**Sample media release:** (newsletter, POD, base newspaper, website, etc.)

EASIER THAN EVER: VOTING ABSENTEE

Many (if not most) Sailors and their families are stationed far from their voting residences and as such, must vote using absentee ballots. Fortunately, voting absentee has never been easier. Service members simply send a Federal Post Card Application (SF-76) to their Local Election Officials. This serves two purposes: 1. Voter registration, and 2. Alerts election officials what address to send absentee ballots to.

Step one is to complete the Federal Post Card Application (SF76). In days past, the forms had to be ordered by procurement professionals through official logistics channels. Today, anyone can complete the form, free of charge, online at the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) website ([www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov)) using their online wizard.

Step two is to print and mail the Federal Post Card Application to your Local Election Official. No envelope or postage is required: It’s designed to be folded, sealed and mailed securely at no cost to the Voter. Many states will even accept electronic submission.

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