	383
MRTL		MARITAL Status (Member)	384
MSEX		Member Sex Code	385
NPOP		Population Count	386
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Appendix I.
Flat File Layout for the Public-Release Data
File

Variable	Type	Start	Stop	Length	Label
CURRACTIVE	Num	0001	0002	002	Was your spouse serving on active duty on November 6, 2012?
USCTZN	Num	0003	0004	002	Were you a U.S. citizen on November 6, 2012?
SRAGEGP	Num	0005	0006	002	What was your age on November 6, 2012? Mark one.
REGVOTER	Num	0007	0008	002	In 2012, were you registered to vote in the United States?
WHEREFPCA	Num	0009	0010	002	Did you obtain your Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) for the November 6, 2012 election from any of the following sources? Mark one.
RECABS	Num	0011	0012	002	Did you receive your regular absentee ballot for the November 6, 2012 election?
ABOBTAIN	Num	0013	0014	002	How did you obtain your regular absentee ballot in 2012? Mark one.
RETABS	Num	0015	0016	002	Did you complete and return your regular absentee ballot for the November 6, 2012 election?
CMPLTBAL	Num	0017	0018	002	How did you complete and return your regular absentee ballot for the November 6, 2012 election? Mark one.
RETFPCA	Num	0019	0020	002	Did you return your Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) for the November 6, 2012 election using any of the following sources? Mark one.
SATVOTEA	Num	0021	0022	002	How satisfied or dissatisfied were you, in general, with each aspect of the absentee voting process? Mark one answer for each item. Process of registering to vote
SATVOTEB	Num	0023	0024	002	How satisfied or dissatisfied were you, in general, with each aspect of the absentee voting process? Mark one answer for each item. Process of requesting an absentee ballot
SATVOTEC	Num	0025	0026	002	How satisfied or dissatisfied were you, in general, with each aspect of the absentee voting process? Mark one answer for each item. Process of receiving/getting an absentee ballot
SATVOTED	Num	0027	0028	002	How satisfied or dissatisfied were you, in general, with each aspect of the absentee voting process? Mark one answer for each item. Process of completing absentee ballot
SATVOTEE	Num	0029	0030	002	How satisfied or dissatisfied were you, in general, with each aspect of the absentee voting process? Mark one answer for each item. Process of returning absentee ballot to local election official
ABRECEIVE	Num	0031	0032	002	If you were to vote using an absentee ballot in a future election, how would you prefer to receive the absentee ballot? Mark one.
ABRETURN	Num	0033	0034	002	If you were to vote using an absentee ballot in a future election, how would you prefer to return the absentee ballot? Mark one.
INTEREST	Num	0035	0036	002	How interested or uninterested were you in the U.S. elections held on November 6, 2012?

Variable	Type	Start	Stop	Length	Label
VOTEPLAN	Num	0037	0038	002	During the months leading up to the election held on November 6, 2012, did you ever plan to vote in that election, or didn't you plan to vote? Mark one.
NOVOTE	Num	0039	0040	002	What was the main reason you did not vote in the November 6, 2012 election? Mark one.
FWABAWR	Num	0041	0042	002	Were you aware that you could use the FWAB for the November 6, 2012 election?
FWABUSE	Num	0043	0044	002	Did you use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) in the November 6, 2012 election?
WHEREFWAB	Num	0045	0046	002	Did you obtain your Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) for the November 6, 2012 election from any of the following sources? Mark one.
USEWEBFWAB	Num	0047	0048	002	How did you use the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) website to complete your Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)? Mark one.
WEBFWABSAT	Num	0049	0050	002	In 2012, overall how satisfied or dissatisfied were you with the assistance you received filling out the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) from the automated assistant/wizard on the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) website?
NOFWABR	Num	0051	0052	002	What is the MAIN REASON you did not use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) for the November 6, 2012 election? Mark one.
UVAOHELP	Num	0053	0054	002	During 2012, did you receive voting information or assistance from your spouse's UVAO?
UVAOSAT	Num	0055	0056	002	In 2012, overall how satisfied or dissatisfied were you with the information or assistance you received from your spouse's Unit Voting Assistance Officer (UVAO)?
NOUVAOMAIN	Num	0057	0058	002	In 2012, what is the MAIN REASON you didn't receive voting information or assistance from your spouse's Unit Voting Assistance Officer (UVAO)? Mark one.
IVAOHELP	Num	0059	0060	002	During 2012, did you receive voting information or assistance from your spouse's IVAO?
IVAOSAT	Num	0061	0062	002	In 2012, overall how satisfied or dissatisfied were you with the information or assistance you received from your spouse's Installation Voter Assistance Office (IVAO)?
WEBSITE	Num	0063	0064	002	In preparation for the 2012 primaries and general election, did you visit this website?
WEBSATIS	Num	0065	0066	002	Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied were you with the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) website when you visited it in 2012?
AGREEWEBA	Num	0067	0068	002	How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) website? Mark one answer for each item. State voting and related instructions were clear and easy to understand.

Variable	Type	Start	Stop	Length	Label
AGREEWEBB	Num	0069	0070	002	How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) website? Mark one answer for each item. Contact information was easy to find.
AGREEWEBC	Num	0071	0072	002	How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) website? Mark one answer for each item. Search feature met my needs.
AGREEWEBD	Num	0073	0074	002	How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) website? Mark one answer for each item. I was able to find what I needed quickly and easily.
AGREEWEBE	Num	0075	0076	002	statements about the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) website? Mark one answer for each item. I was able
WEBTIMES	Num	0077	0078	002	In preparation for the 2012 primaries and general election, how often did you visit the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) website? Mark one.
NOFWEBWHY	Num	0079	0080	002	In 2012, why didn't you visit the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) website? Mark one.
VAG	Num	0081	0082	002	In preparation for the 2012 primaries and general election, did you refer to the VAG for information about registering to vote or requesting an absentee ballot?
USEFVAPA	Num	0083	0084	002	Did you use FVAP's... Mark one answer for each item. Online chat service?
USEFVAPB	Num	0085	0086	002	Did you use FVAP's... Mark one answer for each item. E-mail support?
USEFVAPC	Num	0087	0088	002	Did you use FVAP's... Mark one answer for each item. Toll-free telephone service?
FVAPUSESAT	Num	0089	0090	002	Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied were you with the assistance you received in 2012 from the Federal Voting Assistance Program's (FVAP) staff via the online chat, e-mail support, or toll-free telephone service?
RECINFOA	Num	0091	0092	002	Did you receive voting information from any of the following sources in 2012? Mark one answer for each item. State or local election official
RECINFOB	Num	0093	0094	002	Did you receive voting information from any of the following sources in 2012? Mark one answer for each item. Local television, radio, and print media
RECINFOC	Num	0095	0096	002	Did you receive voting information from any of the following sources in 2012? Mark one answer for each item. Armed Forces Radio/TV
RECINFOD	Num	0097	0098	002	Did you receive voting information from any of the following sources in 2012? Mark one answer for each item. Other U.S. civilian newspapers, magazines, radio, or TV

Variable	Type	Start	Stop	Length	Label
RECINFOE	Num	0099	0100	002	Did you receive voting information from any of the following sources in 2012? Mark one answer for each item. International television, radio, and print media
RECINFOF	Num	0101	0102	002	Did you receive voting information from any of the following sources in 2012? Mark one answer for each item. Family or friends
RECINFOG	Num	0103	0104	002	Did you receive voting information from any of the following sources in 2012? Mark one answer for each item. The Internet
RECINFOH	Num	0105	0106	002	Did you receive voting information from any of the following sources in 2012? Mark one answer for each item. Voting Assistance Officers (VAO)
RECINFOI	Num	0107	0108	002	Did you receive voting information from any of the following sources in 2012? Mark one answer for each item. FVAP website
RECINFOJ	Num	0109	0110	002	Did you receive voting information from any of the following sources in 2012? Mark one answer for each item. Other
SEEKABINF	Num	0111	0112	002	If you were to need information about absentee voting in a future election, which of the following sources would best serve you? Mark one.
ACTUALACCAR	Num	0113	0114	002	Tab Recode: Considering your location and working conditions, approximately how often, from Labor Day to November 6, 2012, did you have access to each of the following? Mark one answer for each item. If you did not have access to any of the following, please mark 'Does not apply....'. Government websites other than the Federal Voting Assistance Program (e.g., state or Federal .gov or .mil sites)
ACTUALACCBR	Num	0115	0116	002	conditions, approximately how often, from Labor Day to November 6, 2012, did you have access to each of the following? Mark one answer for each item. If you did not
ACTUALACCCR	Num	0117	0118	002	Tab Recode: Considering your location and working conditions, approximately how often, from Labor Day to November 6, 2012, did you have access to each of the following? Mark one answer for each item. If you did not have access to any of the following, please mark 'Does not apply....'. Fax
ACTUALACCDR	Num	0119	0120	002	Tab Recode: Considering your location and working conditions, approximately how often, from Labor Day to November 6, 2012, did you have access to each of the following? Mark one answer for each item. If you did not have access to any of the following, please mark 'Does not apply....'. DoD e-mail account

Variable	Type	Start	Stop	Length	Label
ACTUALACCER	Num	0121	0122	002	Tab Recode: Considering your location and working conditions, approximately how often, from Labor Day to November 6, 2012, did you have access to each of the following? Mark one answer for each item. If you did not have access to any of the following, please mark 'Does not apply....'. Personal e-mail account
ACTUALACCFR	Num	0123	0124	002	Tab Recode: Considering your location and working conditions, approximately how often, from Labor Day to November 6, 2012, did you have access to each of the following? Mark one answer for each item. If you did not have access to any of the following, please mark 'Does not apply....'. Printers
ACTUALACCGR	Num	0125	0126	002	Tab Recode: Considering your location and working conditions, approximately how often, from Labor Day to November 6, 2012, did you have access to each of the following? Mark one answer for each item. If you did not have access to any of the following, please mark 'Does not apply....'. Scanners
CONFPCAAR	Num	0127	0128	002	Tab Recode: Did you receive notification from a local election official that your registration and/or request for an absentee ballot had been... - Received?
CONFPCABR	Num	0129	0130	002	Tab Recode: Did you receive notification from a local election official that your registration and/or request for an absentee ballot had been... - Rejected?
CONFPCACR	Num	0131	0132	002	Tab Recode: Did you receive notification from a local election official that your registration and/or request for an absentee ballot had been... - Accepted?
FAXEMAILAR	Num	0133	0134	002	Tab Recode: During 2012, did you fax or e-mail any of the following materials? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item. Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) for absentee ballot
FAXEMAILBR	Num	0135	0136	002	Tab Recode: During 2012, did you fax or e-mail any of the following materials? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item. Other non-FPCA request for absentee ballot
FAXEMAILCR	Num	0137	0138	002	Tab Recode: During 2012, did you fax or e-mail any of the following materials? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item. Voted regular absentee ballot
FAXEMAILDR	Num	0139	0140	002	Tab Recode: During 2012, did you fax or e-mail any of the following materials? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item. Voted Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)
FAXMAILER	Num	0141	0142	002	Tab Recode: During 2012, did you fax or e-mail any of the following materials? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item. Voted Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)
IVAOASTAR	Num	0143	0144	002	Tab Recode: During 2012, did you receive the following information or assistance from your spouse's Installation Voter Assistance Officer (IVAO)? Determining my eligibility to vote

Variable	Type	Start	Stop	Length	Label
IVAOASTBR	Num	0145	0146	002	Tab Recode: During 2012, did you receive the following information or assistance from your spouse's Installation Voter Assistance Officer (IVAO)? Understanding the absentee voting process
IVAOASTCR	Num	0147	0148	002	Tab Recode: During 2012, did you receive the following information or assistance from your spouse's Installation Voter Assistance Officer (IVAO)? Obtaining the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)
IVAOASTDR	Num	0149	0150	002	Tab Recode: During 2012, did you receive the following information or assistance from your spouse's Installation Voter Assistance Officer (IVAO)? Completing the FPCA
IVAOASTER	Num	0151	0152	002	Tab Recode: During 2012, did you receive the following information or assistance from your spouse's Installation Voter Assistance Officer (IVAO)? Obtaining the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)
IVAOASTFR	Num	0153	0154	002	Tab Recode: During 2012, did you receive the following information or assistance from your spouse's Installation Voter Assistance Officer (IVAO)? Completing the FWAB
IVAOASTGR	Num	0155	0156	002	Tab Recode: During 2012, did you receive the following information or assistance from your spouse's Installation Voter Assistance Officer (IVAO)? Finding information on candidates/issues
IVAOASTHR	Num	0157	0158	002	Tab Recode: During 2012, did you receive the following information or assistance from your spouse's Installation Voter Assistance Officer (IVAO)? Finding information on deadlines
IVAOASTIR	Num	0159	0160	002	Tab Recode: During 2012, did you receive the following information or assistance from your spouse's Installation
IVAOASTJR	Num	0161	0162	002	Tab Recode: During 2012, did you receive the following information or assistance from your spouse's Installation Voter Assistance Officer (IVAO)? Assistance with websites (i.e., federal, state, local)
IVAOASTKR	Num	0163	0164	002	Tab Recode: During 2012, did you receive the following information or assistance from your spouse's Installation Voter Assistance Officer (IVAO)? Finding out where to send my FPCA/FWAB
IVAOASTLR	Num	0165	0166	002	Tab Recode: During 2012, did you receive the following information or assistance from your spouse's Installation Voter Assistance Officer (IVAO)? My spouse's IVAO offered to send my election materials to my election official for me
IVAOASTMR	Num	0167	0168	002	Tab Recode: During 2012, did you receive the following information or assistance from your spouse's Installation Voter Assistance Officer (IVAO)? Some other voting information or assistance
REQABSBALR	Num	0169	0170	002	TAB Recode: Did you request an absentee ballot for the November 6, 2012 election?

Variable	Type	Start	Stop	Length	Label
REQPCAR	Num	0171	0172	002	TAB Recode: Did you use the FPCA to request your absentee ballot for the November 6, 2012 election or did you use another method?
UVAOASTAR	Num	0173	0174	002	Tab Recode: During 2012, did you receive the following information or assistance from your spouse's Unit Voting Assistance Officer (UVAO)? Determining my eligibility to vote
UVAOASTBR	Num	0175	0176	002	Tab Recode: During 2012, did you receive the following information or assistance from your spouse's Unit Voting Assistance Officer (UVAO)? Understanding the absentee voting process
UVAOASTCR	Num	0177	0178	002	Tab Recode: During 2012, did you receive the following information or assistance from your spouse's Unit Voting Assistance Officer (UVAO)? Obtaining the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)
UVAOASTDR	Num	0179	0180	002	Tab Recode: During 2012, did you receive the following information or assistance from your spouse's Unit Voting Assistance Officer (UVAO)? Completing the FPCA
UVAOASTER	Num	0181	0182	002	Tab Recode: During 2012, did you receive the following information or assistance from your spouse's Unit Voting Assistance Officer (UVAO)? Obtaining the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)
UVAOASTFR	Num	0183	0184	002	Tab Recode: During 2012, did you receive the following information or assistance from your spouse's Unit Voting Assistance Officer (UVAO)? Completing the FWAB
UVAOASTGR	Num	0185	0186	002	Tab Recode: During 2012, did you receive the following information or assistance from your spouse's Unit Voting Assistance Officer (UVAO)? Finding information on candidates/issues
UVAOASTHR	Num	0187	0188	002	Tab Recode: During 2012, did you receive the following information or assistance from your spouse's Unit Voting Assistance Officer (UVAO)? Finding information on deadlines
UVAOASTIR	Num	0189	0190	002	Tab Recode: During 2012, did you receive the following information or assistance from your spouse's Unit Voting Assistance Officer (UVAO)? Electronic transmission of election materials (i.e., faxing, e-mailing)
UVAOASTJR	Num	0191	0192	002	Tab Recode: During 2012, did you receive the following information or assistance from your spouse's Unit Voting Assistance Officer (UVAO)? Assistance with websites (i.e., federal, state, local)
UVAOASTKR	Num	0193	0194	002	Tab Recode: During 2012, did you receive the following information or assistance from your spouse's Unit Voting Assistance Officer (UVAO)? Finding out where to send my FPCA/FWAB

Variable	Type	Start	Stop	Length	Label
UVAOASTLR	Num	0195	0196	002	Tab Recode: During 2012, did you receive the following information or assistance from your spouse's Unit Voting Assistance Officer (UVAO)? Some other voting information or assistance
VOTEDR	Num	0197	0198	002	TAB Recode: In the election held on November 6, 2012, did you definitely vote in person on election day, definitely complete an absentee ballot by mail, e-mail, fax, or online on or before November 6, 2012, definitely not vote, or are you not completely sure whether you voted in that election? Mark one.
VOTELASTR	Num	0199	0200	002	TAB Recode: Elections for the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives were held in 2010. A lot of respondents did not get to vote because they weren't registered, they were sick, or they didn't have time. How about you -- did you vote in that election?
XMSVCR	Num	0201	0202	002	TAB Crossing: coding for 5 level Member Service from Personnel File
XNXPAYGRPR	Num	0203	0204	002	Tab Crossing: Collapsed Member Pay Grpup
XNXSTATIONR	Num	0205	0206	002	Tab Crossing: Collapsed Location on Nov 6, 2012
NSAMP	Num	0207	0212	006	Stratum Size
PEV71201	Num	0213	0220	008	Unique identifier for the population
EligFlgW	Num	0221	0235	015	Eligibility Flag
FinalWgt	Num	0236	0250	015	Final Weight With Non-response and Poststratification Adjustments
FinalWgt_C	Num	0251	0265	015	CVAP-Final Weight With Non-response and Poststratification Adjustments
V_Strat	Num	0266	0280	015	Variance estimation V_strat (25 or more usable responses)
V_Strat_C	Num	0281	0295	015	CVAP-Variance estimation V_strat (25 or more usable responses)
Total	Num	0296	0310	015	Variance Estimation Strata Totals Based On Sampling Frame Counts
_Total_C	Num	0311	0325	015	CVAP-Variance Estimation Strata Totals Based On Sampling Frame Counts

Appendix J.
Notes on Analysis of the PEV71201 Dataset


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/******  
2012 Post-Election Voting Survey of Active Duty Military Spouses  
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/* coding for SRRACEM variable */
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/******
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SRRACEA, SRRACEB, SRRACEC, SRRACED, SRRACE are the race non-imputed variable
Coding of srracear, srracebr, srracecr, srracedr, srraceer, srracemr

SRRACEM = Two or More Races

srracear = White - recode

srracebr = Black or African American - recode

srracecr = American Indian or Alaska native - recode

srracedr = Asian (e.g. Asian Indian, Chinese, Filipino, Japanese, Korean, Vietnamese) - recode

srraceer = Native Hawaiian

or other Pacific Islander (e.g., Samoan, Guamanian, Chamorro) - recode

srracemr = More than one race - recode

marked

1 = Not marked

2 = Marked

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```

*setting self-report race
to missing if none answered;

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ARRAY RACExx(6) SRRACEa SRRACEb SRRACEc SRRACEd SRRACEe SRRACEm;  
ARRAY RETH(6) SRRACEar SRRACEbr SRRACEcr SRRACEdr SRRACEer SRRACEmr;
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*missing race;

```
IF SRRACEa=1 AND SRRACEb=1 AND SRRACEc=1 AND SRRACEd=1 AND SRRACEe=1 THEN DO;
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```
DO I = 1 TO 5;
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    RACExx(I)=.;
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```
END;
```

```
END;
```

*Coding of more than 1 race;

```
IF SUM(OF SRRACEa SRRACEb SRRACEc SRRACEd SRRACEe) > 6 THEN SRRACEm =2; /* 2 or more races */
```

```
Else IF SUM(OF SRRACEa SRRACEb SRRACEc SRRACEd SRRACEe) <=0 THEN SRRACEm =.; /* missing races */
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```
ELSE SRRACEm =1; /* <2 races */
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```
IF SRRACEa in(B,S) THEN SRRACEm = SRRACEA;
```

```
DO I = 1 TO 6;
```

```
    RETH(I)=RACExx(I);
```

```
END;
```

*if any race is entered;

```
IF n(OF SRRACEa SRRACEb SRRACEc SRRACEd SRRACEe SRRACEm) > 0 THEN DO;
```

```
DO I = 1 TO 6;
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```
    IF RETH(I) = . THEN RETH(I) = 1; /*not marked, if missing*/
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```
END;
```

```
END;
```

```

IF SRRACEa in (.B.,S) then DO;
  DO I = 1 TO 6;
    RETH(I) =SRRACEa;
  END;
END;

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/* coding for HISP_IM variable */

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/*****

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Generate non-imputed Hispanic/Non-Hispanic from self reported race in survey

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HISP_IM: Hispanic/Non-Hispanic from self reported race in survey

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HISPIM

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1 = Not Spanish/Hispanic/Latino

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2 = Spanish/Hispanic/Latino

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*HISP_IMF: Imputation flag;

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* 1 = Not Imputed;

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* 2 = Imputed;

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HISP_IM=SRHISPA1;          /* 1 = Not Spanish/Hispanic/Latino, 2 = Hispanic */

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*RACE_CD is not available for spouses in sample file;

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*IF HISP_IM NE . THEN HISP_IMF = 1; /* Not imputed variable flag */

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*IF HISP_IM = . AND RACE_CD = 'D' THEN DO;

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  * HISP_IM = 2;          /*Hispanic*/

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  * HISP_IMF = 2;        /*Imputed variable flag*/

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*end;

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/* coding for RACE_NI variable */

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/*****

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SRRACEA, SRRACEB, SRRACEC, SRRACED, SRRACE are the race non-imputed variable

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RACE_NI: 5 digit non-imputed race from combination of SRRACEA, SRRACEB, SRRACEC, SRRACED, SRRACE

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RACE_NI = .;

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RACE_NI = (10000*SRRACEa) /* White */

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  + (1000*SRRACEb) /* Black */

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```

  + (100*SRRACEc) /* American Indian or Alaskan Native*/

```

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  + (10*SRRACEd) /* Asian */

```

```

  + (1*SRRACEe); /* Hawaiian */

```

```

IF SRRACEa in(.B.,S) THEN RACE_NI = SRRACEa;

```

```

/* coding for SRRACE1 variable */

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/*****

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SRRACE1: 3 Digit self-reported race from survey

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RACE_NI SRRACE1 Race Definition

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. . . No response - Missing
11112 004 Hawaiian Pacific Islander
11121 002 Asian
11211 001 American Indian or Alaskan Native
12111 003 Black or African American
21111 005 White
11221 100 American Indian or Alaskan Native & Asian
12221 101 American Indian or Alaskan Native & Asian & Black
12222 102 American Indian or Alaskan Native & Asian & Black & Hawaiian Pacific Islander
22222 103 American Indian or Alaskan Native & Asian & Black & Hawaiian Pacific Islander & White
22221 104 American Indian or Alaskan Native & Asian & Black & White
11222 105 American Indian or Alaskan Native & Asian & Hawaiian Pacific Islander
21222 106 American Indian or Alaskan Native & Asian & Hawaiian Pacific Islander & White
21221 107 American Indian or Alaskan Native & Asian & White
12211 108 American Indian or Alaskan Native & Black
12212 109 American Indian or Alaskan Native & Black & Hawaiian Pacific Islander
22212 110 American Indian or Alaskan Native & Black & Hawaiian Pacific Islander & White
22211 111 American Indian or Alaskan Native & Black & White
11212 112 American Indian or Alaskan Native & Hawaiian Pacific Islander
21212 113 American Indian or Alaskan Native & Hawaiian Pacific Islander & White
21211 114 American Indian or Alaskan Native & White
12121 115 Asian & Black
12122 116 Asian & Black & Hawaiian Pacific Islander
22122 117 Asian & Black & Hawaiian Pacific Islander & White
22121 118 Asian & Black & White
11122 119 Asian & Hawaiian Pacific Islander
21122 120 Asian & Hawaiian Pacific Islander & White
21121 121 Asian & White
12112 122 Black & Hawaiian Pacific Islander
22112 123 Black & Hawaiian Pacific Islander & White
22111 124 Black & White
21112 125 Hawaiian Pacific Islander & White
.B .B No survey return
.N .N Not applicable

```

```

*****/

```

```

ARRAY RACENI (31) _TEMPORARY_ (11112 11121 11211 12111 21111 11221 12221 12222 22222
22221 11222 21222 21221 12211 12212 22212 22211 11212
21212 21211 12121 12122 22122 22121 11122 21122 21121
12112 22112 22111 21112);

```

```

ARRAY RACENI1(31) _TEMPORARY_ (004 002 001 003 005 100 101 102 103
104 105 106 107 108 109 110 111 112
113 114 115 116 117 118 119 120 121
122 123 124 125 );

```

```

DO I = 1 TO 31;
  IF RACE_NI = RACENI(I) THEN SRRACE1 = RACENI1(I);
END;

```

```

IF RACE_NI in(.B,.S) then SRRACE1 = RACE_NI;

```

```

/* coding for RACE_IM variable */
/*-----
Impute self reported race when missing
-----*/

```

RACE_IM=SRRACE1;

/*****

*Spouse race is not available in sample file;

if RACE_IM=.

and 1<=RACE<=125 then do;

 RACE_IM=RACE;

 RACE_IMF=2;

end;

Else RACE_IMF=1;

RACE_IMF=1;

if RACE_IM=.B then RACE_IMF=.B;

****/

/* coding for XSRETH1 variable */

/******

XSRETH1: Spouse race ethnicity - 7 levels

xsreth1_

1 = American Indian/Alaskan Native

2 = Asian

3 = Black

4 = Hawaiian Pacific Islander

5 = White

6 = Hispanic

7 = More than one race marked

*****/

IF SRHISPA1 in(B.,N.,S) THEN XSRETH1 = SRHISPA1;

ELSE IF HISP_IM = 2 THEN XSRETH1 = 6; /*Hispanic */

ELSE IF RACE_IM = 1 THEN XSRETH1 = 1; /*American Indian/Alaskan Native */

ELSE IF RACE_IM = 2 THEN XSRETH1 = 2; /*Asian*/

ELSE IF RACE_IM = 4 THEN XSRETH1 = 4; /*Hawaiian Pacific Islander*/

ELSE IF RACE_IM = 3 THEN XSRETH1 = 3; /*Non-Hispanic Black */

ELSE IF RACE_IM = 5 THEN XSRETH1 = 5; /*Non-Hispanic White*/

ELSE IF SUM (OF SRRACEa SRRACEb SRRACEc SRRACEd SRRACEe) GT 6 THEN XSRETH1 = 7; /*More than one race marked */

ELSE IF RACE_IM IN (100 101 102 103 104 105 106 107 108 109 110 111 112

113 114 115 116 117 118 119 120 121 122 123 124 125)

THEN XSRETH1 = 7; /*More than one race*/

/* coding for XSRETH2 variable */

/******

XSRETH2: Spouse Race ethnicity - 2 levels

xreth2_

1 = White

2 = Total Minority

*****/

```
XSRETH2 = XSRETH1;
IF XSRETH1
IN (1 2 3 4 6 7) THEN XSRETH2 = 2; /*Total minority*/
ELSE IF XSRETH1 = 5 THEN XSRETH2 = 1; /*Non-Hispanic White*/
```

```
/* coding for SAMPLE variable */
/*****
XSAMPLE
```

Tab Crossing: Total records

```
XSAMP
```

```
1 = All
```

```
*****/
```

```
SAMPLE=1; /*All*/
```

```
/* coding for XMSVC variable */
/*****
XMSVC
```

TAB Crossing: coding for from Personnel File

```
XMSVC
```

```
1 = Army
2 = Navy
3 = Marine Corps
4 = Air Force
5 = Coast Guard
```

```
*****/
```

```
XMSVC = CSERVICE;
if SRHISPA1 in(.B,.S) then XMSVC=SRHISPA1;
```

```
/* coding for XSAGE variable */
/*****
XSAGE
```

Tab Crossing: Coding for 2 level Self Reported Spouse Age

```
XSAGE
```

```
1 = 18 to 29 Years Old
2 = 30 Years Old or More
```

```
*****/
```

```
If SRAGEGP in(2,3) then XSAGE=1;
Else If SRAGEGP in(4,5,6) then XSAGE=2;
Else If SRAGEGP in(.B,.S) then XSAGE=SRAGEGP;
```

/ coding for XSAGESTA variable */*
*/*******

XSAGESTA

TAB Crossing: Coding of 2 Level Self Reported Spouse Age in United

States/territories

XSAGEST

- 1 = 18 to 29 Years Old
- 2 = 30 Years Old or More
- 60 = N/A - Overseas

******/*

If XSSTATION=1 then XSAGESTA=XSAGE;
Else if XSSTATION=2 then XSAGESTA=60;
Else If XSAGE in(.B.,S) then XSAGESTA=XSAGE;

/ coding for XSREGVOTE variable */*
*/*******

XSREGVOTE

Tab Crossing: Coding for 2 Level Self reported Voter Registration

Status

XSREGV

- 1 = Registered to Vote
- 2 = Not registered to Vote

******/*

If REGVOTER=1 then XSREGVOTE=2; */*Not registered to vote*/*
Else if REGVOTER=2 then XSREGVOTE=1; */*Registered to vote*/*
Else XSREGVOTE=REGVOTER;

/ coding for LEGALRESR variable */*
*/*******

LEGALRESR: TAB Recode: As of the November 6, 2012 election, what state or territory was your legal voting residence? Constructed item representing U.S. Census divisions

legar

- 1 = New England
- 2 = Middle Atlantic
- 3 = East north Central
- 4 = West North Central
- 5 = South Atlantic
- 6 = East south Central
- 7 = West south Central
- 8 = Mountain
- 9 = Pacific
- 10 = Territory

*****/

```
If LEGALRES in(8 22 24 32 43 50) then LEGALRESR = 1; /* New England */
Else If LEGALRES in(33 35 41) then LEGALRESR = 2; /* Middle Atlantic */
Else If LEGALRES in(16 17 25 38 54) then LEGALRESR = 3; /* East north Central*/
Else If LEGALRES in(18 19 26 28 30 37 45) then LEGALRESR = 4; /* West North Central */
Else If LEGALRES in(9 10 11 12 23 36 44 51 53) then LEGALRESR = 5; /* South Atlantic */
Else If LEGALRES in(1 20 27 46) then LEGALRESR = 6; /* East south Central */
Else If LEGALRES in(4 21 39 47) then LEGALRESR = 7; /* West south Central */
Else If LEGALRES in(3 7 15 29 31 34 49 55) then LEGALRESR = 8; /* Mountain */
Else If LEGALRES in(2 6 14 40 52) then LEGALRESR = 9; /* Pacific */
Else If LEGALRES in(5 13 42 48) then LEGALRESR = 10; /* Territory */
Else If LEGALRES in(.B,.I,.N,.S) then LEGALRESR=LEGALRES;
```

/* coding for REQABSBALR variable */

REQABSBALR: TAB Recode: Did you request an absentee ballot for the November 6, 2012 election?

reqabr

- 1 = Did not request absentee ballot
- 2 = Requested absentee ballot

*****/

```
If REQABSBAL in(2,3,4) then REQABSBALR=1; /*Did not request absentee ballot*/
else if REQABSBAL in(1) then REQABSBALR=2; /*Requested absentee ballot*/
Else REQABSBALR = REQABSBAL;
```

/* coding for REQFPCAR variable */

REQFPCAR: TAB Recode: Did you use the FPCA to request your absentee ballot for the November 6, 2012 election or did you use another method?

reqfpr

- 1 = Did not use FPCA to request absentee ballot
- 2 = USED FPCA to request absentee ballot

*****/

```
If REQFPCA in(2,3,4) then REQFPCAR=1; /*Did not use FPCA to request absentee ballot*/
else if REQFPCA in(1) then REQFPCAR=2;
/*Used FPCA to request absentee ballot*/
Else REQFPCAR = REQFPCA;
```

/* coding for CONFPCAAR variable */

CONFPCAAR: Tab Recode: Did you receive notification from a local election official that your registration and/or request for an absentee ballot had been... - Received?

CONFPCABR: Tab Recode: Did you receive notification from a local election official that your registration and/or request for an absentee ballot had been... - Rejected?

CONFPCACR: Tab Recode: Did you receive notification from a local election official that your registration and/or request for an absentee ballot had been... - Accepted?

value nytr

1 = No
2 = Yes

*****/

array conf (*) CONFCAA CONFPCAB CONFPCAC;
array confr(*) CONFCAAR CONFPCABR CONFPCACR;

do i = 1 to dim(conf);
 if conf(i) = 1 then confr(i) = 2;
 else if conf(i) = 2 then confr(i) = 1;
 else if conf(i) = 3 then confr(i) = .;
 else confr(i) = conf(i);
end;

drop i;

/* coding for VOTEDR variable */

VOTEDR: TAB Recode: In the election held on November 6, 2012, did you definitely vote in person on election day, definitely complete an absentee ballot by mail, e-mail, fax, or online on or before November 6, 2012, definitely not vote, or are you not completely sure whether you voted in that election?

voter

1 = Definitely did not vote
2 = Definitely voted

*****/

If VOTED in(1,2,3,4,5) then VOTEDR = 2; /*Definitely Voted*/
else if VOTED in(6,7) then VOTEDR = 1; /*Definitely did not vote*/
Else VOTEDR = VOTED;

/* coding for UVAOASTAR variable */

UVAOASTAR Tab Recode: During 2012, did you receive the following information or assistance from your spouse's Unit Voting Assistance Officer (UVAO)?
Determining my eligibility to vote

UVAOASTBR Tab Recode: During 2012, did you receive the following information or assistance from your spouse's Unit Voting Assistance Officer (UVAO)?
Understanding the absentee voting process

UVAOASTCR Tab Recode: During 2012, did you receive the following information or assistance from your spouse's Unit Voting Assistance Officer (UVAO)?
Obtaining the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)

UVAOASTDR Tab Recode: During 2012, did you receive the following information or assistance from your spouse's Unit Voting Assistance Officer (UVAO)?
Completing the FPCA

UVAOASTER Tab Recode: During 2012, did you receive the following information or assistance from your spouse's Unit Voting Assistance Officer (UVAO)?
Obtaining the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)

UVAOASTFR Tab Recode: During 2012, did you receive the following information or assistance from your spouse's Unit Voting Assistance Officer (UVAO)?
Completing the FWAB

UVAOASTGR Tab Recode: During 2012, did you receive the following information or assistance from your spouse's Unit Voting Assistance Officer (UVAO)?
Finding information on candidates/issues

UVAOASTHR Tab Recode: During 2012, did you receive the following information or assistance from your spouse's Unit Voting Assistance Officer (UVAO)?
Finding information on deadlines

UVAOASTIR Tab Recode: During 2012, did you receive the following information or assistance from your spouse's Unit Voting Assistance Officer (UVAO)?
Electronic transmission of election materials (i.e., faxing, e-mailing)

UVAOASTJR Tab Recode: During 2012, did you receive the following information or assistance from your spouse's Unit Voting Assistance Officer (UVAO)?
Assistance with websites (i.e., federal, state, local)

UVAOSTKR Tab Recode: During 2012, did you receive the following information or assistance from your spouse's Unit Voting Assistance Officer (UVAO)?
 Finding out where to send my FPCA/FWAB
 UVAOSTLR Tab Recode: During 2012, did you receive the following information or assistance from your spouse's Unit Voting Assistance Officer (UVAO)?
 Some other voting information or assistance

value nytr

- 1 No
- 2 Yes

*****/

array cc(*) UVAOASTA UVAOASTB UVAOASTC UVAOASTD UVAOASTE UVAOASTF UVAOASTG UVAOASTH UVAOASTI UVAOASTJ UVAOASTK
 UVAOASTL;

array ccr(*) UVAOASTAR UVAOASTBR UVAOASTCR UVAOASTDR UVAOASTER UVAOASTFR UVAOASTGR UVAOASTHR UVAOASTIR UVAOASTJR
 UVAOASTKR UVAOASTLR;

do i = 1 to dim(cc);
 ccr(i)=cc(i);
 end;

if n(of UVAOASTA UVAOASTB UVAOASTC UVAOASTD UVAOASTE UVAOASTF UVAOASTG UVAOASTH UVAOASTI UVAOASTJ UVAOASTK
 UVAOASTL) > 0 then do;
 do i = 1 to dim(ccr);
 if ccr(i) in(.,1) then ccr(i)=1; /*No*/

end;
 end;

/* coding for IVAOASTAR variable */
 /*****

IVAOSTAR Tab Recode: During 2012, did you receive the following information or assistance from your spouse's Installation Voter Assistance Officer (IVAO)?
 Determining my eligibility to vote
 IVAOSTBR Tab Recode: During 2012, did you receive the following information or assistance from your spouse's Installation Voter Assistance Officer (IVAO)?
 Understanding the absentee voting process
 IVAOSTCR Tab Recode: During 2012, did you receive the following information or assistance from your spouse's Installation Voter Assistance Officer (IVAO)?
 Obtaining the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)
 IVAOSTDR Tab Recode: During 2012, did you receive the following information or assistance from your spouse's Installation Voter Assistance Officer (IVAO)?
 Completing the FPCA
 IVAOSTER Tab Recode: During 2012, did you receive the following information or assistance from your spouse's Installation Voter Assistance Officer (IVAO)?
 Obtaining the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)
 IVAOSTFR Tab Recode: During 2012, did you receive the following information or assistance from your spouse's Installation Voter Assistance Officer (IVAO)?
 Completing the FWAB
 IVAOSTGR Tab Recode: During 2012, did you receive the following information or assistance from your spouse's Installation Voter Assistance Officer (IVAO)?
 Finding information on candidates/issues
 IVAOSTHR Tab Recode: During 2012, did you receive the following information or assistance from your spouse's Installation Voter Assistance Officer (IVAO)?
 Finding information on deadlines
 IVAOSTIR Tab Recode: During 2012, did you receive the following information or assistance from your spouse's Installation Voter Assistance Officer (IVAO)?
 Electronic transmission of election materials (i.e., faxing, e-mailing)
 IVAOSTJR Tab Recode: During 2012, did you receive the following information or assistance from your spouse's Installation Voter Assistance Officer (IVAO)?
 Assistance with websites (i.e., federal, state, local)
 IVAOSTKR Tab Recode: During 2012, did you receive the following information or assistance from your spouse's Installation Voter Assistance Officer (IVAO)?
 Finding out where to send my FPCA/FWAB
 IVAOSTLR Tab Recode: During 2012, did you receive the following information or assistance from your spouse's Installation Voter Assistance Officer (IVAO)?
 My spouse's IVAO offered to send my election materials to my election official for me
 IVAOSTMR Tab Recode: During 2012, did you receive the following information or assistance from your spouse's Installation Voter Assistance Officer
 (IVAO)? Some other voting information or assistance

value nytr

- 1 No
- 2 Yes

*****/

```
array dd(*) IVAOASTA IVAOASTB IVAOASTC IVAOASTD IVAOASTE IVAOASTF IVAOASTG IVAOASTH IVAOASTI IVAOASTJ IVAOASTK IVAOASTL
IVAOSTM;
array ddr(*) IVAOASTAR IVAOASTBR IVAOASTCR IVAOASTDR IVAOASTER IVAOASTFR IVAOASTGR IVAOASTHR IVAOASTIR IVAOASTJR IVAOASTKR
IVAOSTLR IVAOSTMR;
```

```
do i = 1 to dim(dd);
  ddr(i)=dd(i);
end;
```

```
if n(of IVAOASTA IVAOASTB IVAOASTC IVAOASTD IVAOASTE IVAOASTF IVAOASTG IVAOASTH IVAOASTI IVAOASTJ IVAOASTK IVAOASTL
IVAOSTM) > 0 then do;
  do i = 1 to dim(ddr);
    if ddr(i) in(.,.) then ddr(i)=1; /*No*/
  end;
end;
```

/* coding for ACTUALACCAR variable */
 /*****

ACTUALACCAR: Tab Recode: Considering your location and working conditions, approximately how often, from Labor Day to November 6, 2012, did you have access to each of the following? Mark one answer for each item. If you did not have access to any of the following, please mark 'Does not apply..' - Govt. Web sites

ACTUALACCB: Tab Recode: Considering your location and working conditions, approximately how often, from Labor Day to November 6, 2012, did you have access to each of the following? Mark one answer for each item. If you did not have access to any of the following, please mark 'Does not apply..' - Non-Govt Web sites

ACTUALACCC: Tab Recode: Considering your location and working conditions, approximately how often, from Labor Day to November 6, 2012, did you have access to each of the following? Mark one answer for each item. If you did not have access to any of the following, please mark 'Does not apply..' - Fax

ACTUALACCD: Tab Recode: Considering your location and working conditions, approximately how often, from Labor Day to November 6, 2012, did you have access to each of the following? Mark one answer for each item. If you did not have access to any of the following, please mark 'Does not apply..' - DoD e-mail account

ACTUALACCE: Tab Recode: considering your location and working conditions, approximately how often, from Labor Day to November 6, 2012, did you have access to each of the following? Mark one answer for each item. If you did not have access to any of the following, please mark 'Does not apply..' - Personal e-mail account

ACTUALACCF: Tab Recode: Considering your location and working conditions, approximately how often, from Labor Day to November 6, 2012, did you have access to each of the following? Mark one answer for each item. If you did not have access to any of the following, please mark 'Does not apply..' - Printers

ACTUALACCG: Tab Recode: Considering your location and working conditions, approximately how often, from Labor Day to November 6, 2012, did you have access to each of the following? Mark one answer for each item. If you did not have access to any of the following, please mark 'Does not apply..' - Scanners

value nytr

- 1 No
- 2 Yes

*****/

```
array act(*) ACTUALACCA ACTUALACCB ACTUALACCC ACTUALACCD ACTUALACCE ACTUALACCF ACTUALACCG;
array actr(*) ACTUALACCAR ACTUALACCBR ACTUALACCCR ACTUALACCDR ACTUALACCER ACTUALACCFR ACTUALACCGR;
```

```
do i = 1 to dim(act);
  if act(i) in(1,2,3,4,5,6) then actr(i) = 2; /*Yes*/
  else if act(i) = 60 then actr(i) = 1; /*No*/
  else actr(i) = act(i);
end;
```

drop i;

```

/* coding for FAXEMAILAR variable */
/*****
FAXEMAILAR: Tab Recode: During 2012, did you fax or e-mail any of the following materials? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item. Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) for absentee ballot
FAXEMAILBR: Tab Recode: During 2012, did you fax or e-mail any of the following materials? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item. Other non-FPCA request for absentee ballot
FAXEMAILCR: Tab Recode: During 2012, did you fax or e-mail any of the following materials? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item. Voted regular absentee ballot
FAXEMAILDR: Tab Recode: During 2012, did you fax or e-mail any of the following materials? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item. Voted Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)
FAXEMAILER: Tab Recode: During 2012, did you fax or e-mail any of the following materials? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item. Other voting materials

```

```
value nytr
```

```

1 No
2 Yes

```

```
*****/
```

```

array FA(*) FAXEMAILA FAXEMAILB FAXEMAILC FAXEMAILD FAXEMAILE;
array FAR(*) FAXEMAILAR FAXEMAILBR FAXEMAILCR FAXEMAILDR FAXEMAILER;

```

```
do i = 1 to dim(FA);
```

```

FAR(i)=FA(i);
end;

```

```

if n(of FAXEMAILA FAXEMAILB FAXEMAILC FAXEMAILD FAXEMAILE) > 0 then do;
do i = 1 to dim(FAR);
if FAR(i) in(...I) then FAR(i)=1; /*No*/
end;
end;

```

```
drop i;
```

```

/* coding for VOTELASTR variable */
/*****

```

```

VOTELASTR: TAB Recode: Elections for the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives were held in 2010. A lot of respondents did not get to vote because they weren't registered, they were sick, or they didn't have time. How about you -- did you vote in that election?

```

```
nytr
```

```

1 = NO
2 = YES

```

```
*****/
```

```

If VOTELAST in(1,2,3,4,5) then VOTELASTR=2; /*Yes*/
else if VOTELAST in(6,7) then VOTELASTR=1; /*No*/
Else VOTELASTR = VOTELAST;

```

```
*****;
```

```

/* coding for XVOTE variable */
/*****

```

```

* XVOTE: Voter Participation Crossing
*****/

```

```

XVOTE=VOTEDR;
IF VOTED=7 THEN XVOTE=3;

```

```
/* coding for XSAGE5 variable */
/*****
XSAGE5 Tab Crossing: Coding for 5 level Self Reported Spouse Age
```

```
Format same as SRAGEGP
```

```
*****/
```

```
XSAGE5=SRAGEGP;
```

```
/* coding for XSSEX variable */
/*****
```

```
XSSEX
```

```
Tab Crossing: Coding for 2 level Spouse Gender from Personnel File
```

```
XSSEX
```

```
1 = Male
2 = Female
```

```
*****/
```

```
If SSEX='M' then XSSEX=1; /*Male*/
Else if SSEX='F' then XSSEX=2; /*Female*/
```

```
if SRHISPA1 in(.B.,S) then XSSEX=SRHISPA1;
```

```
/* coding for XSSTATION variable */
/*****
```

```
XSSTATION
```

```
Tab Crossing: Coding for 2 level Self Reported Location on Nov 6, 2012
```

```
xsta
```

```
1 = United States/territories
2 = Overseas
```

```
*-----*/
```

```
XSSTATION=STATION;
```

```
/* coding for XVOTE2 variable */
/*****
```

```
* XVOTE2: Voter Participation by Interest Crossing
*****/
```

```
XVOTE2=VOTEDR;
IF VOTED IN(7) OR XVOTE IN(2) THEN XVOTE2=4;
IF VOTEDR=1 AND XVOTE IN(1) THEN DO;
  IF INTEREST IN(1 2) THEN XVOTE2=1;
  ELSE IF INTEREST IN(3) THEN XVOTE2=2;
  ELSE IF INTEREST IN(4 5) THEN XVOTE2=3;
END;
```

```
/* coding for NXPAYGRP variable */
/*****
```

```
*Disclosure Member PayGrade
```

```

*****/
NXPAYGRP=CPAYGRP5;
*Put Warrant officers with O1-O3 group;
if NXPAYGRP in(3) then NXPAYGRP=4;

*Combine coast guards enlisted and officers;
If XMSVC = 5 then do;
  if NXPAYGRP in(1,2) then NXPAYGRP=3;
  else if NXPAYGRP in(4,5) then NXPAYGRP=6;
end;

/* coding for NXSTATION variable */
*****/
*Disclosure Crossing Station
*****/

NXSTATION=1;

/* coding for DA_SAMP_VAR variable */
*****/
*Disclosure Crossing Variable
*****/

If XMSVC = 1 and NXPAYGRP = 1 and NXSTATION = 1 then DA_SAMP_VAR = 1;

Else If XMSVC = 1 and NXPAYGRP = 2 and NXSTATION = 1 then DA_SAMP_VAR = 2;
Else If XMSVC = 1 and NXPAYGRP = 4 and NXSTATION = 1 then DA_SAMP_VAR = 3;
Else If XMSVC = 1 and NXPAYGRP = 5 and NXSTATION = 1 then DA_SAMP_VAR = 4;
Else If XMSVC = 2 and NXPAYGRP = 1 and NXSTATION = 1 then DA_SAMP_VAR = 5;
Else If XMSVC = 2 and NXPAYGRP = 2 and NXSTATION = 1 then DA_SAMP_VAR = 6;
Else If XMSVC = 2 and NXPAYGRP = 4 and NXSTATION = 1 then DA_SAMP_VAR = 7;
Else If XMSVC = 2 and NXPAYGRP = 5 and NXSTATION = 1 then DA_SAMP_VAR = 8;
Else If XMSVC = 3 and NXPAYGRP = 1 and NXSTATION = 1 then DA_SAMP_VAR = 9;
Else If XMSVC = 3 and NXPAYGRP = 2 and NXSTATION = 1 then DA_SAMP_VAR = 10;
Else If XMSVC = 3 and NXPAYGRP = 4 and NXSTATION = 1 then DA_SAMP_VAR = 11;
Else If XMSVC = 3 and NXPAYGRP = 5 and NXSTATION = 1 then DA_SAMP_VAR = 12;
Else If XMSVC = 4 and NXPAYGRP = 1 and NXSTATION = 1 then DA_SAMP_VAR = 13;
Else If XMSVC = 4 and NXPAYGRP = 2 and NXSTATION = 1 then DA_SAMP_VAR = 14;
Else If XMSVC = 4 and NXPAYGRP = 4 and NXSTATION = 1 then DA_SAMP_VAR = 15;
Else If XMSVC = 4 and NXPAYGRP = 5 and NXSTATION = 1 then DA_SAMP_VAR = 16;
Else If XMSVC = 5 and NXPAYGRP = 3 and NXSTATION = 1 then DA_SAMP_VAR = 17;
Else If XMSVC = 5 and NXPAYGRP = 6 and NXSTATION = 1 then DA_SAMP_VAR = 18;

```


Appendix K.
Crosswalk of Questionnaire Items

2012 PEV7	Question Text	Subitem Text	2010 PEV7
1 ---	What is your marital status?	---	1 ---
2 ---	Was your spouse serving on active duty on November 6, 2012?	---	2 ---
3 ---	Were you a U.S. citizen on November 6, 2012?	---	3 ---
4 ---	What was your age on November 6, 2012? Mark one.	---	8 ---
5 ---	Are you Spanish/Hispanic/Latino?	---	6 ---
6 a	What is your race? Mark one or more races to indicate what race you consider yourself to be.	White	7 a
6 b	What is your race? Mark one or more races to indicate what race you consider yourself to be.	Black or African American	7 b
6 c	What is your race? Mark one or more races to indicate what race you consider yourself to be.	American Indian or Alaska Native	7 c
6 d	What is your race? Mark one or more races to indicate what race you consider yourself to be.	Asian (e.g., Asian Indian, Chinese, Filipino, Japanese, Korean, or Vietnamese)	7 d
6 e	What is your race? Mark one or more races to indicate what race you consider yourself to be.	Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander (e.g., Samoan, Guamanian, or Chamorro)	7 e
7 ---	On November 6, 2012, where were you located?	---	9* ---
7 spo	Please specify in which overseas country you were located.	---	
8 ---	As of the November 6, 2012 election, what state or territory was your legal voting residence? Please select the U.S. state, D.C., Puerto Rico, or a U.S. territory or possession that you claim as a legal residence.	---	4 ---
9 ---	In 2012, were you registered to vote in the United States?	---	12 ---
10 ---	Did you request an absentee ballot for the November 6, 2012 election? Mark one.	---	18* ---
11 ---	Did you use the FPCA to request your absentee ballot for the November 6, 2012 election or did you use another method? Mark one.	---	20 ---
12 ---	Did you obtain your Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) for the November 6, 2012 election from any of the following sources? Mark one.	---	21* ---

2012 PEV7		Question Text	Subitem Text	2010 PEV7	
13	a	Did you receive notification from a local election official that your registration and/or request for an absentee ballot had been... Mark one answer for each row.	Received?	22	a*
13	b	Did you receive notification from a local election official that your registration and/or request for an absentee ballot had been... Mark one answer for each row.	Rejected?	22	b*
13	c	Did you receive notification from a local election official that your registration and/or request for an absentee ballot had been... Mark one answer for each row.	Accepted?	22	c*
14	---	Did you receive your regular absentee ballot for the November 6, 2012 election?	---	23	---
15	---	How did you obtain your regular absentee ballot in 2012? Mark one.	---	24	a*
16	---	Did you complete and return your regular absentee ballot for the November 6, 2012 election?	---	26	---
17	---	How did you complete and return your regular absentee ballot for the November 6, 2012 election? Mark one.	---		
18	---	Did you return your Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) for the November 6, 2012 election using any of the following sources? Mark one.	---		
19	a	How satisfied or dissatisfied were you, in general, with each aspect of the absentee voting process? Mark one answer for each item.	Process of registering to vote	28	a
19	b	How satisfied or dissatisfied were you, in general, with each aspect of the absentee voting process? Mark one answer for each item.	Process of requesting an absentee ballot	28	b
19	c	How satisfied or dissatisfied were you, in general, with each aspect of the absentee voting process? Mark one answer for each item.	Process of receiving/getting an absentee ballot	28	c
19	d	How satisfied or dissatisfied were you, in general, with each aspect of the absentee voting process? Mark one answer for each item.	Process of completing absentee ballot	28	d

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19	e	How satisfied or dissatisfied were you, in general, with each aspect of the absentee voting process? Mark one answer for each item.	Process of returning absentee ballot to local election official	28	e
20	---	If you were to vote using an absentee ballot in a future election, how would you prefer to receive the absentee ballot? Mark one.	---	53	---
21	---	If you were to vote using an absentee ballot in a future election, how would you prefer to return the absentee ballot? Mark one.	---	54	---
22	---	How interested or uninterested were you in the U.S. elections held on November 6, 2012?	---	13	---
23	---	During the months leading up to the election held on November 6, 2012, did you ever plan to vote in that election, or didn't you plan to vote? Mark one.	---	16*	---
24	---	In the election held on November 6, 2012, did you definitely vote in person on election day, definitely complete an absentee ballot by mail, e-mail, fax, or online on or before November 6, 2012, definitely not vote, or are you not completely sure whether you voted in that election? Mark one.	---	17	---
25	---	What was the main reason you did not vote in the November 6, 2012 election? Mark one.	---	50	---
26	---	Were you aware that you could use the FWAB for the November 6, 2012 election?	---	29	---
27	---	Did you use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) in the November 6, 2012 election?	---	30	---
28	---	Did you obtain your Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) for the November 6, 2012 election from any of the following sources? Mark one.	---	31*	---
29	---	How did you use the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) website to complete your Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)? Mark one.	---		

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30	---	In 2012, overall how satisfied or dissatisfied were you with the assistance you received filling out the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) from the automated assistant/wizard on the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) website?	---		
31	---	What is the MAIN REASON you did not use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) for the November 6, 2012 election? Mark one.	---		
32	---	During 2012, did you receive voting information or assistance from your spouse's UVAO?	---	34*	---
33	---	In 2012, overall how satisfied or dissatisfied were you with the information or assistance you received from your spouse's Unit Voting Assistance Officer (UVAO)?	---		
34	a	During 2012, did you receive the following information or assistance from your spouse's Unit Voting Assistance Officer (UVAO)? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item.	Determining my eligibility to vote		
34	b	During 2012, did you receive the following information or assistance from your spouse's Unit Voting Assistance Officer (UVAO)? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item.	Understanding the absentee voting process		
34	c	During 2012, did you receive the following information or assistance from your spouse's Unit Voting Assistance Officer (UVAO)? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item.	Obtaining the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)		
34	d	During 2012, did you receive the following information or assistance from your spouse's Unit Voting Assistance Officer (UVAO)? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item.	Completing the FPCA		
34	e	During 2012, did you receive the following information or assistance from your spouse's Unit Voting Assistance Officer (UVAO)? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item.	Obtaining the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)		

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34	f	During 2012, did you receive the following information or assistance from your spouse's Unit Voting Assistance Officer (UVAO)? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item.	Completing the FWAB		
34	g	During 2012, did you receive the following information or assistance from your spouse's Unit Voting Assistance Officer (UVAO)? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item.	Finding information on candidates/issues		
34	h	During 2012, did you receive the following information or assistance from your spouse's Unit Voting Assistance Officer (UVAO)? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item.	Finding information on deadlines		
34	i	During 2012, did you receive the following information or assistance from your spouse's Unit Voting Assistance Officer (UVAO)? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item.	Electronic transmission of election materials (i.e., faxing, e-mailing)		
34	j	During 2012, did you receive the following information or assistance from your spouse's Unit Voting Assistance Officer (UVAO)? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item.	Assistance with websites (i.e., federal, state, local)		
34	k	During 2012, did you receive the following information or assistance from your spouse's Unit Voting Assistance Officer (UVAO)? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item.	Finding out where to send my FPCA/FWAB		
34	l	During 2012, did you receive the following information or assistance from your spouse's Unit Voting Assistance Officer (UVAO)? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item.	Some other voting information or assistance		
35	---	In 2012, what is the MAIN REASON you didn't receive voting information or assistance from your spouse's Unit Voting Assistance Officer (UVAO)? Mark one.	---	35*	---
36	---	During 2012, did you receive voting information or assistance from your spouse's IVAO?	---	34*	---

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37	---	In 2012, overall how satisfied or dissatisfied were you with the information or assistance you received from your spouse's Installation Voter Assistance Office (IVAO)?	---		
38	a	During 2012, did you receive the following information or assistance from your spouse's Installation Voter Assistance Office (IVAO)? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item.	Determining my eligibility to vote		
38	b	During 2012, did you receive the following information or assistance from your spouse's Installation Voter Assistance Office (IVAO)? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item.	Understanding the absentee voting process		
38	c	During 2012, did you receive the following information or assistance from your spouse's Installation Voter Assistance Office (IVAO)? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item.	Obtaining the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)		
38	d	During 2012, did you receive the following information or assistance from your spouse's Installation Voter Assistance Office (IVAO)? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item.	Completing the FPCA		
38	e	During 2012, did you receive the following information or assistance from your spouse's Installation Voter Assistance Office (IVAO)? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item.	Obtaining the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)		
38	f	During 2012, did you receive the following information or assistance from your spouse's Installation Voter Assistance Office (IVAO)? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item.	Completing the FWAB		
38	g	During 2012, did you receive the following information or assistance from your spouse's Installation Voter Assistance Office (IVAO)? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item.	Finding information on candidates/issues		
38	h	During 2012, did you receive the following information or assistance from your spouse's Installation Voter Assistance Office (IVAO)? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item.	Finding information on deadlines		

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38	i	During 2012, did you receive the following information or assistance from your spouse's Installation Voter Assistance Office (IVAO)? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item.	Electronic transmission of election materials (i.e., faxing, e-mailing)		
38	j	During 2012, did you receive the following information or assistance from your spouse's Installation Voter Assistance Office (IVAO)? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item.	Assistance with websites (i.e., federal, state, local)		
38	k	During 2012, did you receive the following information or assistance from your spouse's Installation Voter Assistance Office (IVAO)? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item.	Finding out where to send my FPCA/FWAB		
38	l	During 2012, did you receive the following information or assistance from your spouse's Installation Voter Assistance Office (IVAO)? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item.	My spouse's IVAO offered to send my election materials to my election official for me		
38	m	During 2012, did you receive the following information or assistance from your spouse's Installation Voter Assistance Office (IVAO)? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item.	Some other voting information or assistance		
39	---	In 2012, what is the MAIN REASON you didn't receive voting information or assistance from your spouse's Installation Voter Assistance Office (IVAO)? Mark one.	---	35*	---
40	---	In preparation for the 2012 primaries and general election, did you visit this website?	---	37	---
41	---	Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied were you with the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) website when you visited it in 2012?	---		
42	a	How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) website? Mark one answer for each item.	State voting and related instructions were clear and easy to understand.		
42	b	How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) website? Mark one answer for each item.	Contact information was easy to find.		

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42	c	How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) website? Mark one answer for each item.	Search feature met my needs.		
42	d	How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) website? Mark one answer for each item.	I was able to find what I needed quickly and easily.		
42	e	How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) website? Mark one answer for each item.	I was able to find the materials and forms I needed to vote.		
43	---	In preparation for the 2012 primaries and general election, how often did you visit the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) website? Mark one.	---		
44	---	In 2012, why didn't you visit the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) website? Mark one.	---	38*	---
45	---	In preparation for the 2012 primaries and general election, did you refer to the VAG for information about registering to vote or requesting an absentee ballot?	---	40	---
46	a	Did you use FVAP's... Mark one answer for each item.	Online chat service?		
46	b	Did you use FVAP's... Mark one answer for each item.	E-mail support?		
46	c	Did you use FVAP's... Mark one answer for each item.	Toll-free telephone service?	43	---
47	---	Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied were you with the assistance you received in 2012 from the Federal Voting Assistance Program's (FVAP) staff via the online chat, e-mail support, or toll-free telephone service?	---		
48	a	In preparation for the 2012 primaries and general election, did you visit the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) on Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, or Google+? Mark one answer for each item.	Twitter	45	a
48	b	In preparation for the 2012 primaries and general election, did you visit the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) on Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, or Google+? Mark one answer for each item.	Facebook	45	b

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48	c	In preparation for the 2012 primaries and general election, did you visit the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) on Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, or Google+? Mark one answer for each item.	LinkedIn	45	c
48	d	In preparation for the 2012 primaries and general election, did you visit the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) on Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, or Google+? Mark one answer for each item.	Google+		
49	a	Did you receive voting information from any of the following sources in 2012? Mark one answer for each item.	State or local election official	46	a
49	b	Did you receive voting information from any of the following sources in 2012? Mark one answer for each item.	Local television, radio, and print media	46	b
49	c	Did you receive voting information from any of the following sources in 2012? Mark one answer for each item.	Armed Forces Radio/TV	46	c
49	d	Did you receive voting information from any of the following sources in 2012? Mark one answer for each item.	Other U.S. civilian newspapers, magazines, radio, or TV	46	d
49	e	Did you receive voting information from any of the following sources in 2012? Mark one answer for each item.	International television, radio, and print media	46	e
49	f	Did you receive voting information from any of the following sources in 2012? Mark one answer for each item.	Family or friends	46	g*
49	g	Did you receive voting information from any of the following sources in 2012? Mark one answer for each item.	The Internet	46	h
49	h	Did you receive voting information from any of the following sources in 2012? Mark one answer for each item.	Voting Assistance Officers (VAO)	46	i
49	i	Did you receive voting information from any of the following sources in 2012? Mark one answer for each item.	Federal Voting Assistance Program website	---	---
49	j	Did you receive voting information from any of the following sources in 2012? Mark one answer for each item.	Other	---	---
50	---	If you were to need information about absentee voting in a future election, which of the following sources would best serve you? Mark one.	---	52	---

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51	a	Considering your location and working conditions, approximately how often, from Labor Day to November 6, 2012, did you have access to each of the following? Mark one answer for each item. If you did not have access to any of the following, please mark 'Does not apply...'	Government websites other than the Federal Voting Assistance Program (e.g., state or Federal .gov or .mil sites)	47	a*
51	b	Considering your location and working conditions, approximately how often, from Labor Day to November 6, 2012, did you have access to each of the following? Mark one answer for each item. If you did not have access to any of the following, please mark 'Does not apply...'	Non-government websites (e.g., .com sites)	47	b*
51	c	Considering your location and working conditions, approximately how often, from Labor Day to November 6, 2012, did you have access to each of the following? Mark one answer for each item. If you did not have access to any of the following, please mark 'Does not apply...'	Fax	47	c*
51	d	Considering your location and working conditions, approximately how often, from Labor Day to November 6, 2012, did you have access to each of the following? Mark one answer for each item. If you did not have access to any of the following, please mark 'Does not apply...'	DoD e-mail account	47	d*
51	e	Considering your location and working conditions, approximately how often, from Labor Day to November 6, 2012, did you have access to each of the following? Mark one answer for each item. If you did not have access to any of the following, please mark 'Does not apply...'	Personal e-mail account	47	e*
51	f	Considering your location and working conditions, approximately how often, from Labor Day to November 6, 2012, did you have access to each of the following? Mark one answer for each item. If you did not have access to any of the following, please mark 'Does not apply...'	Printers	47	f*

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51	g	Considering your location and working conditions, approximately how often, from Labor Day to November 6, 2012, did you have access to each of the following? Mark one answer for each item. If you did not have access to any of the following, please mark 'Does not apply...'	Scanners	47	g*
52	a	During 2012, did you fax or e-mail any of the following materials? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item.	Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) for absentee ballot	48/49	a*
52	b	During 2012, did you fax or e-mail any of the following materials? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item.	Other non-FPCA request for absentee ballot	48/49	b*
52	c	During 2012, did you fax or e-mail any of the following materials? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item.	Voted regular absentee ballot	48/49	c*
52	d	During 2012, did you fax or e-mail any of the following materials? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item.	Voted Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)	48/49	d*
52	e	During 2012, did you fax or e-mail any of the following materials? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item.	Other voting materials	48/49	e*
53	---	How about you --- did you vote in that election?	---	51	---
54	---	Thank you for participating in the survey. There are no more questions on this survey. If you have comments or concerns that you were not able to express in answering this survey, please enter them in the space provided. Your comments will be viewed and considered as policy deliberations take place. Your feedback is useful and appreciated.	---	64*	---
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