



Military Absentee Voting A Concern For Federal Voting Assistance Program



For the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP), getting deployed troops and their families engaged in the current election season is a primary goal.

Ahead of the November general election, FVAP, which fosters voting participation by uniformed and U.S. citizens abroad, is assisting eligible absentee voters who wish to cast ballots in their states' primary election.

The application forms, for absentee ballots, are available at military installations, embassies, and consulates and from organizations of overseas citizens. Electronic forms are posted online at the Federal Voting Assistance Program Web site, www.fvap.gov/pubs/onlinefwab.html.

Citizens using this form should vote and submit it immediately using regular mail or, where allowed by state law, by fax or E-mail, to their local election officials.

The FVAP's Integrated Voting Alternative Site at www.fvap.gov/ivas/fvap_state_menu.html shows citizens if fax or e-mail alternatives are permitted in their home state.

Voting assistance officers are stationed aboard military installations to help the FVAP implement its program initiatives. Equipped with state-by-state voting assistance guides, the officers are available to assist service members in navigating the registration process and election procedures, and inform voters of relevant deadlines.

FVAP carries out the responsibilities of the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, which protects the voting rights of active-duty military members, Merchant Marines, eligible family members and citizens residing OCONUS.