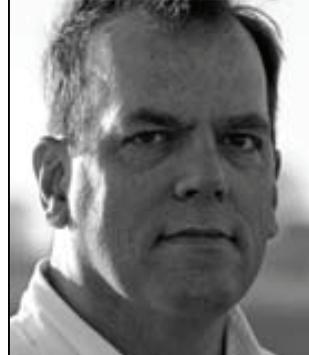


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Voting Assistance**Officers' "To Do" List**

- If you are a new Voting Assistance Officer, review the online Training Work-shop presentation for VAOs at the FVAP W e b s i t e , www.fvap.gov, to obtain a brief orientation of the program. Chapter Two of the Voting Assistance Guide (also online) provides an overview of your responsibilities as a VAO.
- Have you requested a Voting Training Workshop in your area? Please email vote@fvap.ncr.gov as well as your Service Voting Action Officer (contact information on Page 3) to submit your request. A regional Workshop schedule is now being planned with training to begin this Fall.



Bob Carey was appointed as the Director of the Federal Voting Assistance Program on July 6, 2009. He administers the Federal responsibilities of the *Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA)* for the Secretary of Defense—the Presidential designee. The Act covers the voting rights of all members of the Uniformed Services, Merchant Marine, and their family members, the commissioned corps of the Public Health Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and all U.S. civilian citizens residing outside the United States. His responsibilities include executive oversight of other Federal government departments, agencies, and entities that cooperate in carrying out the Act.

Prior to this appointment, Mr. Carey served as Executive Director of the National Defense Committee, a grass-roots military service organization focused on protecting the legal rights (including military voting rights) of individual service members, and strengthening the civil-military relationship. He was an active advocate

for reforming the voting systems for military and overseas citizen voters. He also served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Vote Foundation.

After graduating in 1985 from the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, PA, he was commissioned an Ensign in the United States Navy and reported to USS COMTE DE GRASSE (DD 974). After earning his Surface Warfare Officer designation, he reported to Pensacola, FL, earning his Naval Flight Officer wings in 1989. After additional training, he reported to Attack Squadron 85 onboard USS AMERICA, flying the A-6E Intruder through two deployments, including 37 combat missions during DESERT STORM. Mr. Carey left active duty in 1995 after serving on the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations, and immediately accepted a Reserve Commission.

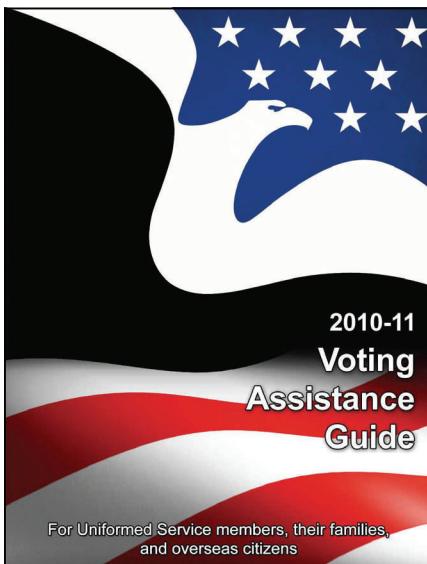
Mr. Carey then served on the staff of two U.S. Senators as a Legislative Assistant and Legislative Director from 1995 to 2002, until mobilized from the Reserves to active duty, again to serve on the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations. Upon his demobilization, he was appointed a Senior Policy Advisor to the Secretary of Energy.

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FVAP Has Many Resources—We want you to use them!

Absentee voters and Voting Assistance Officers (VAOs) have available to them the following resources:

- **www.fvap.gov**—provides an overview of the FVAP as well as electronic access to many of the materials listed in this section. In addition, the site provides election information, access to the online FPCA, and links to state government home pages and other sites with election information and results.
- **Contact the FVAP**—VAOs, UOCAVA citizens and local election officials may contact the FVAP directly via email, telephone or fax. The email address is vote@fvap.ncr.gov. The toll-free numbers in the U.S. are 1-800-438-VOTE (8683), DSN (military) 425-1584 or Commercial (703) 588-1584. International toll-free phone numbers are listed on the inside back cover of the Voting Assistance Guide and on the FVAP website at www.fvap.gov.
- **2010-11 Voting Assistance Guide**—the Voting Assistance Guide (VAG) is a compilation of absentee voting regulations, laws, deadlines, and procedures. The *Guide* is the primary source of information for citizens wishing to vote absentee under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA). Voting Assistance Officers (VAO) and persons who provide assistance to these citizens should become familiar with the *Guide*, forms and available assistance and resources. The *Guide* will be released in September 2009.



- **Electronic Alternatives to the “By Mail” Absentee Voting process—Electronic Transmission Service (ETS)** - fax and email election materials (FPCAs, blank ballots, voted ballots, other election materials) where allowed by

state law, between the local election official and the absentee voter when conditions do not allow for timely receipt and return of these materials via the postal system. Because ETS procedures vary from state to state, refer to the Voting Assistance Guide state pages for more instructions.

If electronic transmission is allowed by the state or territory, the FVAP recommends faxing using the following number **(703) 693-5527; DSN (military) 223-5527 or 1-800-368-8683**. International toll-free fax numbers are listed on the FVAP website. If emailing is allowed, the citizen should email voting materials directly to the local election official. If the citizen is unable to access the local election official's email address, he or she may email the voting materials (along with the transmittal sheet) to: ets@fvap.ncr.gov. If a citizen experiences technical problems when faxing or emailing the FPCA or ballot to the Electronic Transmission Service, he or she may contact the FVAP.

After faxing or emailing, most states request that the citizen mail the original completed and signed FPCA or voted ballot to the local election official.

- **Voting News Releases**—time-sensitive periodic news releases that inform and educate VAOs and UOCAVA citizens about the latest critical information on election dates, absentee registration, ballot request, and voting procedures. For example, if a state or territory makes a change to its procedures or election dates during the year, or a special election for a Federal office is called, a news release will be issued to alert citizens of these events.

Voting news releases are sent directly via email to VAOs. Anyone can request the releases simply by sending an email to vote@fvap.ncr.gov. Persons on this list will also receive the *Voting Information News* (see *Voting Information News* below). Releases are also available on the FVAP website at www.fvap.gov.

- **Voting Information News (VIN)** - a monthly newsletter published by the FVAP, which contains up-to-date articles and information on elections, absentee registration and voting procedures, a “To Do” list for VAOs, and other voting related matters that may affect UOCAVA citizens. This newsletter is sent to all civilian and military VAOs by email or regular mail. Anyone can request the *VIN* by simply sending an email to vote@fvap.ncr.gov. Persons on this list will also receive Voting News Releases. Current and back issues are also available on the FVAP website at www.fvap.gov.

Training—FVAP conducts in-person workshops for training VAOs at various locations around the globe. The training highlights instructions for completing the forms, responsibilities of the VAO and the resources available to conduct a successful

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Director Bob Carey (cont from page 1)

Again recalled to active duty in 2003, Mr. Carey moved to New York City where, upon his release from active duty, he started Empire-Capitol Strategies, a strategic planning and policy development consulting firm. Mobilized again to active duty in 2004, Mr. Carey deployed to the staff of the U.S. Fifth Fleet, serving as the coordinator of all Coalition maritime forces involved in Operations ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM, and as Executive Assistant to the Fleet Commander.

Mr. Carey returned to Empire-Capitol Strategies upon his release from active duty in 2005 until his return to active duty in 2007 where he served on the staff of the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, RI. After graduating from the Naval War College in 2008, Mr. Carey became Executive Director of the National Defense Committee, helping to establish the Alliance on Military and Overseas Voting Rights, and consulting to the Pew Center on the States' Military and Overseas Voting Reform Initiative.

Mr. Carey continues to serve in the U.S. Navy Reserve.

A good practice—FPCA and FAQs go hand in hand

A list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) is available on the FVAP website, www.fvap.gov and in the Voting Assistance Guide. The list of FAQ, introduction to the FVAP services and contact information are all valuable resources for UOCAVA citizens.

VAOs are encouraged to use the FAQ Handout along with their contact information and distribute these along with the Federal Post Card Applications (FPCA) during their registration drives or when contacting individuals one-on-one.

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Department of State: Office of Overseas Citizens Services

Mr. Mark Raugust (202) 736-9163, fax: (202) 647-6201 votinginfo@state.gov, http://travel.state.gov/law/info/info_2964.html

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voting.questions@conus.army.mil , https://www.hrc.army.mil/site/Active/TAGD/pssd/psb/_votingindex.htm |
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https://www.cnic.navy.mil/cnic_hq_site/BaseSupport/CommandStaff/NavyVotingProgram/index.htm |
| Air Force: | Mr. William A. D'Avanzo (210) 565-5000, toll free: 1-800 616-3775 (Select options 1, then 1, then 2 from menu), DSN: 665-5000, fax: (210) 565-2543, DSN fax: 665-2543,
afpc/dpffovotefund@randolph.af.mil , http://www.afcrossroads.com/VoteFund/Vote/default.htm |
| Marine Corps: | Mr. Robert Wagner (703) 784-9511, DSN: 278-9511, fax: (703) 784-9823, DSN fax: 278-9823,
mra.voting.officer@usmc.mil ,
https://www.manpower.usmc.mil/pls/portal/url/page/m_ra_home/MR/Personnel/Voting |
| Coast Guard: | LTJG Frank Marcheski (202) 475-5382, fax: (202) 475-5927, Frank.A.Marcheski@uscg.mil
http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg1/cg122/PolicyStandards/Voting/default.asp |

Links to the Services' websites are available at www.fvap.gov.

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- voting assistance program. There are two slightly different versions of the workshop. One focuses on the duties and responsibilities of VAOs in the Uniformed Services, while the other version is for VAOs at embassies and consulates as well as U.S. citizen organizations and corporations outside the United States. These train-the-trainer workshops enable VAOs to provide additional local training. The FVAP also provides workshops twice a month at the headquarters office in Washington D.C. Contact the FVAP for dates and locations.

An online training workshop is available for VAOs at the FVAP's website. VAOs should check www.fvap.gov for updates on other learning opportunities.

- Election Dates and Motivational Posters**—The 2010-11 Election Dates poster lists the dates for Federal office and state primaries, runoff elections and the general election. In addition, this poster has a place at the bottom for the VAO's name, telephone number and email address. VAOs should display the poster prominently so individuals will know how to contact them. Check state election websites or the FVAP website for updates.

Military VAOs receive these posters through their normal distribution channels. Overseas citizens can obtain posters directly from the FVAP. These posters are also available for downloading at www.fvap.gov.



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