Hello Idaho!

Today I'll cover…

✓ What is FVAP & UOCAVA
✓ Federal Post Card Application
✓ Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot
✓ How we can help you during the 2020 election cycle
The Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act of 1986, or UOCAVA, allows certain U.S. citizens to apply to register and vote absentee in elections for federal office.

- HAVA 2002 required states to notify voters the reasons for rejecting a registration application or absentee ballot request.
- MOVE Act 2009 required states to make voter registration and absentee ballot applications available electronically. Additionally required ballots to be sent out 45 days prior to an election.

FVAP administers UOCAVA on behalf of the Secretary of Defense.
FVAP Responsibilities

- Training
  - Installation and Unit Voting Action Officers
  - Embassies and Consulates
- Maintain voter resources
  - Voting Assistance Guide
  - Website
  - Online Assistant
- Report to Congress
- DOD Instruction
- Data Collection
- Waiver Requests

Active Duty Military Participation Rates - 2016

Military members' engagement in the 2016 election decreased compared to 2012, the last presidential election year.

- Percentage who said they were interested in the election in 2016 dropped 8 percentage points from 2012
- Registration was down 13 points
- Participation (submitting a ballot) was down 12 percentage points
Less Motivated to Vote

More ADM in 2016 gave motivation-related reasons for not having voted.
- In 2016, 61% of ADM who did not vote said it was because of lack of motivation, such as saying "I did not want to vote."

DoD Voting Assistance Works

Service members who sought voting assistance were significantly more likely to return their ballot.
Through VAO Workshops, we can train service members on where to find UOCAVA information on:

- Key state deadlines
- Changes to election information in particular states, like changes in submission methods or sharing emergency information that impacts elections
- Participation by state and local election officials
- Monthly distribution of upcoming elections to all active duty personnel

Resources for the 2020 Election Cycle
Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)

- Up for redesign every 2 years
- Currently on the Federal Register for public comment
- Previous editions should still be accepted
- State requirements referenced

Used for both Registration & Ballot Request
Between 2012 and 2016, the percent of ADM who reported using an FPCA to request their absentee ballot dropped from 47% to 39%.

Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)

- Up for redesign every 2 years
- Currently on the Federal Register for public comment
- If both state ballot and FWAB are received, only accept the state ballot
- UOCAVA voters can also use it in advance of an election by noting the election date on envelope and filling in which party they wish to vote for
- Can not be rejected based on the type of envelope it arrives in

Voters need to be registered before using a FWAB
Voting Assistance Guide

- Requires coordination with all 50 States and territories
- Distributed to military installations, Consulates, and Embassies worldwide
- Standardization of the Voting Assistance Guide into plain language to better support VAOs in the field and individual voters who visit FVAP.gov: 89% VAOs found it useful.

FVAP Call Center

Our most popular resource

- 40,000+ inquires in 2016
- Available Monday – Friday
- 7:30am – 4:00pm Eastern Standard Time
- 1-800-438-VOTE (8683)
- vote@fvap.gov
**Electronic Transmission Service (ETS) Changes**

ETS began in the 1992 election to assist Service members deployed for Operation Desert Shield/Storm with transmission of their election materials.

What ETS currently offers:

- FVAP can forward emailed election materials only from voters whose state law allows fax machine, but not email, receipt.
- Voters that have the ability to email or fax their election official directly, should do so.
- FVAP provides assistance to those voters that have limited access to fax machines, scanners, etc.
- NOTE: FVAP no longer processes direct emailing of materials between voters and local election officials based on state authorization.

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**FVAP Call To Action 2020**

**Military Voter Example**

PFC John Doe  
PSC 3 Box 4120  
APO AE 09021

**Overseas Citizen Example**

MR THOMAS CLARK  
117 RUSSELL DRIVE  
LONDON W1P 6HQ  
GREAT BRITAIN

**Things to consider leading up to an election!**

- Review UOCAVA address formatting for military and overseas citizens.
- Coordinate envelope design, drop-offs and pick-ups with local postal officials.
- Leverage FVAP.gov for your new staff or a refresher for current staff.
- Let FVAP know when your address changes!
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FVAP Call To Action – Absentee Voting Week
First Week of October

Reach out to Military Installations in your area
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Customer Service Recommendations

- FPCA has been Accepted!
- How long their FPCA will be good for
- Status Check
- Contact Info

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**TESTING** Your FPCA has been accepted!

coe_noreply@state.de.us <coe_noreply@state.de.us>

To: dhowardsholl@gmail.com

Dear HOWARD GEORGE SHOLL JR:

The Department has accepted your Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) and will send you a ballot or information of how to access your ballot at least 45 days before each election in which you are eligible to vote. The Department will notify you by email once your ballot has been sent or is available online.

Your FPCA is valid through December 31 the year following the next General Election.

You can check the status of your FPCA and/or your ballot by selecting the appropriate items in the "Voter Portal" at https://vote.de.gov.

Please contact the office if you do not receive your ballot in a timely manner or if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Department of Elections
New Castle County Office
Carvel State Office Bldg
820 N French St Ste 400
Wilmington, DE 19801
Email: coe_noreply@state.de.us
Phone: (302) 577-3484

Transaction ID: 2016032008591444176

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**TESTING** Your absentee ballot has been received!

coe_noreply@state.de.us <coe_noreply@state.de.us>

To: dhowardsholl@gmail.com

Dear HOWARD GEORGE SHOLL JR:

The Department received your absentee ballot on 09/23/2016 for the 04/05/2016 Presidential Primary Election.

The Department will notify you if your ballot is received and sent to your address. If it is not received, we will let you know.

Sincerely,

Department of Elections
New Castle County Office
Carvel State Office Bldg
820 N French St Ste 400
Wilmington, DE 19801
Email: coe_noreply@state.de.us
Phone: (302) 577-3484

Transaction ID: 2016032008591313026

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**TESTING** Your absentee ballot has been counted!

coe_noreply@state.de.us <coe_noreply@state.de.us>

To: dhowardsholl@gmail.com

Dear MARIA MARY SHOLL:

The Department has counted your absentee ballot for the 04/05/2016 Presidential Primary Election. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Department of Elections
New Castle County Office
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Ballot Received & Ballot Counted!
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Customer Service Recommendations

Emailing to [.mil] addresses:

- Heightened security concerns
- Hyperlinks disabled
  - Separate links in email body
  - Clearly identify LEO contact information
- Bouncebacks
  - Be aware
  - Ask for private email, if necessary/possible
DoD Postal Updates

- Recommended Mailing Dates for voters were published
- USPS/MPSA upgraded Global Business Systems in 2015 to improve service of absentee ballots mailed with the Label 11-DoD
- FVAP/MPSA/USPS 2016 Pilot Project focused on transaction information where balloting materials appear in the USPS/MPSA mail stream

General State Policy Trends

- Voter ID
  - UOCAVA voters are exempt under HAVA
- Online Registration
  - Are UOCAVA protections granted through online registration portals?
- FPCA Section 6 requirements are considered obstacles
  - Oath requirements
  - Employer information
  - Race
  - Previous address
  - State residency requirements
- Witness requirements remain a difficulty for UOCAVA voters to complete
  - Alabama, Virginia
- Never Resided Voters
General State Policy Trends

- Residency
- UOCAVA Status
- Tax Implications

Overseas Citizen Population Analysis

2016 Election

5.5 million U.S. Citizens Overseas
3 million of them can vote

BASED ON 2016 DATA

They're 18+ years old
Overseas Citizen Population Analysis
2016 Election

WHERE IN THE WORLD ARE VOTING-AGE AMERICANS?

1. CANADA 622,492
2. UNITED KINGDOM 329,774
3. MEXICO 201,415
4. FRANCE 167,037
5. ISRAEL 113,651
6. JAPAN 125,779
7. SOUTH KOREA 62,698
8. GERMANY 98,777
9. ITALY 70,465
10. AUSTRALIA 115,805

BASED ON 2016 DATA

TOP 10 INTERNATIONAL CITIES WITH VOTING-AGE AMERICANS

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BASED ON 2016 DATA
Overseas Citizen Population Analysis
2016 Election

PROFILE OF OVERSEAS REGISTERED VOTERS

ALL AGES

WORKERS

WELL EDUCATED

REASONS FOR LIVING ABROAD

AGE:
- 18-24
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65+

MEDIAN AGE IS 46

WORK
- 64%

RETIRED
- 16%

DON'T WORK
- 20%

GRADUATE/PROFESSIONAL DEGREE
- 46%

BACHELOR'S DEGREE
- 34%

SOME COLLEGE/ASSOCIATE DEGREE
- 14%

HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR LESS
- 6%

TO BE WITH FAMILY/CITIZEN
- 25%

EMPLOYMENT
- 20%

OTHER
- 5%

TO RETIRE
- 5%

TO GO TO SCHOOL
- 5%

MISSIONARY/VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

Overseas Citizen Population Analysis
2016 Election

44% NEARLY HALF SAID IT WAS THE FIRST TIME THEY REQUESTED AN ABSENTEE BALLOT WHILE LIVING IN THAT COUNTRY

87% REQUESTED AN ABSENTEE BALLOT

91% RETURNED IT

86% OF THOSE WHO VOTED WERE CONFIDENT THEIR VOTE WAS COUNTED
Oversea Citizen Population Analysis
2016 Election

208,329 BALLOTS FROM OVERSEAS CITIZENS WERE RECEIVED IN 2016. THAT'S A 6.9% TURNOUT OF ELIGIBLE VOTERS.

TURNOUT VARIES GREATLY BY COUNTRY, EVEN AMONG THOSE WITH LARGE NUMBERS OF ELIGIBLE VOTERS.

% OF ELIGIBLE VOTERS

SOURCE: FVAP OVERSEAS CITIZEN POPULATION ANALYSIS OF STATE RECORDS

Oversea Citizen Population Analysis
2016 Election

COMPONENTS OF THE VOTING GAP

SOURCE: FVAP OVERSEAS CITIZEN POPULATION ANALYSIS
Overseas Citizen Population Analysis
2016 Election

Why Didn’t the Others Vote?

- I was not registered to vote: 0%
- My absentee ballot did not arrive at all: 1%
- I did not know how to get an absentee ballot: 2%
- Some other reason: 30%
- The absentee voting process was too complicated: 30%
- My absentee ballot arrived too late: 35%

FVAP Cooperative Agreement

- Voter Communication
- Federal Post Card Application
- Online Voter Registration
- Engage Military Installations
- Unreadable / Damaged Ballot Duplication
- Common Access Card / Digital Signature Verification
- Data Standardization / Performance Metrics
Thank You!

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