

VOTING NEWS YOU CAN USE!

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Voting Information for Uniformed Service Members & Civilians

USFK

Hello from your USFK Voting Assistance Officer (VAO). My name is Paul L. Smith and I plan to send you "Voting News You Can Use" every week to help keep your eligible voting personnel informed on voting issues and information. 2012 is an election year which mandates that each VAO provide voting assistance, supplies, online voting information, and calendar of election dates to our voting population.

The 2012 Federal Voting Assistance Plan (FVAP) Voting Action Plan has key dates to follow. Every week I will provide you an update to keep you informed and to allow you to resend to your unit personnel. Too easy!

My main voting topic this week is how to get voting forms, envelopes, supplies and motivational voting posters. In addition, every VAO should download a copy of the [2012-2013 Voting Assistance Guide](#). The *Voting Assistance Guide (VAG)* is a compilation of absentee voting regulations, laws, deadlines, and procedures. It is the primary source of information for citizens covered by the *Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA)* regarding the procedures for registering to vote, requesting a ballot, and voting in their State or territory of legal residence. Chapter 1 provides How to Vote Absentee. Chapter 2 provides Absentee Voting Procedures by State or Territory. Chapter 3 is a guide for VAOs.

VAOs are responsible for ensuring that all absentee voting materials are ordered for their unit or provide directions on how to download documents online. If ordering from a service Publishing Directorate, an account must be established with your service component.

The primary method to get voting materials should be via the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) web site using the online [wizard](#). The online wizard provides the most current voting contact information to complete the Federal Post Card Application and/or Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot. At this online wizard, you can 1) Register to Vote and/or Request a Ballot, 2) Get Your Ballot, or 3) Track Your Ballot.

Click [here](#) to download voting Forms and Envelops.

Army

The Army highly recommends that unit VAOs and eligible voters go to the www.fvap.gov web site to download voting forms and envelopes. But if required, Army VAO's can order voting materials at <https://dol.hqda.pentagon.mil/ptclick/index.aspx>.

-Army VAOs can also order their materials from their local Forms and Publication Control Centers.

The form numbers are

FPCA (SF 76) – Federal Post Card Application

FWAB (SF 186) – Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot

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The Navy's specific ordering instructions are:

FPCA (SF 76): Primary method of use should be via FVAP online wizard. Secondary method of use is via downloadable and [printable form](#). Forms may also be ordered, free of charge, from Navy Logistics Library (NLL) Navy Stock # 0506LP1081623, unit of Issue: 100HD. However, due to the high cost, please contact the Navy Voting Action Officer at vote@navy.mil before ordering for justification and approval.

FWAB (SF 186): Primary method of use should be via FVAP online wizard. Secondary method of use is via downloadable and [printable form](#). Forms may also be ordered, free of charge, from Navy Logistics Library (NLL) Navy Stock # 0506LP1752400, unit of Issue: 100HD. However, due to the high cost, please contact the Navy Voting Action Officer at vote@navy.mil before ordering for justification and approval.

2012-13 Voting Assistance Guide (VAG): Primary method of use should be [online or downloadable PDF](#) as the guide is updated frequently throughout the election cycle. Additionally, 2 copies of the 2012 VAG are being sent to each command (estimated delivery date January 2012).

Posters: Motivational posters are being shipped with the initial distribution of the 2012 VAG. Additional [posters](#) may be downloaded (high resolution) and printed. Several designs are also available on the 'Navy Voting' Facebook page. VAO's are encouraged to utilize on-base printing services to create hard-copy posters.

Navy VAO Toolkit: The Navy VAO Toolkit is [available for download](#). Additionally, individual copies of the Toolkit will be available on CD, free of charge, for deployed units that do not have adequate internet bandwidth. Order through the NLL.

Air Force

Voting Assistance Officers (VAOs) are responsible for ensuring that all absentee voting materials are ordered for their unit from [Air Force E-Publishing](#). VAOs may establish an online account to order the materials or place their order through an Organizational Account Representative (OAR). OARs are squadron personnel (normally in the orderly room/CSS) who order forms and publications. Units are not charged for voting materials. Voting information is available at [Air Force Personnel Center \(AFPC\) website](#). On AFPC Homepage, click on the "Air Force Voting" link at the bottom right of the page.

Marine Corps

Voting Assistance Officers (VAOs) are responsible for ensuring that all absentee voting materials are made available to service members. Forms are available through one of the following: unit supply officers via SABRES, Direct Support Stock Control (DSSC) outlets, or directly from General Services Administration (GSA). The Marine Corps' specific instructions are:

FPCA (SF 76): NSN: 75-00-634-5053 **FWAB (SF 186):** NSN: 7540-01-218-4384

VAG (VAG12-13): Available through unit S-1 offices via MCPDS or may be requested from the SVAO. The easiest way is to download this voting guide, [click here](#).