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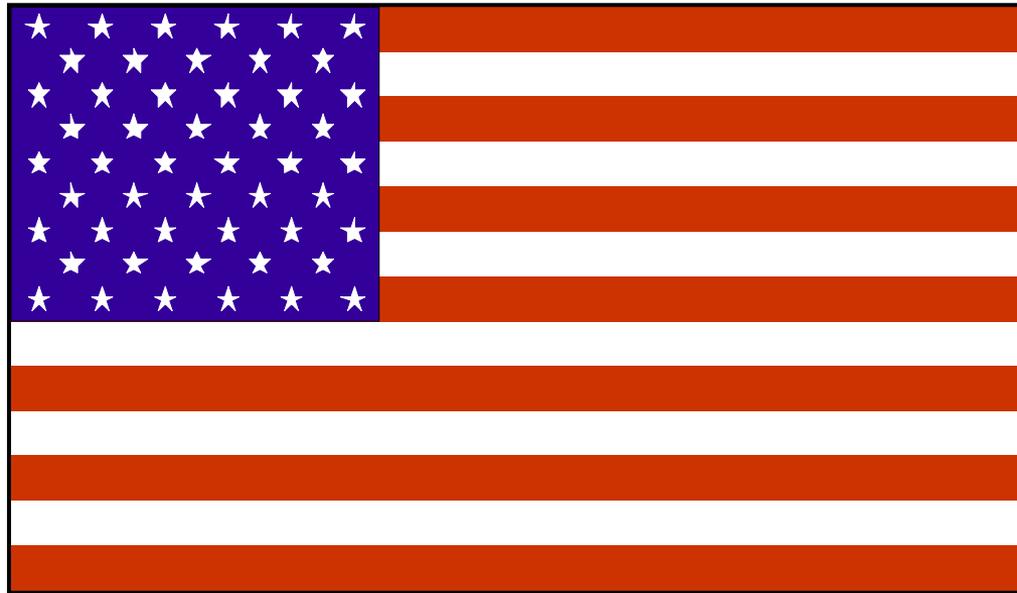
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Federal Voting Assistance Program

Voting Assistance Officer

Workshop





In 2004 - Election of:



U.S. President/Vice President

34 U.S. Senators



435 U.S. Representatives

13 State Governors &





FVAP Administers the:

**Uniformed and
Overseas Citizens
Absentee Voting Act
(UOCAVA)
42 USC § 1973ff**

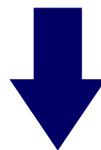


UOCAVA & Executive Order 12642 of June 8, 1988

PRESIDENT



SECRETARY OF DEFENSE



**DIRECTOR, FEDERAL VOTING
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**



FVAP Mission is to:

- 1. Inform and Educate U.S. Citizens Worldwide of the Right to Vote**
- 2. Foster Voting Participation**
- 3. Protect the Integrity of, and Enhance, the Electoral Process**



UOCAVA Covers:

Members of the U.S. Uniformed Services





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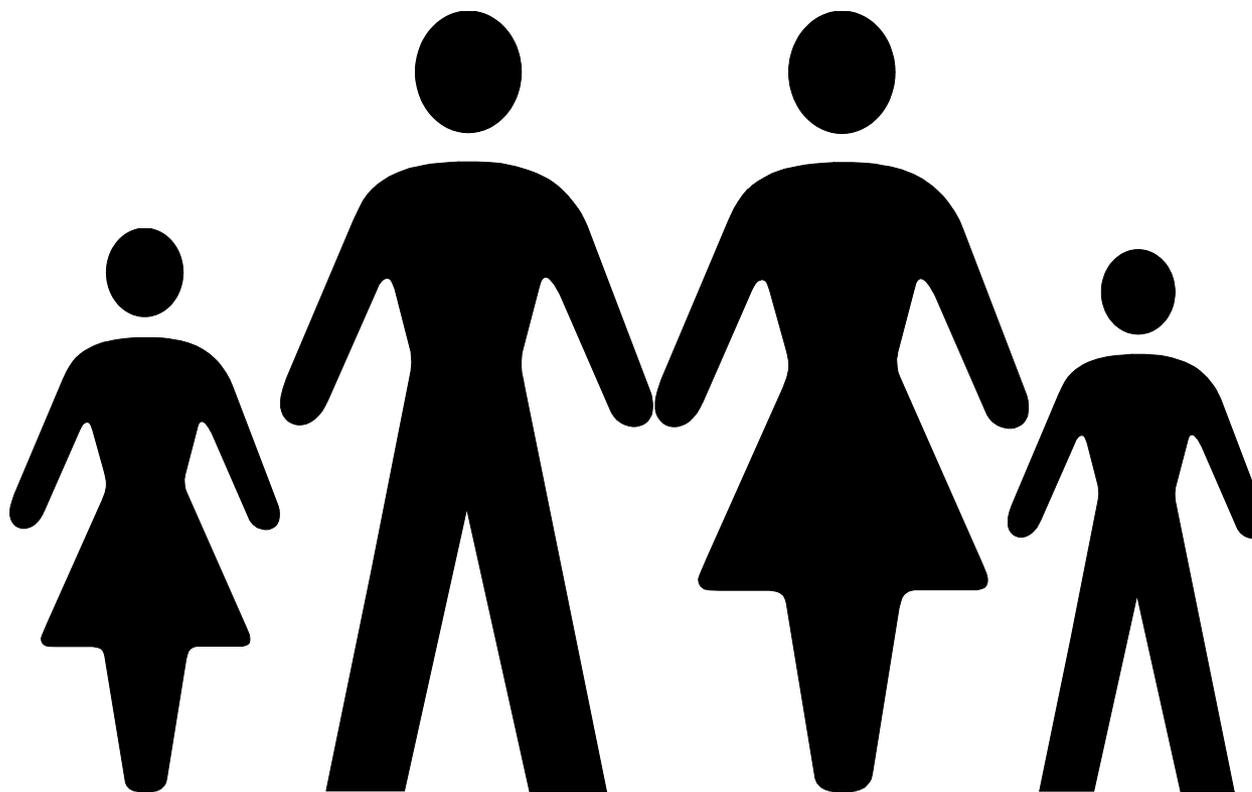
Members of the U.S. Merchant Marine





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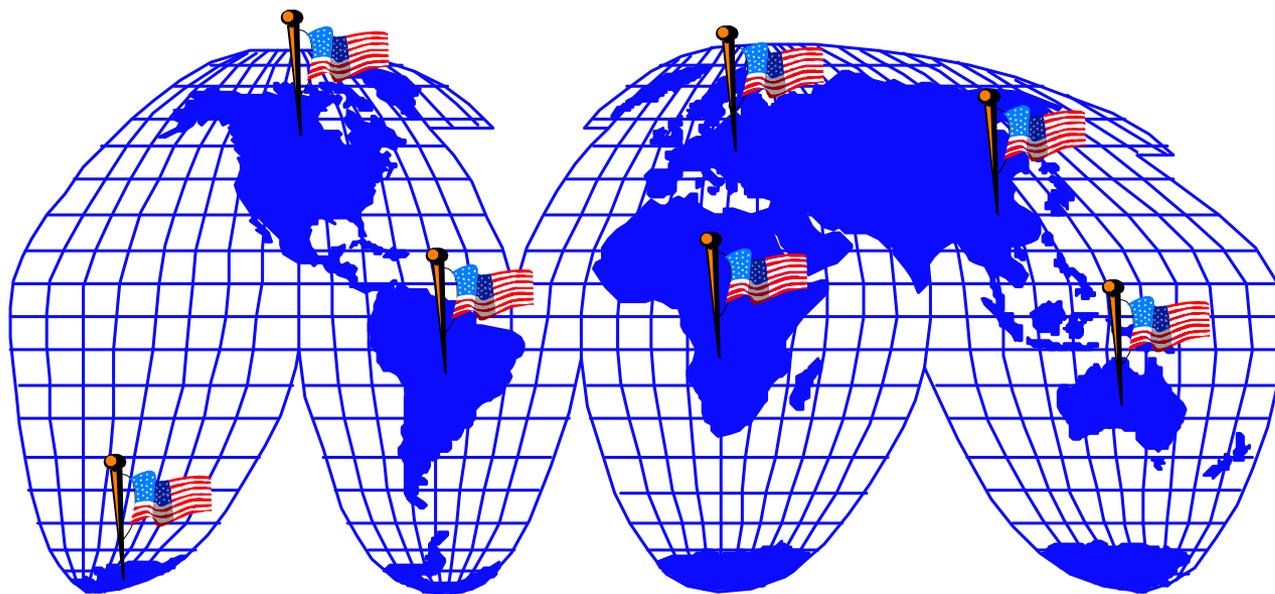
Family Members of all the Above





UOCAVA Covers:

U.S. Citizens Residing Outside the U.S.





UOCAVA Covers:

More than Six Million Potential Voters!

3.7 Million Overseas Civilians

1.8 Million Military

1.3 Million Military Dependents of Voting Age

.1 Million Federal Civilian Employees Overseas



Military Voting Participation



All Services 1992 – 67%

All Services 1996 – 64%

All Services 2000 – 69%

Army 2000 – 65%

Navy 2000 – 68%

Air Force 2000 – 76%

Marine Corps 2000 – 62%

Coast Guard 2000 – 71%





General Richard B. Myers
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff



DoD Directive 1000.4

Federal Voting Assistance Program

(<http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/corres/html/10004.htm>)

Requirements:

- Provide FPCAs:
 - 15 January – in-hand every year to all unit members and their family members
 - 15 August – even-numbered years outside U.S.
 - 15 September – even-numbered years inside U.S.
- Attend training session or complete on-line/CD-ROM certification
- Voting Assistance Officer duties included on performance evaluation
- Service Voting Action Officer:
 - Assists in obtaining forms & materials



2004-05 Voting Action Plan



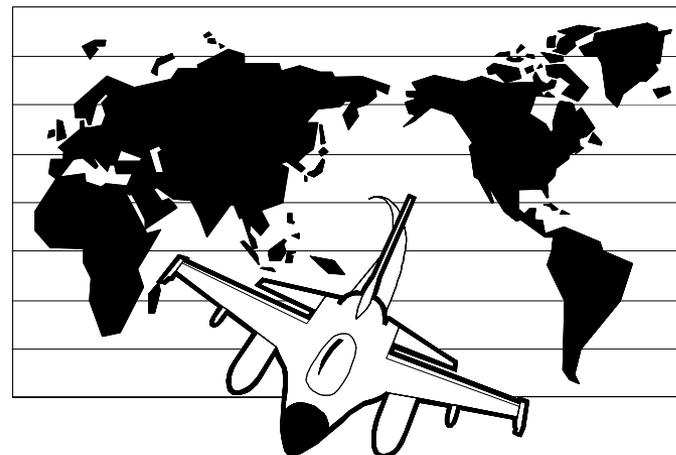
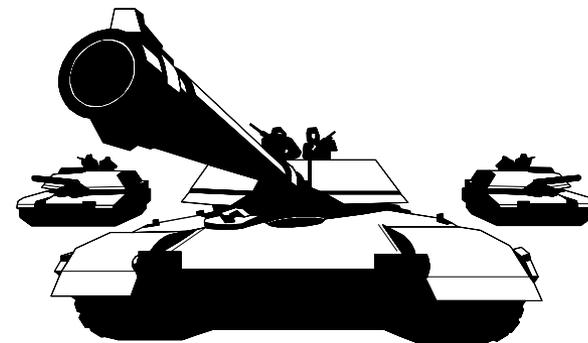
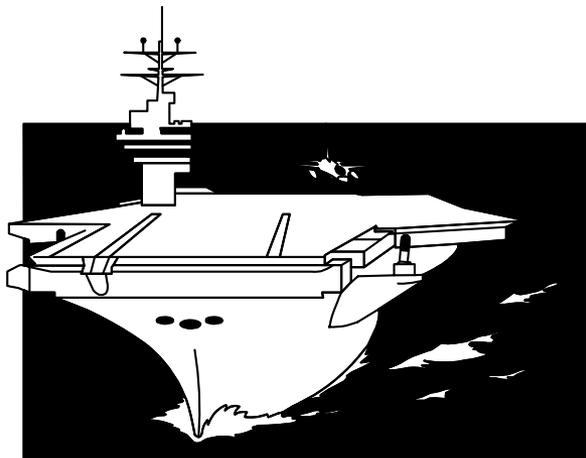
- Department of Defense Plan details responsibilities, timelines and resources for DoD and other Executive Branch agencies
- Each Service and DoD Agency has an internal Voting Action Plan
- Get a copy from your Service Voting Action Officer
- Based on requirements of DoD Directive 1000.4





Armed Forces Voters' Week

September 3 - 11, 2004





Political Activity

- DoD Directive 1344.10 -
Political Activities by Members of the
Armed Forces on Active Duty
(<http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/corres/html/134410.htm>)
- OASD Public Affairs Policy Guidance Concerning
Political Campaigns and Elections 2004-05
(http://www.defenselink.mil/dodgc/defense_ethics/)



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This web site provides information to US citizens covered by the [Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act \(UOCAVA\)](#). If you are not a [UOCAVA](#) citizen, and wish to vote absentee as a regular state voter, please [click here for links to State Election Sites](#). If you wish to vote in person, please contact your local county election official (listed in the Government Pages of the telephone book).

For Election Results and other election related information, check your [State Election Site](#).

Please remember to read your state's instructions before completing the Federal Post Card Application!

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FVAP NEWS

Only **97** days until the 2004 General Election!

Georgia Voters: Special details for accelerated return of ballots for [GEORGIA RUNOFF ELECTION](#) on August 10, 2004.

Voting Assistance Officers: Check out the [Get-Out-The-Vote Campaign!](#)

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INTRODUCTION

Purpose and Scope

This edition of the *Voting Assistance Guide* is designed to help the following persons participate in U.S. primary and general elections during 2004 and 2005 even though they may not be able to vote in person at the polls:

- Members of the U.S. Uniformed Services, which includes the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and the Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration;
- Members of the U.S. merchant marine;
- Family members of the above;
- U.S. Citizens residing outside the U.S.

Sources of Assistance

Absentee voting information in this *Guide* is current through September 2003. Procedures or primary election dates that change after publication will be updated through the Federal Voting Assistance Program's (FVAP) World Wide Web site at www.fvap.gov as they are received.

These changes are also disseminated by voting news releases distributed to voting assistance personnel in all Federal government departments and agencies with voting assistance programs. The same channels are used to disseminate information about special and other elections.

In addition, the Voting Information Center (VIC) provides a 24 hour recorded service with information on current and upcoming elections, recorded messages from incumbent U.S. Senators, U.S. Representatives, State Governors and State Chief Election Officials. Approximately thirty days prior to an election, messages from Congressional and Gubernatorial candidates are also available. The VIC telephone numbers are (800) 438-8683, (703) 588-1343 or DSN 425-1343. The VIC can also be called toll-free from overseas on any of the numbers listed on the inside back cover.

Each Military Department, the Coast Guard, and the Department of State has a Voting Action Officer to assist installation and unit Voting Assistance Officers and Embassy/Consulate Voting Assistance Officers with any questions or problems they may have concerning voting. The information below will help you contact your Service Voting Action Officer.

ARMY

Mr. James Davis
HQDA (TAPC-PDO-IP)
ATTN: Army Voting Action Officer
Hoffman Building #2, Room 3549
200 Stovall Street
Alexandria, VA 22332-0474
DSN 221-4530
(703) 325-4530
FAX (703) 325-4532
davisj@hoffman.army.mil

NAVY

LT Brian Campbell
Navy Personnel Command
(PERS-660
5720 Integrity Drive
ATTN: Voting Action Officer
Millington, TN 38055-8600
DSN 882-5672
1-866-UAASKNPC (827-5672)
FAX (901) 874-2785
DSN FAX 882-2785
MILL_NavyVote@navy.mil

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HQ AFPC/DPSF
550 C Street West Ste 3
Randolph AFB TX 78150
(210) 565-3514
1-866-229-7074
(Select options 4, then 6 from menu)
DSN 665-3514
FAX (210) 565-2543
DSN FAX 665-2543
Lee.Shick@randolph.af.mil

MARINE CORPS

GySgt Kenneth B. Warford
HQMC, M&RA
ATTN: Voting Action Officer
Manpower & Reserve Affairs Code (MRP)
3280 Russell Road
Quantico, VA 22134-5103
(703) 784-9511
DSN 278-9511
FAX (703) 784-9827
FAX DSN 278-9827
warfordkb@manpower.usmc.mil

COAST GUARD

YNCS Lori McNaught
U.S. Coast Guard
2100 2nd Street S.W., Room 5500
Washington, D.C. 20593-0001
(202) 267-1636
FAX (202) 267-4623
LMcNaught@comdt.uscg.mil

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Mr. Jack Markey, Chief VAO
Office of Overseas Citizens Services
2100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.,
4th Floor
Washington, D.C. 20037
(202) 736-4937
FAX (202) 647-6201
Markeyjd@state.gov

Ms. Bonita Harris, Deputy VAO
(202) 647-5435
Harrisbg@state.gov

CHAPTER ONE

THE FEDERAL VOTING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

1. The Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) at Work

The Director, Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP), in the Department of Defense, is responsible for administering the *Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA)* on behalf of the Secretary of Defense who is the Presidential designee for the Federal functions of the law.

Specifically, the mission of the FVAP is to:

- inform and educate U.S. citizens worldwide of their right to vote,
- foster voting participation,
- protect the integrity of, and enhance, the electoral process at the Federal, state and local levels.

In carrying out the responsibilities of the *UOCAVA*, the FVAP provides information and materials to these citizens to help ensure their enfranchisement and promote understanding and participation in the democratic process. Program activities range from the development of the universal Federal Post Card Application (FPCA or SF 76) which is accepted by all 55 U.S. states and territories and serves as simultaneous application for voter registration and/or an absentee ballot; to the production and worldwide distribution of print, broadcast and electronic voter education and information services; to developing and maintaining a working relationship with U.S. states, territories and other Federal government agencies to simplify the registration and absentee voting processes.

Further details on the *UOCAVA* are in Chapter 2 and the complete text of the *Act* is located in *Appendix D*. The *UOCAVA* covers over six million potential voters worldwide.

3. Online/E-mail Assistance from the FVAP

The Federal Voting Assistance Program's (FVAP) website at www.fvap.gov provides voting related information and resources for *UOCAVA* citizens. In order to maximize the use of the Internet, the FVAP's main objective is to provide as much current information on-line as possible to help increase the knowledge of *UOCAVA* citizens so that they may be able to participate in the democratic process.



The website also provides downloadable forms and all of the FVAP's informational materials in electronic format to include this *Voting Assistance Guide*, current and back-issues of the *Voting Information News* newsletter and voting news releases as well as links to Federal government agencies and Congress, various U.S. citizen organizations overseas, Secretaries of State/Directors of Elections, state and local government organizations and other pertinent sites containing election information.

E-mail access to the FVAP staff is provided directly through vote@fvap.ncr.gov.

The World Wide Web and the Internet are the most effective and efficient ways to disseminate information as they allow citizens to be supported on a real-time basis regardless of their geographic location.

2. Helping U.S. Citizens to Vote



The Federal government has assisted certain absentee voters since 1942. The *Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA)* requires that the states and territories allow certain groups of citizens to register and vote absentee in elections for Federal offices. In addition, many states and territories have developed their own laws allowing citizens covered by the *UOCAVA* to register and vote absentee in state and local elections as well.

U.S. citizens covered by the *UOCAVA* include:

- Members of the U.S. Uniformed Services (on active duty) and merchant marine
- Their family members
- U.S. citizens residing outside the U.S.

4. The Important Role of the Voting Assistance Officer (VAO)

The *UOCAVA* requires each Federal department and agency with personnel covered by the *UOCAVA* to have a voting assistance program. Department of Defense Directive 1000.4 and the Secretary of Defense's biennial Voting Action Plan establish policy and guidelines for carrying out an effective voting assistance program.

Voting Assistance Officers (VAOs) are critical to the success of these programs. These individuals, both military and civilian, are responsible for providing accurate nonpartisan voting information and assistance to all of the citizens that they are appointed or volunteered to help. They



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Chapter 2: Voting Assistance Officer Instructions

CHAPTER TWO

INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTING ASSISTANCE OFFICERS

Overview

This chapter provides more specific information and instructions on:

1. The *Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA)*
2. The Absentee Voting Process
3. Registration and Ballot Request
4. Requirements for Voting, Establishing Voting Residence and Registration
5. Completing the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)
6. Mailing the FPCA
7. Electronic Transmission of Election Materials
8. Ballot Receipt and Late Counting
9. Ballot Delays
10. Marking and Mailing the Ballots
11. The Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)
12. State Special Write-In Absentee Ballot
13. Voting in Person
14. Late Registration
15. Reporting Irregularities
16. FVAP Reports to the President and Congress
17. Other Ways to Obtain a Ballot and Vote
18. Providing Information on Candidates & Issues
19. VAO Restrictions on Distributing Partisan Information
20. How to Implement a Voting Assistance Plan
21. The Scope of a Civilian Voting Assistance Plan
22. The Scope of a Military Installation Voting Assistance Plan
23. Problems Experienced in processing FPCAs by Local Election Officials

1. The *Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA)*

UOCAVA allows certain U.S. citizens to vote absentee. The *UOCAVA* applies to:

- Members of the U.S. Uniformed Services (on active duty) and merchant marine,
- Their family members, and
- U.S. citizens residing outside the U.S.

Members of the U.S. Uniformed Services or merchant marine and their family members may vote absentee while away from their place of voting residence, wherever stationed, inside or outside the United States.



The *UOCAVA* also applies to U.S. citizens residing outside the United States and its territories. These citizens may vote in the state or territory where they last resided immediately prior to departing the United States, even if many years have elapsed and the citizen maintains no residence in the state or territory and the intent to return to that state or territory may not be certain. Many states and territories permit these citizens to vote in elections for Federal offices only, although some states will send a ballot containing local and state offices as well.

The *UOCAVA* provides that voting for Federal offices shall not affect the determination of the voter's place of residence for purposes of any tax imposed under Federal, state or local law. Liability for state income tax, however, may be incurred in some states by voting absentee in state or local elections. To assess the probability of incurring state taxes on income earned outside the United States, see *Appendix E* and consult legal counsel for details.

The Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) encourages citizens to bring problems encountered in the voting process to the attention of the Embassy or Consulate Voting Assistance Officers. If a problem cannot be resolved locally, then contact the FVAP.

A complete text of the *UOCAVA* is in *Appendix D*.

2. The Absentee Voting Process

The absentee voting process permits citizens covered by the *Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA)*, who will be away from their local polling places on election day, to vote through the mail or an





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Chapter 3: State-By-State Instructions

ALABAMA

The Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) is the primary form for requesting registration and/or an absentee ballot from your local election official. **Read all instructions printed below and on the FPCA before completing and signing your application.**

FEDERAL POST CARD APPLICATION

REGISTRATION AND ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST - FEDERAL POST CARD APPLICATION (FPCA)	
APPLICATION FOR STATE OF _____	COUNTY OF _____ CITY OR TOWNSHIP OF _____ §
I REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR ALL ELECTIONS IN WHICH I AM ELIGIBLE TO VOTE.	
1. APPLICANT INFORMATION (See instructions.)	
a. PREVIOUS PRINTED NAME (Last, first, middle initial) _____ b. SEX _____ c. RACE _____	
d. DATE OF BIRTH _____ e. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER _____ f. OTHER IDENTIFICATION (Lic. number, ID card) _____	
M M M D D Y Y _____	
2. I LAST VOTED OR PLACE OF LAST REGISTRATION (Do not leave this section blank. See instructions.)	
a. YEAR _____ b. COUNTY, CITY OR TOWNSHIP _____ c. STATE _____ d. VOTER REGISTRATION NO. (if any) _____	
e. _____	
3. VOTING RESIDENCE (If military, legal residence. For overseas citizens, last residence in U.S. if USING RURAL ROUTE, SEE INSTRUCTIONS.)	
a. NUMBER AND STREET (do not use P.O. box) _____ b. CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE _____ c. STATE _____	
d. COUNTY OR PARISH _____ e. ZIP CODE (9-dig. if any) _____	
4. MAIL ABSENTEE BALLOT TO: (Write a address where you want the ballot to be sent.)	

5. YOUR FAX NUMBER (If this application is faxed, include all international prefixes. See instructions.)	

6. POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION (This information is required by most states to send you a ballot for primary elections. See instructions.)	

7. REMARKS (Provide additional information which will assist local election officials in determining your eligibility to register and vote. See instructions.)	

8. AFFIRMATION BY APPLICANT (See instructions.)	
I, _____, a U.S. citizen, agree to vote in the above jurisdiction, and subscribe to any required state/local oath or statement.	
I have not been convicted of a felony or other disqualifying offense or been adjudicated mentally incompetent, or if so, my voting rights have been reinstated.	
I am not registering, requesting a ballot, or voting in any other jurisdiction in the U.S.	
The information on this form is true and complete.	
9. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT _____	
DATE _____	
M M M D D Y Y _____	
10. WITNESS/NOTARY ADDRESS AND SIGNATURE (If required by state law)	

DATE _____	
M M M D D Y Y _____	

The information contained herein is for official use only. Any unauthorized release of this information may be punishable by law.

Application Instructions

Circled letters on the form above correspond to the instructions below. **You must complete all shaded areas.**

- A** You are requested to fill out this box. This data is requested from some states by the Department of Justice in their enforcement of the Voting Rights Act and the National Voter Registration Act. Enter the choice that best describes you from the following list: AI = American Indian or Alaskan Native; AP = Asian or Pacific Islander not Native Hawaiian; B = Black, not of Hispanic Origin; H = Hispanic; M = Multi-racial; NH = Native Hawaiian; W = White, not of Hispanic Origin; O = Other.
- B** The last four digits of your Social Security number **OR** your Alabama Driver's License number is required for voter registration. If you do not possess either of these identifications, the State shall assign a number that will serve to identify you for voter registration purposes.
- C** Do not leave blank. Enter not applicable if not applicable or if you are a first time voter.
- D** Provide the complete street address of your Alabama voting residence. A post office box is not sufficient. If your address includes a rural route, describe its location in Item 7. For example: "on Highway _____, 2 miles past Highway _____, across the street from the _____ gas station."
- E** Print the complete address where you want your ballot sent - usually your current mailing address.
- F** If you do not list a party affiliation, you cannot vote in primary elections. You must indicate your political party affiliation when applying for a primary ballot (Example: Democrat, Republican) or write "none" in Item 6 of the FPCA. Political party affiliation is not required if only requesting absentee ballots for general elections.
- G** Check ONE box.
- H** You must sign and date the FPCA. When signing, you are swearing or affirming that the information is true and correct.



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Chapter 3: Uniformed Services

Alabama

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I. UNIFORMED SERVICES

A. Who Can Do It

These procedures apply to persons who are U.S. citizens, residents of Alabama and members of the Uniformed Services and their family members. Uniformed Services are defined as the U.S. Armed Forces, merchant marine, commissioned corps of the Public Health Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

B. Registering and Requesting an Absentee Ballot

You should send an FPCA to your local election official early every year and whenever you change your mailing address (see Chapter 2).

To register and apply for an absentee ballot, send a completed FPCA to the Board of Registrars so that it arrives not later than 10 days before the election.

If you are registered and only wish to request an absentee ballot, send a completed FPCA to the absentee election manager so that it arrives not less than five days before the election.

C. Casting Your Vote

Ballot Return Deadline: Voted ballot must arrive by 5:00 p.m. on the day prior to the election.

Local absentee election managers begin mailing ballots 40 days before an election.

If you are outside the U.S. and have not received your state ballot in a timely manner, use the **Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot**. See instructions in Chapter 2, page 12.

D. Notary/Witness Requirements

FPCA: No notary or witness required.

Ballot Return Envelope: The absentee ballot return envelope contains an affidavit which must be sworn to before a commissioned officer, notary or other person authorized to administer oaths, or two witnesses (18 years or older).

E. Electronic Transmission of FPCAs and Ballots

Alabama does not allow electronic transmission of the FPCA, the blank absentee ballot or the voted absentee ballot.

Instructions continue in Section III: Uniformed Services & Civilians Outside U.S.

II. CIVILIANS OUTSIDE U.S.

A. Who Can Do It

These procedures apply to persons who are U.S. citizens and residents of Alabama, or overseas electors. The term "overseas elector" means a U.S. citizen who resides outside the U.S. and (but for such residence) would be qualified to vote in Alabama.

- persons employed or studying outside the U.S. (for local, state and Federal office ballots)
- spouses and dependents of the above (for local, state and Federal office ballots)
- overseas electors (for Federal office ballots only)

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Notify Your Local Election Official About Your Current Mailing Address



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III. UNIFORMED SERVICES & CIVILIANS OUTSIDE U.S.

A. Bars to Registration and Voting

Persons convicted of a felony (unless civil rights restored), or judged mentally incompetent (unless disabilities removed) may not register or vote.

B. Cancellation of Registration

Persons may be stricken from the voter list if they no longer possess the qualifications for voting.

C. Action on Registration Requests

A registration certificate is sent.

D. Action Upon Denial of Registration or Absentee Ballot Request

Upon denial of your voter registration application or absentee ballot request, Alabama shall provide you with the reason(s) for the rejection. Persons denied registration may appeal to the circuit court. Consult a legal assistance officer or civilian counsel for assistance.

E. Where To Send It

If you are registering and applying for an absentee ballot, mail the FPCA to the **Board of Registrars** at the county of voting residence, as listed below.

If you are only requesting an absentee ballot, mail the FPCA request to the **Absentee Election Manager** at the county of voting residence, as listed below.

County	County Seat	Zip Code
Butler	700 Court Sq., Greenville	36037-2308
Calhoun	1703 Noble St. Ste. 103, Anniston	36621-3841
Chambers	18 Alabama Ave. E., Lafayette	36862-1745
Cherokee	100 Main St., Centre	35960-1510
Chilton	500 2nd Ave. N., Clanton	35045-3421
Choctaw	117 S. Mulberry Ave., Ste. 9, Butler	36904-2557
Clarke	117 Court St., Grove Hill	36481-3284
Clay	P.O. Box 1120, Ashland	36251-1120
Cleburne	120 Vickory St. Ste. 207, Heflin	36264-1199
Coffee	2 County Complex, New Brockton	36351-9791
Colbert	201 N. Main St., Tusculumbia	35674-2080
Conecuh	P.O. Box 347, Evergreen	36401-0347
Cook	P.O. Box 218, Rockford	35136-0218
Covington	1 Court Sq., Andalusia	36420-3913
Crenshaw	301 S. Glenwood Ave., Luverne	36049-2006
Cullman	500 2nd Ave. SW, Cullman	35025-4155
Dale	1 E. Court Sq., Ozark	36360-1443
Dallas	105 Lauderdale St., Selma	36701-4614
De Kalb	111 Grand Ave. SW Ste. 200, Ft. Payne	35967-1981
Elmore	P.O. Box 200, Wetumpka	36252-0025
Escambia	314 Belleville Ave., Brewton	36426-2015
Etowah	800 Forest Ave., Gadsden	35901-3693
Fayette	1030 1st Ave. NE, Fayette	35555-2603
Franklin	410 Jackson Ave. N., Russellville	35653-2393
Geneva	200 N. Commerce St., Geneva	36340-2002
Greene	400 Morrow Ave., Ludlow	35462-1109
Hale	1001 Main St., Greensboro	36744-1572
Henry	101 Court Sq. Ste A, Abbeville	36310-2135
Houston	462 N. Oates St., Dothan	36303-4537
Jackson	Courthouse, Scottsboro	35768
Jefferson	716 Richard Arrington Jr. Blvd. N., Birmingham	35203-0120
Lamar	P.O. Box 336, Vernon	35592-0336
Lauderdale	200 S. Court St., Florence	35930-5610
Lawrence	750 Main St. Ste 1, Moulton	35660-1553
Lee	219 S. 9th St., Opelika	36801-4926
Limestone	310 W. Washington St., Athens	35611-2597
Lovells	P.O. Box 65, Hayneville	36040-5065
Macon	101 E. Northside St., Tuskegee	36063-1735
Madison	100 Northside Sq., Huntsville	35801-4900
Marengo	101 E. Coats Ave., Linden	36748-1500
Martin	132 Military St. S., Hamilton	35570-5570
Marshall	424 Blount Ave., Guntersville	35976-1102
Mobile	209 Government St., Mobile	36682-2613
Monroe	P.O. Box 6, Monroeville	36461-0006
Montgomery	100 S. Lawrence St., Montgomery	36104-4209
Morgan	302 Lee St. NE, Decatur	35601-1999
Perry	P.O. Box 478, Manton	36756-0478
Pickens	P.O. Box 460, Carrollton	35447-0460
Pike	P.O. Box 1147, Troy	36081-1147
Randolph	P.O. Box 249, Wedowee	36276-0246
Russell	501 14th St., Phenix City	36867-5142
St. Clair	129 5th Ave., Ashville	35953-3231
Shelby	P.O. Box 467, Columbiana	35051-0467
Sumter	P.O. Box 70, Livingston	35470-0070
Talladega	P.O. Box 755, Talladega	35161-0755
Tallapoosa	125 N. Broadnax St., Dadeville	36853-1318
Tuscaloosa	714 Greensboro Ave., Tuscaloosa	35401-1859
Walker	1801 3rd Ave. S., Jasper	35501-5374
Washington	P.O. Box 146, Chatham	36016-0146
Wilcox	100 Broad St., Camden	36025-1756
Winston	P.O. Box 147, Double Springs	35553-0147

County	County Seat	Zip Code
Jackson	134 N. Court St., Prichville	36907-5048
Baldwin	P.O. Box 1498, Bay Minette	36557-1498
Barbour	1 Court Square, Clayton	36016-3034
Bibb	455 Walnut St., Centerville	35042-2325
Blount	220 2nd Ave. E., Oneonta	35121-1747
Bullock	217 N. Prairie St., Union Springs	36089-1600

Don't Be Speechless. Vote
by Shirley Bangs, Civilian, Fairchild AFB, Washington



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Appendices

APPENDIX D

UNIFORMED AND OVERSEAS CITIZENS ABSENTEE VOTING ACT (UOCAVA)

(As modified by the National Defense Authorization Act for (c) DUTIES OF OTHER FEDERAL OFFICIALS. —

APPENDIX C

ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION OF ELECTION MATERIALS

NOTE: Please refer to individual state guidelines in Chapter 3 to determine if a specific state allows electronic transmission of official election materials. Please read all instructions carefully.

To Return the Voted Absentee Ballot by Mail

APPENDIX B

2004 PRESIDENTIAL AND STATE PRIMARIES BY MONTH¹

JANUARY	MAY	SEPTEMBER
District of Columbia 01/13 (P)	Indiana 05/04 (PS)	Guam 09/04 (S)
New Hampshire 01/27 (P)	North Carolina 05/04 (PS)	Arizona 09/07 (S)

Election Dates "Register and Vote"

This chart lists the 2004 Presidential and State primary election dates in all the States, the District of Columbia and U.S. Territories; primary runoff dates (if applicable); states with U.S. Senate races; number of U.S. Representative seats up for re-election; and Gubernatorial races.

The General Election is Tuesday, November 2.

State	Presidential Primary (or Preference)	State Primary	State Runoff Primary (if necessary)	GENERAL ELECTION		
				FEDERAL OFFICES		State Governor
				U.S. Senate	U.S. Representative	
Alabama	June 1	June 1	June 29	Yes	7	No
Alaska	—	August 24	—	Yes	1	No
American Samoa	—	November 9	November 23	—	1 Delegate	Yes
Arizona	February 3	September 7	—	Yes	8	No
Arkansas	May 18	May 18	June 8	Yes	4	No
California	March 2	March 2	—	Yes	53	No
Colorado	—	August 10	—	Yes	7	No
Connecticut	March 2	August 10	—	Yes	5	No

APPENDIX F

DEFINITIONS

TAXATION OF MILITARY PERSONNEL AND OVERSEAS CITIZENS RESIDING OUTSIDE OF THE UNITED STATES

Under the laws of the fifty states and the District of Columbia, an individual who is domiciled within the United States is subject to the laws of that state for state income tax purposes. Section 911 of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) permits United States citizens who reside abroad to exclude from their gross income up to \$80,000 of foreign earned income in tax year 2003 and a certain recognized amount for housing. This exclusion applies to taxpayers living abroad who were present in a foreign country or countries for 330 days out of any 12 consecutive months. The housing cost amount is the excess of the taxpayer's expenses over a base housing amount. The base housing amount is equal to 16 percent of the salary of a GS-14 government employee. As of January 1, 2003, this salary is \$72,381 so that the current base housing amount would be \$11,580.96. Housing costs provided by an employer may also be excluded from the gross income of the employee. In line with this, IRC § 119 provides that lodging furnished in an overseas camp may be excluded from the employee's income. It should be noted that neither exclusion is applicable to wages paid by the United States government even if the Federal employee is residing abroad.

Most states, and the District of Columbia, have signed agreements with the Treasury Department which provide for the withholding of state income taxes from the pay of service members. The text of the standard agreement may be found at 31 CFR § 215.6 - 13 (2001). The following states do not have standard agreements with the Treasury Department to withhold state income taxes from the pay of members of the armed services: Alaska, Florida, Nevada, South Dakota, Texas, Washington, and Wyoming.

The information contained in this report is accurate through the end of the 2002 legislative session of each state.

For more information, please contact the Voting Assistance Program at 1-800-452-3839 or visit our website at www.fva.gov.





Federal Post Card Application (FPCA, SF-76)



REGISTRATION AND ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST - FEDERAL POST CARD APPLICATION (FPCA)			
APPLICATION FOR STATE OF _____		COUNTY OF _____	
		CITY OR TOWNSHIP OF _____ §	
I REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR ALL ELECTIONS IN WHICH I AM ELIGIBLE TO VOTE.			
1. APPLICANT INFORMATION (See instruction 1.)		6. POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION (This information is required by most states to send you a ballot for primary elections. See instructions.)	
a. TYPED OR PRINTED NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)		b. SEX c. RACE	
d. DATE OF BIRTH	e. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	f. OTHER IDENTIFICATION NO. (passport, ID card)	
2. I LAST VOTED or PLACE OF LAST REGISTRATION (Do not leave this section blank. See instructions.)		7. REMARKS (Provide additional information which will assist local election officials in determining your eligibility to register and vote. See instructions.)	
a. YEAR	b. COUNTY, CITY, OR TOWNSHIP	c. STATE	d. VOTER REGISTRATION NO. (If known)
3. VOTING RESIDENCE (For military, legal residence. For overseas civilians, last residence in U.S.. IF USING RURAL ROUTE, SEE INSTRUCTIONS.)		e. LAST DATE OF RESIDENCY	
b. NUMBER AND STREET (Do not use Post Office Box)		M M M P P P Y Y Y	
c. CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE		d. STATE	
e. COUNTY OR PARISH	f. ZIP CODE (9 digit, if known)		
4. MAIL ABSENTEE BALLOT TO: (Mailing address where you want the ballot to be sent.)			
5. YOUR FAX NUMBER (If this application is faxed, include all international prefixes. See instructions.)		8. AFFIRMATION BY APPLICANT (X only one: a., b., c., or d.) I swear/affirm, under penalty of perjury, that I am: (See instructions.)	
		a. a member of the Uniformed Services or merchant marine on active duty, or an eligible spouse or dependent.	
		b. a U.S. citizen temporarily residing outside the U.S.	
		c. a U.S. citizen overseas by virtue of employment or accompanying spouse or dependent.	
		d. other U.S. citizen residing outside the U.S.	
		e. I am a U.S. citizen, eligible to vote in the above jurisdiction, and subscribe to any required state/local oath or statement.	
		f. I have not been convicted of a felony or other disqualifying offense or been adjudicated mentally incompetent, or if so, my voting rights have been reinstated.	
		g. I am not registering, requesting a ballot, or voting in any other jurisdiction in the U.S.	
		h. The information on this form is true and complete.	
		9. WITNESS/NOTARY ADDRESS AND SIGNATURE (If required by state law)	
		DATE SIGNED	
		M M M P P P Y Y Y	
		9. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT	
		j. DATE	
		X M M M P P P Y Y Y	

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a. TYPED OR PRINTED NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)			b. SEX	c. RACE	
d. DATE OF BIRTH			e. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	f. OTHER IDENTIFICATION NO. (passport, ID card)	
7. REMARKS (Provide additional information which will assist local election officials in determining your eligibility to register and vote. See instructions.)					

1. APPLICANT INFORMATION (See instruction 1.)					
a. TYPED OR PRINTED NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)			b. SEX	c. RACE	
Jones, James Larry			M	B	
d. DATE OF BIRTH	e. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	f. OTHER IDENTIFICATION NO. (passport, ID card)			
02-14-70	111-22-3333	444-5555-66			
e. COUNTY OR PARISH			f. ZIP CODE (9 digit, if known)		
4. MAIL ABSENTEE BALLOT TO: (Mailing address where you want the ballot to be sent.)			g. Other U.S. citizen residing outside the U.S.		
			a. I am a U.S. citizen, eligible to vote in the above jurisdiction, and subscribe to any required state/local oath or statement.		
			f. I have not been convicted of a felony or other disqualifying offense or been adjudicated mentally incompetent, or if so, my voting rights have been reinstated.		
			g. I am not registering, requesting a ballot, or voting in any other jurisdiction in the U.S.		
			h. The information on this form is true and complete.		
			i. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT		j. DATE
			X		M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z
6. YOUR FAX NUMBER (if this application is faxed, include all international prefixes. See instructions.)			9. WITNESS/NOTARY ADDRESS AND SIGNATURE (if required by state law)		
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Item 1: Applicant Information



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a. TYPED OR PRINTED NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)	b. SEX	c. RACE	
d. DATE OF BIRTH	e. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	f. OTHER IDENTIFICATION NO. (passport, ID card)	
2. I LAST VOTED or PLACE OF LAST REGISTRATION (Do not leave this section blank. See instructions.)			
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a. YEAR	b. COUNTY, CITY, OR TOWNSHIP	c. STATE	d. VOTER REGISTRATION NO. (if known)
2002	New Orleans Parish	LA	96-12345
c. CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE		d. STATE	
e. COUNTY OR PARISH		f. ZIP CODE (9 digit, if known)	
4. MAIL ABSENTEE BALLOT TO: (Mailing address where you want the ballot to be sent.)		g. a U.S. citizen overseas by virtue of employment or accompanying spouse or dependent.	
		h. other U.S. citizen residing outside the U.S.	
		i. I am a U.S. citizen, eligible to vote in the above jurisdiction, and subscribe to any required state/local oath or statement.	
		j. I have not been convicted of a felony or other disqualifying offense or been adjudicated mentally incompetent, or if so, my voting rights have been reinstated.	
		k. I am not registering, requesting a ballot, or voting in any other jurisdiction in the U.S.	
		l. The information on this form is true and complete.	
6. YOUR FAX NUMBER (if this application is faxed, include all international prefixes. See instructions.)		8. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT	
		X	
		9. WITNESS/NOTARY ADDRESS AND SIGNATURE (if required by state law)	
		DATE SIGNED	

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Item 2: I Last Voted or Place of Last Registration



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I REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR ALL ELECTIONS IN WHICH I AM ELIGIBLE TO VOTE.

1. APPLICANT INFORMATION (See instruction 1.)			6. POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION (This information is required by most states to send you a ballot for primary elections. See instructions.)		
a. TYPED OR PRINTED NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)		b. SEX	c. RACE		
d. DATE OF BIRTH	e. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER		f. OTHER IDENTIFICATION NO. (passport, ID card)		
2. I LAST VOTED or PLACE OF LAST REGISTRATION (Do not leave this section blank. See instructions.)					
a. YEAR	b. COUNTY, CITY, OR TOWNSHIP		c. STATE	d. VOTER REGISTRATION NO. (if known)	
3. VOTING RESIDENCE (For military, legal residence. For overseas civilians, last residence in U.S.. IF USING RURAL ROUTE, SEE INSTRUCTIONS.)			8. AFFIRMATION BY APPLICANT (X only one: a., b., c., or d.) I swear/affirm, under penalty of perjury, that I am: (See instructions.)		
a. NUMBER			e. LAST DATE OF RESIDENCY		
b. NUMBER AND STREET (Do not use Post Office Box)			f. a member of the Uniformed Services or merchant marines		
c. CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE			g. LAST DATE OF RESIDENCY		
d. STATE			06-04-97		
e. COUNTY OR PARISH			1. ZIP CODE (9 digit, if known)		
East Baton Rouge			70809-0042		
6. YOUR FAX NUMBER (If this application is faxed, include all international prefixes. See instructions.)			DATE SIGNED		
			M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z		

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Item 3: Voting Residence



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a. TYPED OR PRINTED NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)		b. SEX	c. RACE		
d. DATE OF BIRTH		e. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER		f. OTHER IDENTIFICATION NO. (passport, ID card)	
7. REMARKS (Provide additional information which will assist local election officials in determining your eligibility to register and vote. See instructions.)					
2. I LAST VOTED or PLACE OF LAST REGISTRATION (Do not leave this section blank. See instructions.)					
a. YEAR		b. COUNTY, CITY, OR TOWNSHIP		c. STATE	d. VOTER REGISTRATION NO. (if known)
3. AFFIRMATION BY APPLICANT					
4. MAIL ABSENTEE BALLOT TO: (Writing address where you want the ballot to be sent.)					
James Larry Jones					
USS FVAP					
FPO AE 54321					
5. YOUR FAX NUMBER (if this application is faxed, include all international prefixes. See instructions.)					DATE SIGNED
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Item 4: Mail Absentee Ballot To:



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REGISTRATION AND ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUIREMENTS
APPLICATION FOR STATE OF _____ COUNTY OF _____

I REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOTS

1. APPLICANT INFORMATION (See Instruction 1.)
a. TYPED OR PRINTED NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)
b. DATE OF BIRTH c. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER d. OTHER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

2. I LAST VOTED or PLACE OF LAST REGISTRATION (If different from above)
a. YEAR b. COUNTY, CITY, OR TOWNSHIP c. STATE

3. I AM REGISTERED TO VOTE IN THE STATE OF _____

4. MAIL ABSENTEE BALLOT TO:
a. NAME
b. ADDRESS
c. CITY
d. STATE
e. ZIP CODE

5. I AM REGISTERED TO VOTE IN THE STATE OF _____

6. YOUR FAX NUMBER (If different from above) _____ (Area and exchange prefixes. See instructions for required by state level)

DATE SIGNED _____
M N D Y Y

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Remember to notify your LEO of all address changes!



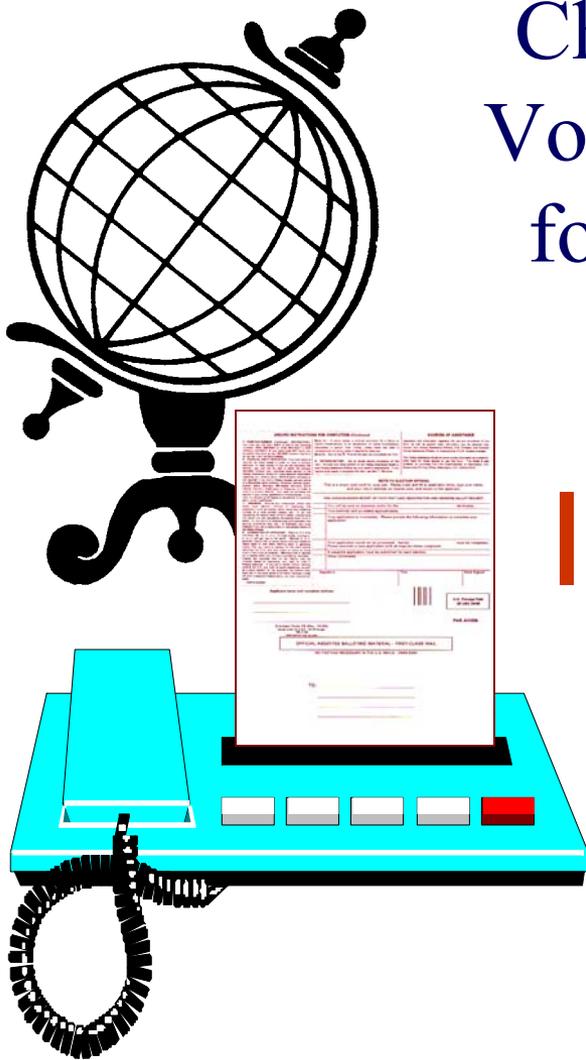
Item 4: Mail Absentee Ballot To:



Electronic Transmission Service



Check Chapter 3 of the
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for State Faxing Rules



DSN & toll-free fax numbers from 51 countries



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<p>1. APPLICANT INFORMATION (See instruction 1.)</p>	<p>6. POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION (This information is required by most states to send you a ballot for primary elections. See instructions.)</p>
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6. POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION (This information is required by most states to send you a ballot for primary elections. See instructions.)

Republican

<p>3. VOTING RESIDENCE (For military, legal residence. For overseas civilians, list residence in U.S.. IF USING RURAL ROUTE, SEE INSTRUCTIONS.)</p> <p>a. YEAR _____ b. COUNTRY, CITY, OR TOWNSHIP _____ c. STATE _____</p> <p>d. LAST DATE OF RESIDENCY _____</p> <p>e. NUMBER AND STREET (Do not use Post Office Box) _____</p> <p>f. CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE _____ g. STATE _____</p> <p>h. COUNTY OR PARISH _____ i. ZIP CODE (9 digit, if known) _____</p> <p>4. MAIL ABSENTEE BALLOT TO: (Mailing address where you want the ballot to be sent.)</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>6. YOUR FAX NUMBER (If this application is faxed, include all international prefixes. See instructions.)</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>8. AFFIRMATION BY APPLICANT (X only one: a., b., c., or d.) I swear/affirm, under penalty of perjury, that I am: (See instructions.)</p> <p>a. a member of the Uniformed Services or merchant marine on active duty, or an eligible spouse or dependent.</p> <p>b. a U.S. citizen temporarily residing outside the U.S.</p> <p>c. a U.S. citizen overseas by virtue of employment or accompanying spouse or dependent.</p> <p>d. other U.S. citizen residing outside the U.S.</p> <p>e. I am a U.S. citizen, eligible to vote in the above jurisdiction, and subscribe to any required state/local oath or statement.</p> <p>f. I have not been convicted of a felony or other disqualifying offense or been adjudicated mentally incompetent, or if so, my voting rights have been reinstated.</p> <p>g. I am not registering, requesting a ballot, or voting in any other jurisdiction in the U.S.</p> <p>h. The information on this form is true and complete.</p> <p>i. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT _____ j. DATE _____</p> <p>X</p> <p>9. WITNESS/NOTARY ADDRESS AND SIGNATURE (If required by state law)</p> <p>_____ DATE SIGNED _____</p> <p>_____</p>
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Item 6: Political Party Affiliation



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1. APPLICANT INFORMATION <i>(See instruction 1.)</i>			6. POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION <i>(This information is required by most states to send you a ballot for primary elections. See instructions.)</i>		
a. TYPED OR PRINTED NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)	b. SEX	c. RACE	7. REMARKS <i>(Provide additional information which will assist local election officials in determining your eligibility to register and vote. See instructions.)</i>		
d. DATE OF BIRTH	e. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	f. OTHER IDENTIFICATION NO. (passport, ID card)			

7. REMARKS *(Provide additional information which will assist local election officials in determining your eligibility to register and vote. See instructions.)*

My mother's Local Phone number - (225) 123-4567 Martha Jones

My e-mail address jljones@ussfvap.mil

Also known as (or maiden name)

4. MAIL ABSENTEE BALLOT TO: <i>(Mailing address where you want the ballot to be sent.)</i>	f. I have not been convicted of a felony or other disqualifying offense or been adjudicated mentally incompetent, or if so, my voting rights have been reinstated.
g. I am not registering, requesting a ballot, or voting in any other jurisdiction in the U.S.	g. I am not registering, requesting a ballot, or voting in any other jurisdiction in the U.S.
h. The information on this form is true and complete.	h. The information on this form is true and complete.
i. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT	j. DATE
X	M N J A S O D C F Y
9. WITNESS/NOTARY ADDRESS AND SIGNATURE <i>(If required by state law)</i>	DATE SIGNED
	M N J A S O D C F Y

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Item 7: Remarks



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<p>1. APPLICANT a. TYPED OR PRINTED NAME</p> <p>d. DATE OF BIRTH</p> <p>2. I LAST VOTED a. YEAR b. COUNTY</p> <p>3. VOTING RESIDENCE a. NUMBER AND STREET b. CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE c. COUNTY OR PARISH</p> <p>4. MAIL ADDRESS</p> <p>6. YOUR FAX</p>	<p>8. AFFIRMATION BY APPLICANT <i>(X only one: a., b., c., or d.)</i></p> <p>I swear/affirm, under penalty of perjury, that I am: <i>(See instructions)</i></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a. a member of the Uniformed Services or merchant marine on active duty, or an eligible spouse or dependent.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> b. a U.S. citizen temporarily residing outside the U.S.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> c. a U.S. citizen overseas by virtue of employment or accompanying spouse or dependent.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> d. other U.S. citizen residing outside the U.S.</p> <p>e. I am a U.S. citizen, eligible to vote in the above jurisdiction, and subscribe to any required state/local oath or statement.</p> <p>f. I have not been convicted of a felony or other disqualifying offense or been adjudicated mentally incompetent, or if so, my voting rights have been reinstated.</p> <p>g. I am not registering, requesting a ballot, or voting in any other jurisdiction in the U.S.</p> <p>h. The information on this form is true and complete.</p> <p>I. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT <i>James L. Jones</i></p> <p>J. DATE <i>08-07-2004</i></p>	<p>PARTY AFFILIATION <i>(This information is required by law for a ballot for primary elections. See instructions.)</i></p> <p>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION <i>(This information will assist local election officials in determining your eligibility to register and vote. See instructions.)</i></p> <p>OTHER APPLICANT I swear/affirm, under penalty of perjury, that I am: <i>(See instructions)</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> a. a member of the Uniformed Services or merchant marine on active duty, or an eligible spouse or dependent.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> b. a U.S. citizen temporarily residing outside the U.S.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> c. a U.S. citizen overseas by virtue of employment or accompanying spouse or dependent.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> d. other U.S. citizen residing outside the U.S.</p> <p>e. I am a U.S. citizen, eligible to vote in the above jurisdiction, and subscribe to any required state/local oath or statement.</p> <p>f. I have not been convicted of a felony or other disqualifying offense or been adjudicated mentally incompetent, or if so, my voting rights have been reinstated.</p> <p>g. I am not registering, requesting a ballot, or voting in any other jurisdiction in the U.S.</p> <p>h. The information on this form is true and complete.</p> <p>APPLICANT _____ J. DATE _____</p> <p>MAIL ADDRESS AND SIGNATURE</p> <p>DATE SIGNED _____</p>
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Item 8: Affirmation by Applicant



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d. DATE OF BIRTH		e. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER		f. OTHER IDENTIFICATION NO. (passport, ID card)			
2. I LAST VOTED or PLACE OF LAST REGISTRATION (Do not leave this section blank. See instructions.)							
a. YEAR		b. COUNTY, CITY, OR TOWNSHIP		c. STATE		d. VOTER REGISTRATION NO. (If known)	
3. VOTING RESIDENCE (For military, legal residence. For overseas civilians, last residence in U.S.. IF USING RURAL ROUTE, SEE INSTRUCTIONS.)						e. LAST DATE OF RESIDENCY	
b. NUMBER AND STREET (Do not use Post Office Box)						M M M P P Y Y Y	
c. CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE						d. STATE	
e. COUNTY OR PARISH				f. ZIP CODE (9 digit, if known)			
4. MAIL ABSENTEE BALLOT TO: (Mailing address where you want the ballot to be sent.)							
9. WITNESS/NOTARY ADDRESS AND SIGNATURE (If required by state law!)							
						DATE SIGNED	
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						M M M P P Y Y Y	
						S AND SIGNATURE	
						DATE SIGNED	
						M M M P P Y Y Y	

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Item 9: Witness / Notary Address and Signature



FPCA Completion



SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION (Continued)

6. YOUR FAX NUMBER. (Continued) (INFORMATION), you must fax the form ONLY to one of the following numbers: (800) 368-8983 or (703) 903-5627 or DOD (Military) 223-5627. If your state does NOT allow you to submit the form by fax, DO NOT transmit the form by fax, as it will not be processed.

8. POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION. This information is required by most states in order to vote in primary elections. In most states, if you do not complete this section, you will not be sent a ballot for primary elections. Consult your individual state section in the Voting Assistance Guide for more specific information regarding your state's policy. Political party affiliation is not required if you live in Alaska (unless you are voting in a Republican party primary), American Samoa, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota, Vermont, Washington or Wisconsin, in order to vote in a primary election. You need not complete this section if your voting residence is in those states. If you want to indicate no affiliation or enrollment in a political party, write "unaffiliated."

7. REMARKS. Provide any information which may assist local election officials in approving this application such as maiden name, name and telephone number of a local contact person, etc. If you are requesting the special state write-in ballot, indicate here the reason you are requesting the special state write-in ballot, i.e. you are in an isolated area with sporadic mail service, submarine duty, etc. In Colorado, you must indicate if you are a native born or naturalized citizen of the United States.

8. AFFIRMATION BY APPLICANT. Place an X in only one block (a, b, c, or d). In most states, marking a, b, or c will get you a full ballot. Marking b, or generally means that at some future time you intend to return again to that state. Marking block d generally means that you were a resident of the state before departing the U.S., and your intent to return at some time in the future is uncertain. Marking block d, despite the Federal ballot only (if one is printed by the state). Federal law provides that no tax liability may be imposed based on exercising your right to vote in Federal elections. If you are a civilian citizen residing outside the U.S. and wish to avoid classifying yourself as a state resident for tax purposes, you should mark block d. If the state sends a full ballot because it does not print a separate Federal ballot, you may vote the full ballot.

(fold to outside)

Applicant name and complete address

Standard Form 76 (Rev. 10-95)
 Issued under 42 U.S.C. 1973f et seq.
 76-114

1988 edition may be used.

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SOURCES OF ASSISTANCE

Block B.1. In some states, a criminal conviction for a felony or certain misdemeanors, or an adjudication of mental incompetency disqualifies a person from voting, unless there has been a reinstatement of voting rights if required by state law.

Block B.1. Sign at the X. Provide the date you completed the form.

Assistance and information regarding the use and completion of this form, as well as specific state information may be obtained from military Unit Voting Assistance Officers, U.S. Embassy and Consular Voting Assistance Officers, or organizations of U.S. citizens overseas.

The Voting Assistance Guide contains voting information on a state-by-state basis for those eligible to use the form. The Guide is also available for purchase from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402-1678.

NOTE TO ELECTION OFFICIAL

This is a return post card for your use. Please mark and fill in applicable items, sign your name, and your return address on reverse side, and return to the applicant.

THIS ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT OF YOUR POST CARD REGISTRATION AND ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST.

<input type="checkbox"/> You will be sent an absentee ballot for the _____ election(s). <input type="checkbox"/> Your ballot(s) will be mailed approximately _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Your application is incomplete. Please provide the following information to complete your application: <input type="checkbox"/> Your application could not be processed. Item(s) _____ must be completed. Please resubmit a new application with all required items completed. <input type="checkbox"/> A separate application must be submitted for each election. <input type="checkbox"/> Other Comments _____
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Signature _____	Title _____	Date Signed _____
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TO: _____

Local Election Official Mailing Address (flip-side)



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Applicant name and complete address

James Larry Jones

USS FVAP

FPO AE 54321



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**Citizen's
Name and
Current
Mailing
Address**

TO: **Registrar of Voters**
East Baton Rouge Parish
222 St. Louis #201
Baton Rouge, LA 70802-5860

**Local Election
Official's
Mailing Address**



FPCA Completion

**Local
Election
Official's
Address**



Election Official name and complete address

Registrar of Voters
 East Baton Rouge Parish
 222 St. Louis #201
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Applicant name and complete address

TO: James Larry Jones
 USS FVAP
 FPO AE 54321

**Citizen's Name
and Current
Mailing Address**



**Small
Return
Postcard
(above registration)**



On-Line FPCA

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wish to receive your absentee ballot. Be sure to include APO or FPO (if applicable) and ZIP Code. If you will have a new address by the time registration forms or the ballot will be sent to you, be sure to list the new address.

5. YOUR FAX NUMBER: Your complete fax number (county and city code) is required if you or the local election official will be transmitting any of your election materials by

require more space to complete this item, use item 7. Remarks.

SOURCES OF

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REGISTRATION AND ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST - FEDERAL POST CARD APPLICATION (FPCA)

APPLICATION FOR STATE OF _____ COUNTY OF _____ CITY OR TOWNSHIP OF _____ §

I REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR ALL ELECTIONS IN WHICH I AM ELIGIBLE TO VOTE.

1. APPLICANT INFORMATION (See instruction 1.)			6. POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION (This information is required by most states to send you a ballot for primary elections. See Instructions.)		
a. TYPED OR PRINTED NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)		b. SEX	c. RACE		
d. DATE OF BIRTH MM DD YYYY	e. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	f. OTHER IDENTIFICATION NO. (passport, ID card)			
2. I LAST VOTED or PLACE OF LAST REGISTRATION (Do not leave this section blank. See instructions.)					
a. YEAR YYYY	b. COUNTY, CITY, OR TOWNSHIP	c. STATE	d. VOTER REGISTRATION NO. (if known)		
3. VOTING RESIDENCE (For military, legal residence. For overseas civilians, last residence in U.S. IF USING RURAL ROUTE, SEE INSTRUCTIONS.)			a. LAST DATE OF RESIDENCY MM DD YYYY		
b. NUMBER AND STREET (Do not use Post Office Box)			d. STATE		
c. CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE			e. COUNTY OR PARISH		
			f. ZIP CODE (9 -digit, if known)		
4. MAIL ABSENTEE BALLOT TO: (Mailing address where you want the ballot to be sent.)					
5. YOUR FAX NUMBER (If this application is faxed, include all international prefixes. See instructions.)					
i. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT X			j. DATE MM DD YYYY		
9. WITNESS/NOTARY ADDRESS AND SIGNATURE (if required by state law)			DATE SIGNED MM DD YYYY		

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Top Reasons FPCAs Cannot Be Processed:

- Inadequate or No Legal Voting Residence Address
- Inadequate or Illegible Current Mailing Address
- Illegible Writing
- Applied to Wrong Jurisdiction
- Failure to Indicate Party Preference
- No Signature
- Received Too Late
- Form Not Completed
- Mailing Envelope Lacks Proper Postage



The Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot

(FWAB, SF-186)

↓ REMOVE TAPE ON REVERSE AND FOLD HERE TO SEAL ↓

OFFICIAL FEDERAL WRITE-IN ABSENTEE BALLOT

SECURITY ENVELOPE

(ONLY PUT VOTED BALLOT
INSIDE THIS ENVELOPE)

Form SF-186 (OCT 85)

↑ DETACH HERE, FOLD AND INSERT INTO SECURITY ENVELOPE ↑

OFFICIAL FEDERAL WRITE-IN ABSENTEE BALLOT

PRESIDENT/VICE PRESIDENT

U.S. SENATOR(S)*

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE/DELEGATE/ RESIDENT COMMISSIONER****

* Legal residents of the District of Columbia may vote only for President/Vice President and Delegate.
** Legal residents of American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands may vote only for non-voting Delegate or Resident Commissioner to the Congress.

ADDENDUM

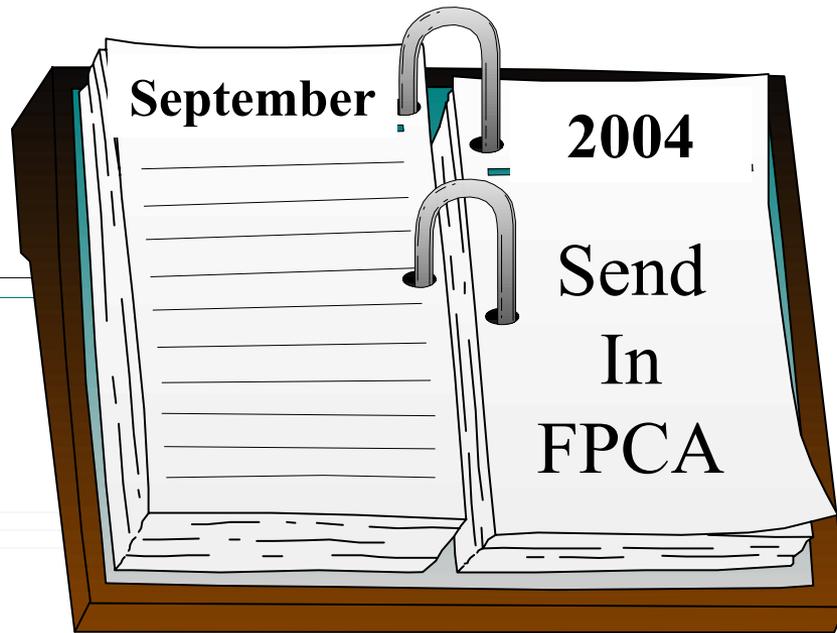
Some states allow the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot to be used by military and overseas civilian voters if military or other general elections for offices other than Federal offices. Contact your state election or voting assistance office to determine your state's policy. If you are eligible to use this ballot for one of these purposes, please check these areas above, check (indicate) in the space provided below, the office for which you wish to vote (for example, Governor, Attorney General, Mayor, State Senator, etc.), and the name and/or party affiliation of the candidate for whom you wish to vote.

OFFICE	CANDIDATE NAME or PARTY AFFILIATION

Form SF-186 (OCT 85)



FWAB Usage Requirements



1. Voter's request for a regular state absentee ballot must be received by the local election official at least 30 days prior to the general election.



FWAB Usage Requirements



2. Voter must meet all regular requirements for voting in his/her state of legal voting residence *and* have not yet received the regular state absentee ballot.

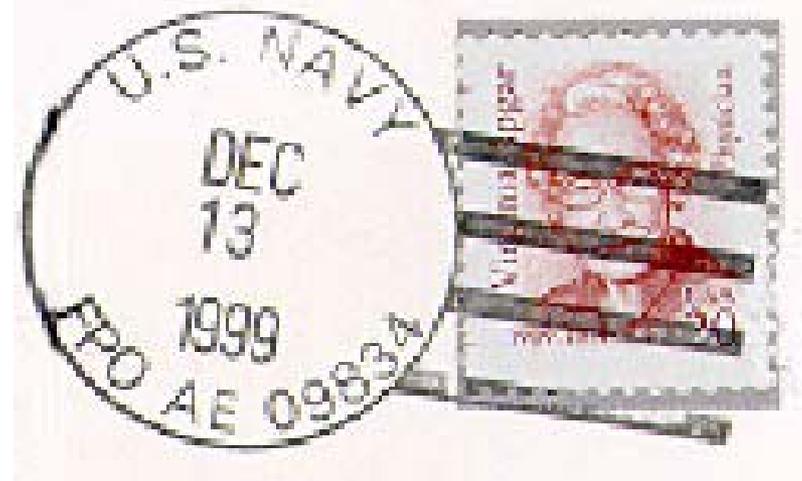




FWAB Usage Requirements



3. Voter must be overseas and have a foreign mailing address, or APO/FPO postmark.





FWAB Completion



Voter's Declaration/Affirmation

VOTER'S DECLARATION/AFFIRMATION

General Information Enter state, county, city/township/village where you are eligible to vote.

Ballot for the State of Louisiana County of Baton Rouge City/Township/Village of East Baton Rouge

1. VOTER INFORMATION
 a. FIRST OR PRINTED NAME: Jones James L. M.
 b. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: _____
 c. DATE OF BIRTH: _____
 d. OTHER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (Passport or other ID card): _____

2. VOTING RESIDENCE (If military, see instructions. For overseas address, see instructions on country/territory in U.S.)
 a. ADDRESS & CITY: Box 42, RR#5, 1 Mile W. of Rte. 23
 b. CITY, TOWNSHIP OR VILLAGE: Baton Rouge
 c. COUNTY OR PARISH: East Baton Rouge
 d. STATE: LA ZIP CODE (9 digit, 5 digit): 70809-0042 DATE OF REGISTRATION: 04-06-97
 e. ZIP CODE (9 digit, 5 digit): _____ DATE OF REGISTRATION: _____

3. COMPLETELY REMOVE THIS SECTION TO AVOID DAMAGE TO YOUR BALLOT

4. I swear or affirm, under the penalty of perjury, that:

a. I am a United States citizen, and eligible to vote in the above jurisdiction (Item 2).
 b. I have not been convicted of a felony or other disqualifying offense or been adjudicated mentally incompetent, or if so, my voting rights have been reinstated. I register by plain ballot.
 c. I am not registering, requesting a ballot or voting in any other jurisdiction in the U.S.
 d. My application for a regular absentee ballot was mailed in time to be received by the local election official 30 days prior to this election, or this requirement has been waived by appropriate authority.
 e. I have not received the requested ballot.
 f. I understand that if my regular absentee ballot is received by the local election official in time to be counted, that ballot will be counted and this write-in ballot will be voided.
 g. I have voted and sealed this ballot in private and have not allowed any person to observe the marking of this ballot, except for those authorized to assist voters under state or Federal law. I have not been influenced.
 h. I have mailed this ballot from outside the United States, or my state has made special provisions to allow me to mail this ballot from within the U.S.
 i. The information on this form is true and complete.

INSTRUCTIONS TO ELECTION OFFICIALS
 This is an official Federal Write in Absentee Ballot (FWAB) authorized by 42 USC 1973 H-2.
 1. Upon receipt of the ballot, examine the voter's declarations. If it appears that the voter is eligible to vote in your jurisdiction, and has applied in a timely fashion for a regular absentee ballot, or this requirement has been waived by appropriate authority, then this ballot is valid unless you receive the voted regular absentee ballot in time for it to be counted. This ballot should be handled in the same manner as required by state law for other absentee ballots. If this ballot is to be counted, deposit the voted ballot in the ballot box without examining the voter's choices.
 2. The oath on this ballot is self-executing and need not be notarized or witnessed, unless required by state law.
 3. Unless provided by law, or special provisions have been made, the ballot should not be counted if:
 a. It was submitted from within the United States (an APO/FPO address is considered outside the U.S.); or
 b. The voter's application for a regular absentee ballot was received by you less than 30 days prior to the election, or
 c. This voter's completed regular absentee ballot was received by you by the state deadline for receipt of absentee ballots; or
 d. This ballot is not received by the state deadline for receipt of voted absentee ballots.

WITNESSES: SIGNATURE AND ADDRESS (if required by law) _____

APPLICANT SIGNATURE (ink only): X James L. Jones

DATE SIGNED: 08-07-04

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FWAB Completion



Write in
candidate
names or
party of choice
on the
appropriate line,
detach & fold

↑ DETACH HERE, FOLD AND INSERT INTO SECURITY ENVELOPE ↑

OFFICIAL FEDERAL WRITE-IN ABSENTEE BALLOT

PRESIDENT/VICE PRESIDENT
President/Vice President

U.S. SENATOR(S)*
U.S. Senator(s)

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE/DELEGATE** / RESIDENT COMMISSIONER**
U.S. Representative

* Legal residents of the District of Columbia may vote only for President/Vice President and Delegate.
** Legal residents of American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands may vote only for non-voting Delegate or Resident Commissioner to the Congress.

ADDENDUM

Some states allow the Form of Write-In Absentee Ballot to be used by military and overseas civilian voters in elections other than general elections for offices other than Federal offices. Contact your state election or Voting Assistance Guide to determine your state's policy. If you are eligible to use this ballot to vote for offices/positions other than those listed above, please indicate in the space provided below, the office for which you wish to vote (for example: Governor, Attorney General, Mayor, State Senator, etc.), and the name and/or party affiliation of the candidate for whom you wish to vote.

OFFICE: _____ CANDIDATE NAME or PARTY AFFILIATION: _____

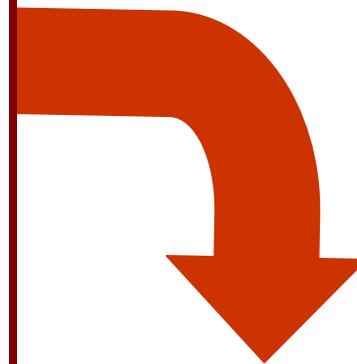
State Governor _____

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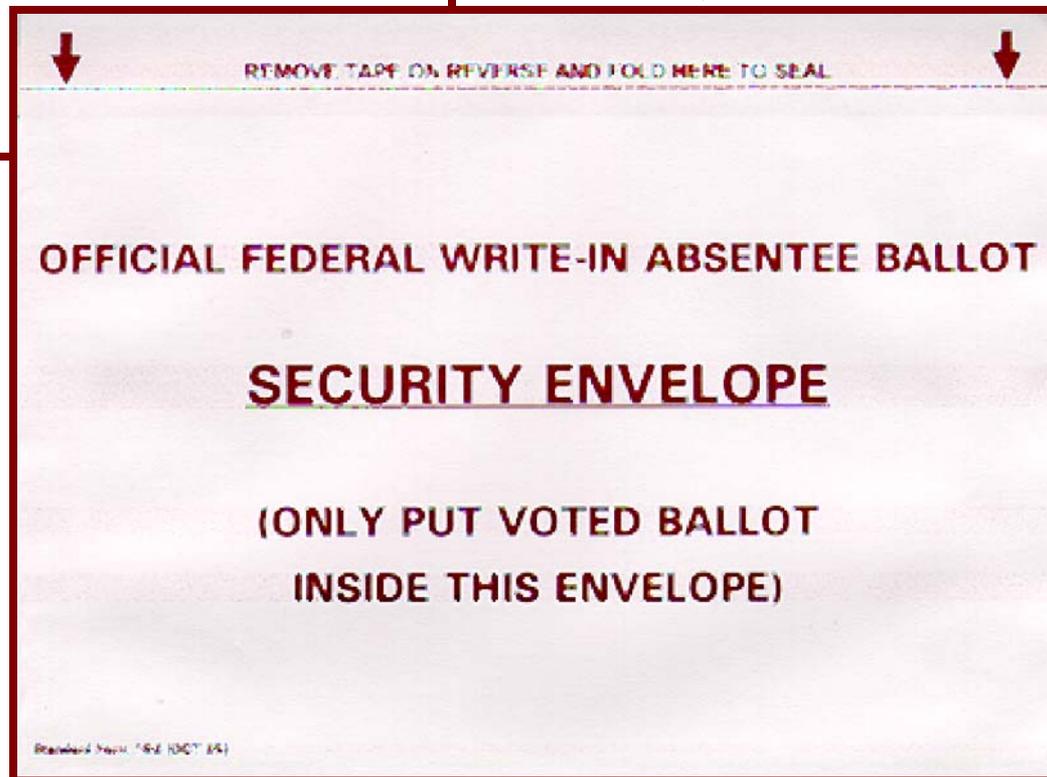


FWAB Completion

**Insert Write-In
Ballot into
Security
Envelope**



**Remove tape
and fold to
seal Security
Envelope**





FWAB Completion

Address Mailing Envelope to City, Town, Parish or County Election Official

FROM:
(Voter name and address, complete military or overseas mailing address)

James Larry Jones
USS FVAP
FPO AE 54321



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39 USC 3406

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OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOTING MATERIAL - FIRST CLASS MAIL

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Standard Form 190 (01/79) (90)
Issued under Public Law 96-441
88-102
1999 edition may be used.

MAILING ENVELOPE
VOTER

BEFORE YOU SEAL THIS MAILING ENVELOPE, CHECK THE FOLLOWING:

- 1. Complete the Voter's Declaration/Affirmation for back of this envelope.
- 2. Sign and date the Voter's Declaration/Affirmation.
- 3. Vote your Ballot.
- 4. Put your voter Ballot in the Security envelope, remove eye and seal Security Envelope.
- 5. Put the sealed Security Envelope in the Mailing Envelope.
- 6. Remove tape and seal the Mailing Envelope.
- 7. Put your name and current complete military or overseas mailing address in the "FROM" section.
- 8. Put address of proper election official in the "TO" section of the envelope. This address must be the same local election official address where you previously submitted your registration as ballot application.

Use national airmail postage is required if not mailed in the U.S. Postal system or APO/FPO System, or Diplomatic Mailbox.

NOW, YOU ARE READY TO MAIL THIS ENVELOPE!

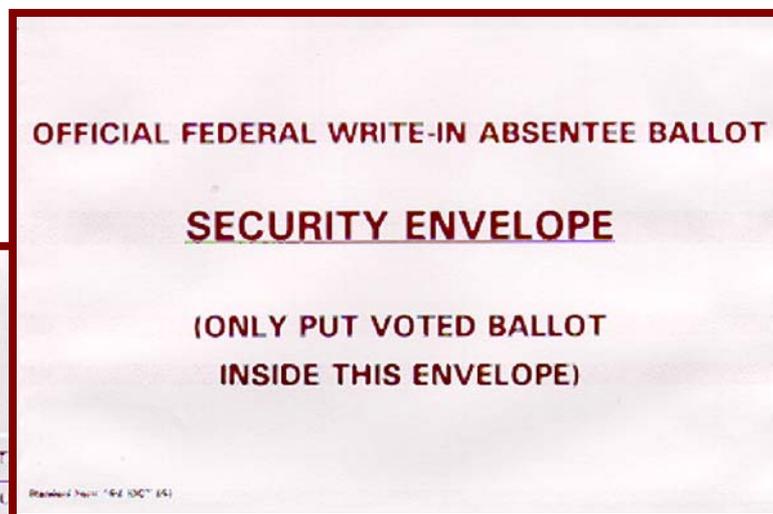
TO: Registrar of Voters
East Baton Rouge Parish
222 St. Louis #201
Baton Rouge, LA 70802-5860

REMOVE TAPE ON REVERSE AND FOLD HERE TO SEAL



FWAB Completion

Insert sealed Security Envelope containing Write-In Ballot into Mailing Envelope



FROM:
 (Local, state and overseas, complete military or overseas mailing address)
James Larry Jones
USS FVAP
FPO AE 54321

Standard Form 190 (Rev. 10/11/00)
 Issue under Public Law 106-471
 199 (100)
 90% recycled paper used

MAILING ENVELOPE
VOTER

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1. Complete the Voter's Declaration/Affirmation (on back of this envelope).
2. Sign and date the Voter's Declaration/Affirmation.
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4. Put your voted Ballot in the Security Envelope, remove tape and seal Security Envelope.
5. Put the sealed Security Envelope in the Mailing Envelope.
6. Remove tape and seal the Mailing Envelope.
7. Put your name and current complete military or overseas mailing address in the "FROM" section.
8. Put address of postal station office in the "TO" section of this envelope. This address must be the same local election official address where you previously exercised your regular state or federal application.

This national air-mail postage is required if not mailed in the U.S. Postal system or AFDPPO Services, or Diplomatic Mailbox.

NOW, YOU ARE READY TO MAIL THIS ENVELOPE!

TO: Registrar of Voters
East Baton Rouge Parish
222 St. Louis #201
Baton Rouge, LA 70802-5860

OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOTING MATERIAL
 NO POSTAGE NECESSARY IF MAILED IN THE UNITED STATES

Standard Form 190 (Rev. 10/11/00)

PLEASE DO NOT SEAL HERE TO SEAL





DoD Voting Information Center



- Election Dates
- Candidate Recordings
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State Election Officials,
Incumbent Members of
Congress and
State Governors





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Greetings!

The Federal Voting Assistance Program fosters voting participation by providing a wide range of services to absentee voters covered by the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA). This website can be your guide to these services. You will find all of our publications here and they are available for downloading or printing. Individual web pages provide in-depth information on specific aspects of our Program. The site also provides current election information and links to state election organizations. You can find out what county your city or town is in and who your Representatives in Congress are and how to contact them. Through our Voting Information Center, available [toll-free](#) in 64 countries, you can hear messages from your elected officials, be transferred to their office, or talk to one of our staff. I hope you will use this site to answer your questions and assist you in the absentee voting process.

Sincerely,

Polli Brunelli

Director
Federal Voting Assistance Program

Click on the links below to get information about your Elected Officials:



[The US Senate](#)



[The US House of Representatives](#)



[National Governors' Association](#)



Ombudsman Service

www.fvap.gov

vote@fvap.ncr.gov

1 - 800 - 438 - VOTE (8683)

DSN 425 – 1584 (Military)

Toll-free Telephone Numbers from 64 Countries

Toll-free Fax Numbers from 51 Countries



Voting News Releases & Voting Information News



Voting News Release #7A
July 16, 2004

SPECIAL DETAILS FOR ACCELERATED RETURN OF BALLOTS FOR GEORGIA PRIMARY ELECTION ON JULY 20, 2004

As noted in News Release #7, dated July 15, 2004, because of a delay in the *Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA)* citizens from Georgia for the District Court for the Northern District of Georgia has ordered the State to accept faxed delivery of overseas ballots. The application for an absentee ballot was received on or before June 21, 2004 at 5:00 p.m. daylight time on Tuesday, July 20, 2004 and received by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 21, 2004.

Additionally, the Court has ordered Georgia to pay for the overnight shipping of the ballots.

To do this, Georgia overseas voters should return their absentee ballots to the State that the State has arranged with both United Parcel Service (UPS) and FEDEX account numbers by calling the Federal Voting Assistance Program (Military) or toll-free from 64 countries listed at the following web address: 1-800-425-0108, DSN 425-0108 or toll-free from 50 countries at <http://www.fvap.gov>. State at (404) 656-2871. Information is also available at www.fvap.gov.

The Court has ordered Georgia to accept faxed delivery of overseas ballots. Right to a secret ballot. All faxed ballots must be received by county election officials by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 21, 2004.

Citizens should be aware that by faxing the ballot they are waiving their right to a secret ballot. The ballot will be included in the faxed ballot materials. A citizen returning the ballot should use Appendix C of the *2004-2005 Voting Assistance Guide* (located at www.fvap.gov) and a cover sheet (which includes a secrecy waiver) for use when transmitting the ballot including any oath or signature required on the ballot-mailing envelope. Their voted ballots to the Georgia Secretary of State's Office at (404) 656-2871 on all documents sent via fax.

As another reminder, overseas voters who have not received their ballots should contact the Federal Voting Assistance Program at (404) 656-2871.



Voting Information News

July 2004 Vol. 14, No. 7

A roundup of voting news from the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) For voters, potential voters and those who assist voters.

Issue Highlights:

VAO – Key to Understanding Absentee Voting 1

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Voting Assistance Officers

"To Do" This Month:

Read this issue thoroughly, incorporate these items in your voting assistance program, and distribute to all members in your organization.

Keep your email address current (and mailing address if applicable) to ensure uninterrupted delivery of this newsletter and

VAO - Key To Voter Understanding Absentee Voting

The FVAP provides U.S. citizens worldwide a broad range of non-partisan information and assistance to facilitate their participation in the democratic process - regardless of where they work or live. Critical to the success of these programs are the thousands of Uniformed Services Voting Assistance Officers (VAOs) and hundreds of U.S. Embassy and Consulate VAOs located around the globe. These individuals, in military or civilian life, are responsible for providing accurate, non-partisan voting information and assistance to those citizens attempting to exercise their Constitutional right to vote. In fact, the knowledge and effectiveness of a VAO, combined with a thoroughly implemented voting assistance plan, may very well determine whether a person will, or will not understand the procedures for absentee voting. The VAO is responsible for carrying

they need to have a thorough understanding of the election process, the resources available to them, knowledge of the voting materials used, as well as the proper way of completing the Federal standard forms.

U.S. Embassy/Consulate VAOs are responsible for reaching out to U.S. citizens abroad. Examples of these are: Department of State personnel, military members in the compounds, Federal employees, U.S. organizations and businesses, and retired personnel.

U.S. Uniformed Service VAOs are responsible for reaching out to all unit members including eligible dependents. Uniformed Service VAOs stationed overseas may also provide assistance to Federal employees. Although VAOs stationed overseas are responsible for

Request via email: vote@fvap.ncr.gov



How To Do IT!



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Absentee

Revised Jul 2004

Frequently Asked Questions About UOCAVA Absentee Voting



Election Dates

"Register and Vote"

This chart lists the 2004 Presidential and State primary election dates in all the States, the District of Columbia and U.S. Territories; primary runoff dates (if applicable); states with U.S. Senate races; number of U.S. Representative seats up for re-election; and Gubernatorial races.

The General Election is Tuesday, November 2.



State	Presidential Primary (or Preference)	State Primary	State Runoff Primary (if necessary)	GENERAL ELECTION		
				FEDERAL OFFICES		State Governor
				U.S. Senate	U.S. Representative	
Alabama	June 1	June 1	June 29	Yes	7	No
Alaska	—	August 24	—	Yes	1	No
American Samoa	—	November 9	November 23	—	1 Delegate	Yes
Arizona	February 3	September 7	—	Yes	8	No
Arkansas	May 18	May 18	June 8	Yes	4	No
California	March 2	March 2	—	Yes	53	No
Colorado	—	August 10	—	Yes	7	No
Connecticut	March 2	August 10	—	Yes	5	No
Delaware	February 3	September 11	—	No	1	Yes
District of Columbia	January 13	September 14	—	—	1 Delegate	No
Florida	March 9	August 31	—	Yes	25	No
Georgia	March 2	July 20	August 10	Yes	13	No
Guam	—	September 4	—	—	1 Delegate	No
Hawaii	—	September 18	—	Yes	2	No
Idaho	May 25	May 25	—	Yes	2	No
Illinois	March 16	March 16	—	Yes	19	No
Indiana	May 4	May 4	—	Yes	9	Yes
Iowa	—	June 8	—	Yes	5	No
Kansas	—	August 3	—	Yes	4	No
Kentucky	May 18	May 18	—	Yes	6	No
Louisiana	March 9	September 18	—	Yes	7	No
Maine	—	June 8	—	No	2	No
Maryland	March 2	March 2	—	Yes	8	No
Massachusetts	March 2	September 14	—	No	10	No
Michigan	—	August 3	—	No	15	No
Minnesota	—	September 14	—	No	8	No
Mississippi	March 9	March 9	March 30	No	4	No
Missouri	February 3	August 3	—	Yes	9	Yes
Montana	June 8	June 8	—	No	1	Yes
Nebraska	May 11	May 11	—	No	3	No
Nevada	September 7	September 7	—	Yes	3	No
New Hampshire	January 27	September 14	—	Yes	2	Yes
New Jersey	June 8	June 8	—	No	13	No
New Mexico	June 1	June 1	—	No	3	No
New York	March 2	September 9	—	Yes	29	No
North Carolina	May 4	May 4	June 1	Yes	13	Yes
North Dakota	—	June 8	—	Yes	1	Yes
Ohio	March 2	March 2	—	Yes	18	No
Oklahoma	February 3	July 27	August 24	Yes	5	No
Oregon	May 18	May 18	—	Yes	5	No
Pennsylvania	April 27	April 27	—	Yes	19	No
Puerto Rico	TBD	—	—	—	1 Res. Commissioner	Yes
Rhode Island	March 2	September 14	—	No	2	No
South Carolina	February 3	June 8	June 22	Yes	6	No
South Dakota	June 1	June 1	June 15 (Secondary Best)	Yes	1	No
Tennessee	February 10	August 5	—	No	9	No
Texas	March 2	March 2	April 20	No	32	No
Utah	February 27	June 22	—	Yes	3	Yes
Vermont	March 2	September 14	—	Yes	1	Yes
Virginia	February 10	June 8	—	No	11	No
Virgin Islands	—	September 11	September 25	—	1 Delegate	No
Washington	March 2	September 14	—	Yes	9	Yes
West Virginia	May 11	May 11	—	No	3	Yes
Wisconsin	February 17	September 14	—	Yes	8	No
Wyoming	—	August 17	—	No	1	No

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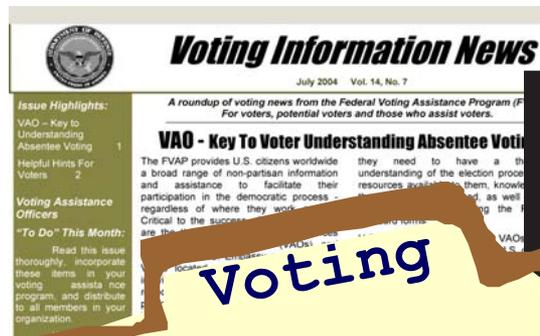
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Election Dates "Register and Vote"

This chart lists the 2004 Presidential and State primary election dates in all 50 States, the District of Columbia and U.S. Territories; primary runoff dates (if applicable); state and federal Senate races; number of U.S. Representatives and dates for re-election and gubernatorial elections.

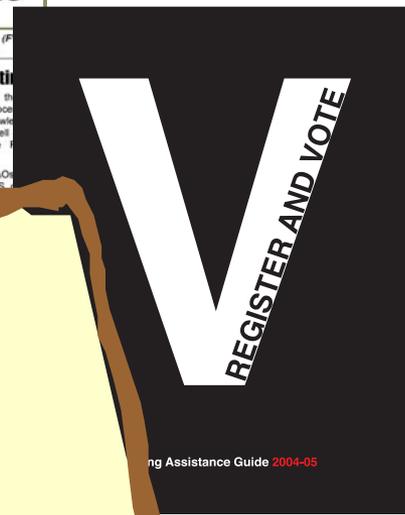
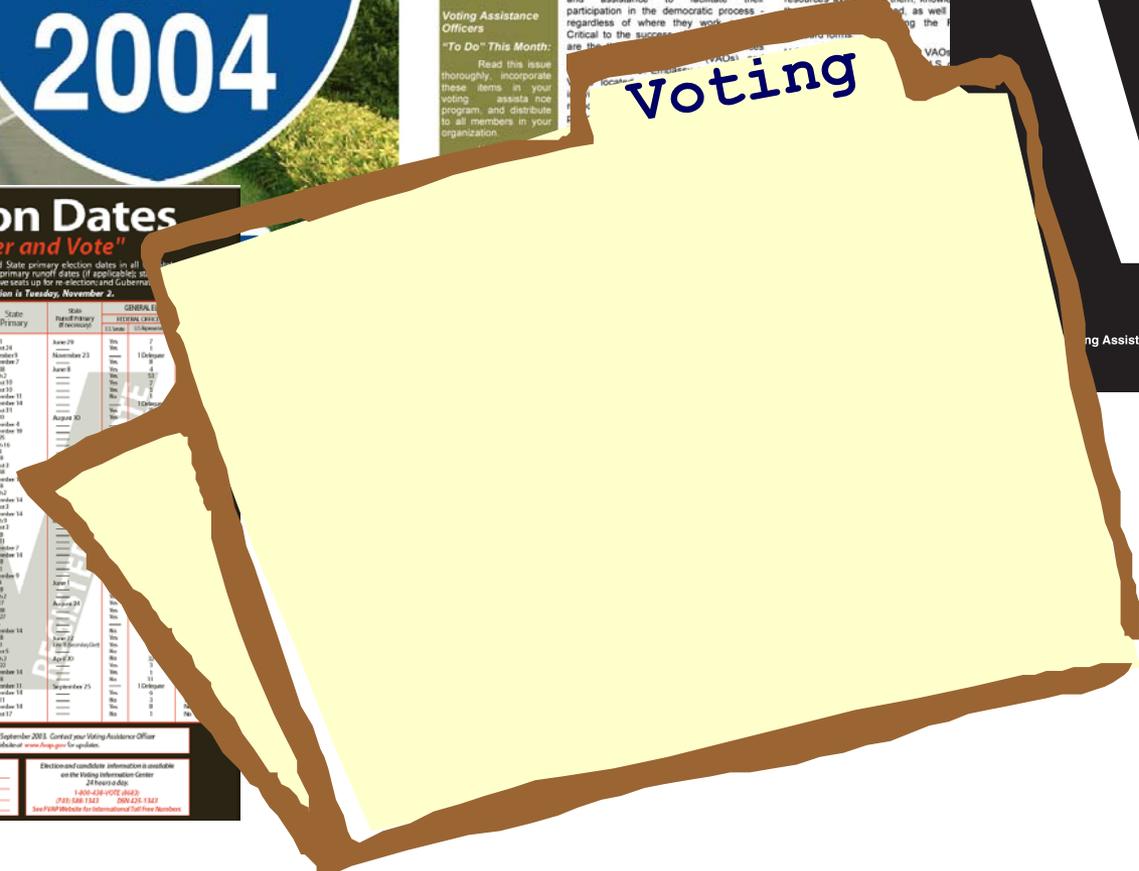
The General Election is Tuesday, November 2.

State	Presidential Primary	State Primary	Runoff/Runoff Election	General Election
Alabama	June 1	June 1	June 29	Nov 2
Alaska	—	August 24	—	Nov 2
American Samoa	—	November 23	—	1 Delegate
Arizona	February 1	September 2	—	Nov 2
Arkansas	May 15	May 16	June 8	Nov 2
California	March 30	March 31	—	Nov 2
Colorado	—	March 12	August 30	Nov 2
Connecticut	—	—	—	Nov 2
Delaware	February 3	September 11	—	Nov 2
District of Columbia	August 11	September 14	—	Nov 2
Florida	March 17	—	August 20	Nov 2
Georgia	—	August 8	—	Nov 2
Hawaii	—	September 19	—	Nov 2
Idaho	May 25	May 26	—	Nov 2
Illinois	March 16	—	—	Nov 2
Indiana	—	—	—	Nov 2
Iowa	—	—	—	Nov 2
Kansas	—	—	—	Nov 2
Kentucky	May 16	—	—	Nov 2
Louisiana	—	—	—	Nov 2
Maine	—	—	—	Nov 2
Marshall Islands	—	—	—	Nov 2
Massachusetts	—	—	—	Nov 2
Michigan	—	—	—	Nov 2
Minnesota	—	—	—	Nov 2
Mississippi	—	—	—	Nov 2
Missouri	—	—	—	Nov 2
Montana	—	—	—	Nov 2
Nebraska	—	—	—	Nov 2
Nevada	—	—	—	Nov 2
New Hampshire	—	—	—	Nov 2
New Jersey	—	—	—	Nov 2
New Mexico	—	—	—	Nov 2
New York	—	—	—	Nov 2
North Carolina	—	—	—	Nov 2
North Dakota	—	—	—	Nov 2
Ohio	—	—	—	Nov 2
Oklahoma	—	—	—	Nov 2
Oregon	—	—	—	Nov 2
Puerto Rico	—	—	—	Nov 2
Rhode Island	—	—	—	Nov 2
South Carolina	—	—	—	Nov 2
South Dakota	—	—	—	Nov 2
Tennessee	—	—	—	Nov 2
Texas	—	—	—	Nov 2
Utah	—	—	—	Nov 2
Vermont	—	—	—	Nov 2
Virginia	—	—	—	Nov 2
Virgin Islands	—	—	—	Nov 2
Washington	—	—	—	Nov 2
West Virginia	—	—	—	Nov 2
Wisconsin	—	—	—	Nov 2
Wyoming	—	—	—	Nov 2

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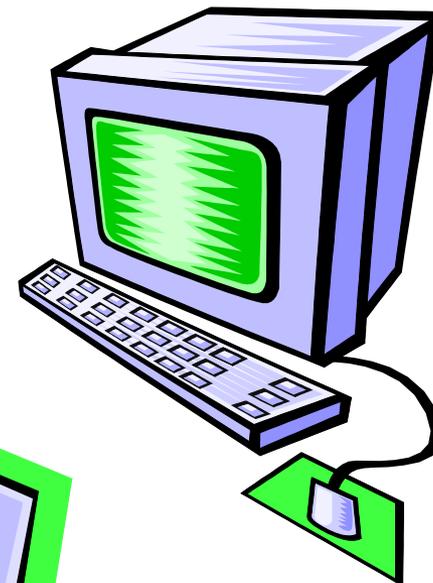
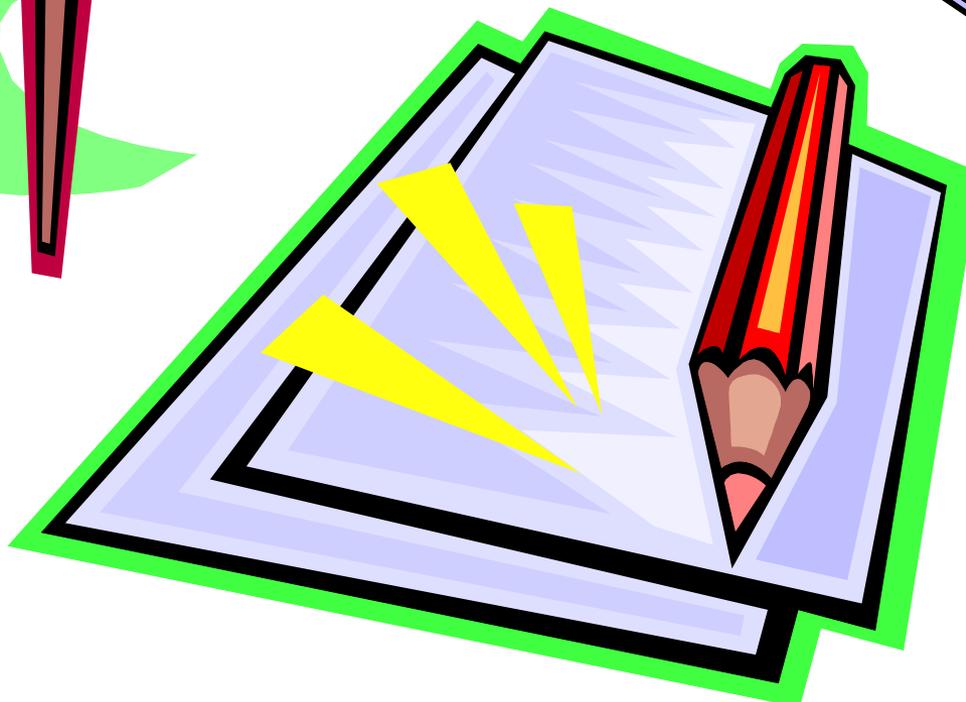
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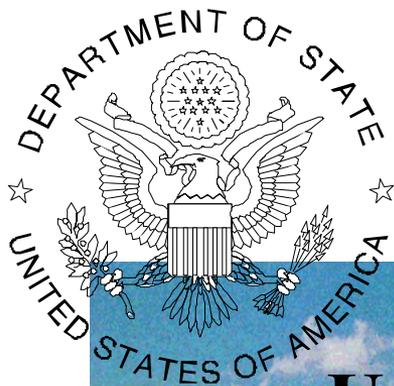


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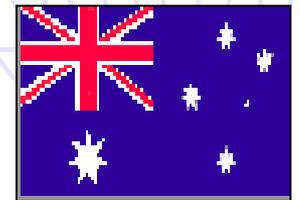
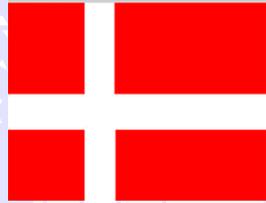


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- Stock FPCA and FWAB forms
- Provide FPCAs by:
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 - 15 September 2004 (CONUS)
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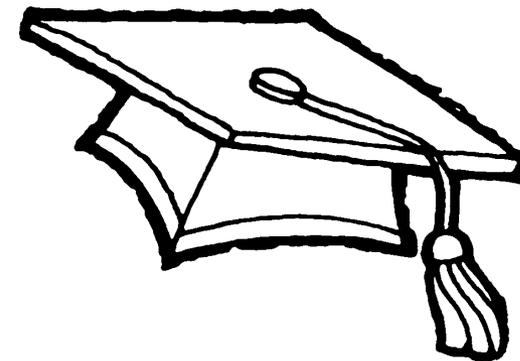
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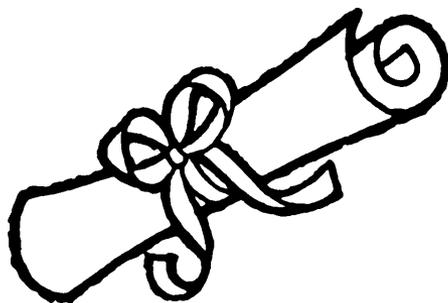
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