

**FVAP helps you vote.  
Wherever you are.**

**What is the Federal Voting Assistance Program?**

FVAP works to ensure Service members, their eligible family members, and overseas citizens are aware of their right to vote and have the tools and resources to successfully do so — from anywhere in the world.



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**Need more assistance?**

Most U.S. embassies, consulates, and military installations have Voting Assistance Officers who can provide you with in-person assistance. Find their contact information at [FVAP.gov](http://FVAP.gov).

**Can I vote at a U.S. embassy or consulate?**

No, embassies and consulates are not polling places, but they can help you fill out forms and send your ballot to your election office.

**Americans  
can vote.  
Wherever  
they are.**



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**HOW TO  
VOTE  
ABSENTEE**

WHILE

**ABROAD**

OR IN THE

**MILITARY**



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# You Can Vote in U.S. Elections



**Military members, their families, and overseas citizens can vote from anywhere in the world.**

When living away from your voting residence, here's how to cast an absentee ballot in the General Election.



You can follow these same steps for your Presidential Preference Primary and State Primary Election earlier in the year.

## HERE'S HOW:

STEP  
1

### REGISTER AND REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT

Fill out the *Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)* at [FVAP.gov](http://FVAP.gov).

Print, sign, and send to your local election office by **August 1** to be safe. Find your state's deadline at [FVAP.gov](http://FVAP.gov).

#### How should I send my FPCA?

All states will accept it by mail, and some allow for email or fax. Check your guidelines at [FVAP.gov](http://FVAP.gov).

#### What is my voting residence?

Use your legal residence or the U.S. address where you last resided. See other options at [FVAP.gov](http://FVAP.gov).

**TIP:** When you fill out the FPCA, you can choose to receive your ballot by email to speed up the process.



STEP  
2

### VOTE!

Your ballot should arrive by early October.

Fill it out and send it to your election office **as soon as possible** or by the recommended deadline.



**11 calendar days**  
before the election  
stateside



**30 calendar days**  
before the election  
outside the U.S.



**35 calendar days**  
before the election  
on a ship at sea



If your ballot doesn't make it to you on time, you can fill out the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) at [FVAP.gov](http://FVAP.gov). Print, sign, and send it to your election office.

After you send your ballot, you can check if it was received by your election office.

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