



Military Absentee Voting A Concern For Federal Voting Assistance Program

The Navy Postal Director announced June 26, guidelines and upcoming deadlines for absentee ballot mailing. Following these guidelines and deadlines will ensure all Sailors at overseas locations and aboard deployed ships get their absentee ballots to their destinations on time.

Review the 2008-09 Voting Assistance Guide for state requirements at www.fvap.gov/pubs/pubforms.html.

Request an absentee ballot by submitting an SF 76A (Registration and Absentee Ballot Request-Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)) from Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) or Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) locations by Aug. 7. From other locations, ballots should be requested by Aug. 14. The on-line version of the application at www.fvap.gov/pubs/fpca.html is an alternative to the cardstock Federal Post Card Application. It is important to provide a correct mailing address. Contact the command Voting Assistance Officer (VAO) for assistance in applying for an absentee ballot.

If deployed in support of OEF/OIF and do not receive an absentee ballot by Sept. 30, obtain a Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot (FWAB) from the VAO. To meet the mailing deadline from other overseas locations, Federal Write-in Ballots should be completed by Oct. 7.

If deployed in support of OEF or OIF, mail a completed ballot by Oct. 7. From other overseas locations mail completed ballots by Oct. 14.

If transferring after ordering a ballot, ensure the complete and correct forwarding address is on file at the new command to ensure the ballot arrives in a timely manner.

For additional information on the Voting Assistance Program, e-mail vote@navy.mil, or telephone 901-874-6647/DSN 882-6647.

Additional information is also available at the Navy Personnel Command's Navy Voting Assistance Program Web site at

https://www.cni.navy.mil/cnic_hq_site/BaseSupport/CommandStaff/NavyVotingProgram/index.htm.

