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Election Season Begins Soon; Exercise Your Right to Vote

Although 2006 is not a presidential election year, the elections being held across the country this year are just as important. The 2006 election season officially starts March 7, with the Texas State Primary. The Navy Voting Assistance Program is committed to making the process of registration and voting as easy as possible for Sailors and their families.



The Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) is available to all U.S. citizens from local voting assistance officers and the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) Web site at www.fvap.gov. Once filled out, the applications should be mailed to the applicant's local voting official in their state of residence. The "2006-07 Voting Assistance Guide," located on the FVAP site, includes a list of the mailing addresses for local voting officials.

The dates for state primaries are spread throughout the year. Visit <http://www.cni.navy.mil/NavyVote/Index.html> or consult your local Voting Assistance Officer for a particular state election date or for more information.

Elections for 33 of the 100 seats in the U.S. Senate, along with the entire U.S. House of Representatives elections will be held Nov. 7. Additionally, there will be races for governor in 36 states, as well as many other state and local elections contested that day.