

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is my state of residence?

A: Generally, it will be the state where you pay income taxes, hold a driver's license, have your vehicles registered, etc. It does not have to be the state you are currently living in or the state you lived in when you joined the military.

Q: Are absentee votes even counted?

A: Yes! Every absentee ballot that is received by the state's deadline is counted, regardless of how close the race is. Start the process early by visiting www.fvap.gov now.

Q: How can I register to vote absentee or find additional answers to questions?

A: You can visit www.fvap.gov to register to vote and find answers to most questions. For guidance, you can also contact your command VAO, or visit an Installation Voter Assistance Office near you.



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Navy Voting Assistance Program

Federal Voting Assistance Program

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1-800-438-VOTE

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Federal Voting Assistance Program

The Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) provides voting assistance to all Department of Defense personnel and their families around the world. Check out their website at www.fvap.gov – it's a great resource for all things related to absentee voting.

The Navy Voting Assistance Program (NVAP) works closely with FVAP to support Sailors and their family members, at home and overseas.

Navy commands with more than 25 members have a Voting Assistance Officer (VAO), who is the primary resource within the command to answer voting-related questions and assist Sailors with voter registration. Most installations also have an Installation Voter Assistance Office that can provide additional in-person assistance. To find the IVA Office nearest you, please visit www.fvap.gov/info/contact/iva-offices.

Determining Voting Residency

There are several basic guidelines to follow in determining residency for military personnel and their family members:

- You must have or have had a physical presence in the state, and the intent to remain or make the state his/her home or domicile.
- You may have only one legal residence at a time, but may change residency each time you are transferred to a new location. You must make a conscious decision to change residency through specific actions that may be interpreted as conscious decisions; for example, obtaining a new driver's license, registering a car, qualifying for in-state tuition, etc.
- Once your residence is changed, you may not revert to the previous residence without re-establishing a physical presence and the intent to remain or return.
- Contact your legal officer if you have questions or need additional information.



Five Easy Steps to Ensure Your Absentee Vote Counts

1. Visit www.fvap.gov, and complete your FPCA by selecting either "Voters Start Here" or "Military Voter." Click on your state and follow all state-specific instructions. Completing the FPCA every year after Jan. 1 and anytime you change addresses will ensure that your absentee voting status remains current.
2. Contact your command VAO or your Installation Voter Assistance Office if you have questions or need assistance.
3. Contact your local election official if you are concerned that your FPCA may not have been processed or it is 45 days from an election and you have not received your absentee ballot. You can find their information in the Voting Assistance Guide (available online at www.fvap.gov or by contacting your local voting assistance officer.)
4. If it is within 30 days of an election and you have not received your ballot, complete the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAP), which can be used as a backup or a replacement ballot. Contact your VAO for assistance.

Federal Post Card Application

The Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) is used to register to vote AND to request an absentee ballot. It should be completed every year after Jan. 1 and each time your address changes.

The easiest way to complete the FPCA is by visiting www.fvap.gov, where an easy-to-use online wizard will automatically incorporate state-specific guidelines and assist you in completing the FPCA. As a secondary method, you can also print a blank FPCA and fill it in by hand. Always be sure to sign your FPCA before mailing it!

The FPCA is for use by all active-duty service members, their family members, and civilians stationed overseas.

