



Federal Voting Assistance Program Programs & Data Collection

August, 2011

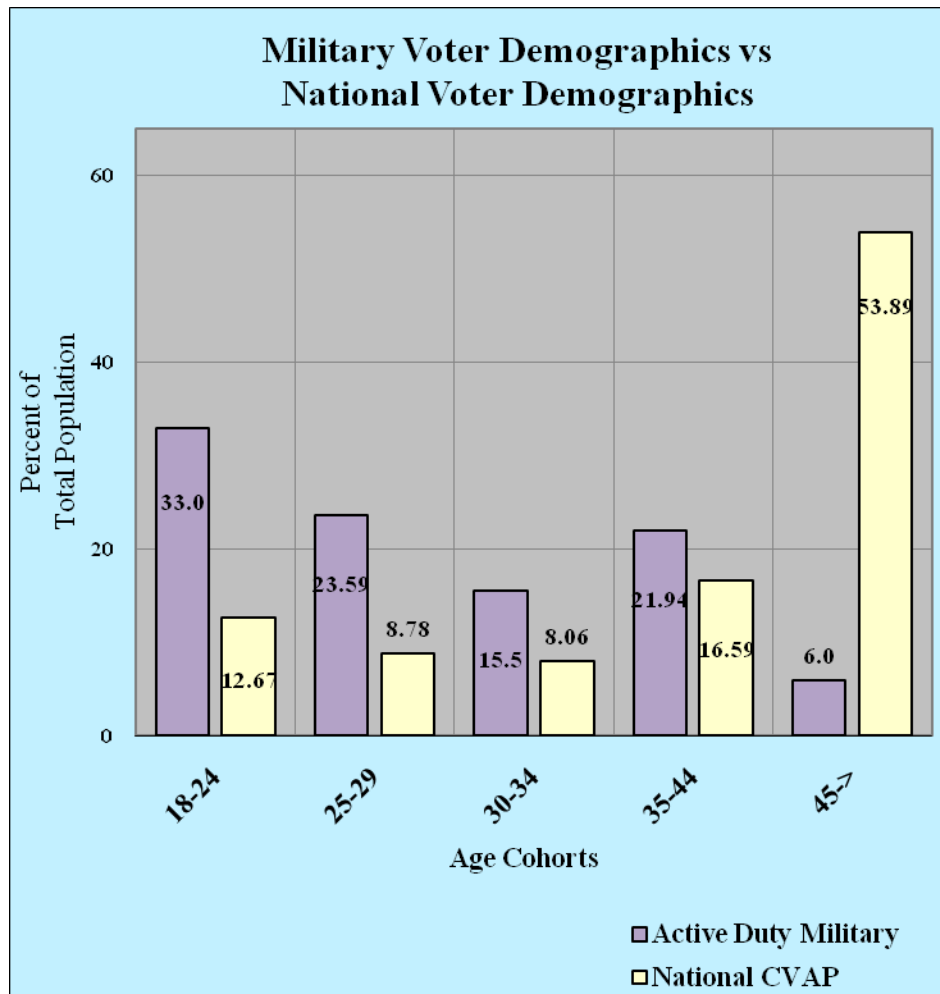


What is the Key Election System Issue

- **Military Voter Registration Not the Problem**
 - 71% = General Electorate
 - 77% = Military voters
- **Voter Participation Rates not the problem**
 - 64% = General Electorate
 - 53% = Military voters
 - 71% = Adjusted military voters
- **Overwhelming voting failure is in ballot delivery and return times**
- **Absentee Ballot Return Rates:**
 - 91% = General Population
 - 67% = UOCAVA voters
 - 62% = Military Voters

2008 Election		
Stage of voting process	Number of additional failures over general voting population	% of total failure
Registration Failure	4,057	1.5%
Ballot Delivery Failure	20,068	7.5%
Ballot Return Failure	206,771	77.6%
Ballot Casting Failure	35,645	13.4%
Total	266,540	

UOCAVA Demographics



Military Voters

- **Covered personnel**
 - All 5 Armed Services, USPHS, NOAA, Merchant Marine
 - 1.35M active component
 - ~100K RC on active duty
- **Location**
 - 75% of members domestic
 - ~170K Iraq/Afghanistan

Military Dependent

- **Military Dependents**
 - 1.1M total
 - 700K spouses
 - 400K voting age dependents
- **Different Residency Rules**
 - Military = SCRA
 - Spouse = MSRRA
 - Different residency rules prevent spouses from voting as UOCAVA voters?



FVAP Mission

➤ Assistance:

- FVAP exists to **help** Uniformed Services personnel, their voting age dependents, and overseas civilian **successfully exercise their right to vote** in federal elections in order that they have an **equal opportunity with the general population** to vote and to have that vote counted.
- **FVAP also assists the States in complying with federal law** in order to provide that opportunity to uniformed services and overseas voters, and to avoid enforcement action

➤ Advocacy: FVAP serves as **the voice of Uniformed Services and overseas voters**, identifying impediments to their ability to exercise their right to vote, and proposing methods to overcome those impediments.



FVAP Goals

- **Improve voter success rates to meet or exceed the general absentee population voter success rates by 2014.**
 - Absentee ballot cast rate
 - Counted rate of those cast
 - FWAB utilization/success rate
 - Registration & voter participation rates
- **Every State provides sufficient opportunity to successfully cast a military/overseas absentee ballot, by 2014.**
- **Quantify the overseas civilian population by 2012.**
- **Streamline the voting process <15 minutes for any stage.**



FVAP 2010 Key Initiatives

➤ Provide Direct to the Voter Assistance

- Make the process easy, quick, intuitive and seamless
- Reduce the reliance on Voting Assistance Officers
- Provide online wizards, including FPCA and FWAB
- **FVAP as a portal, not a service provider**
- **Requires extensive voter education**

➤ Get the Ballots To and From the Voters Quicker

- Online ballot download
- Express Mail Return of voted ballots

➤ Expanded Assistance for Election Officials

- Develop tools that voters will use and **States will adopt**
- Specifications to State election requirements, not federal contract rules
- Assist States change laws to comply with MOVE Act
- Assist States in compliance with MOVE Act



Direct Voter Assistance

➤ 24/7 Call Centers & Assistance

- Phone:
 - US & 63 countries toll free
 - DSN
- Online chat & email help capability

➤ Communications & Outreach

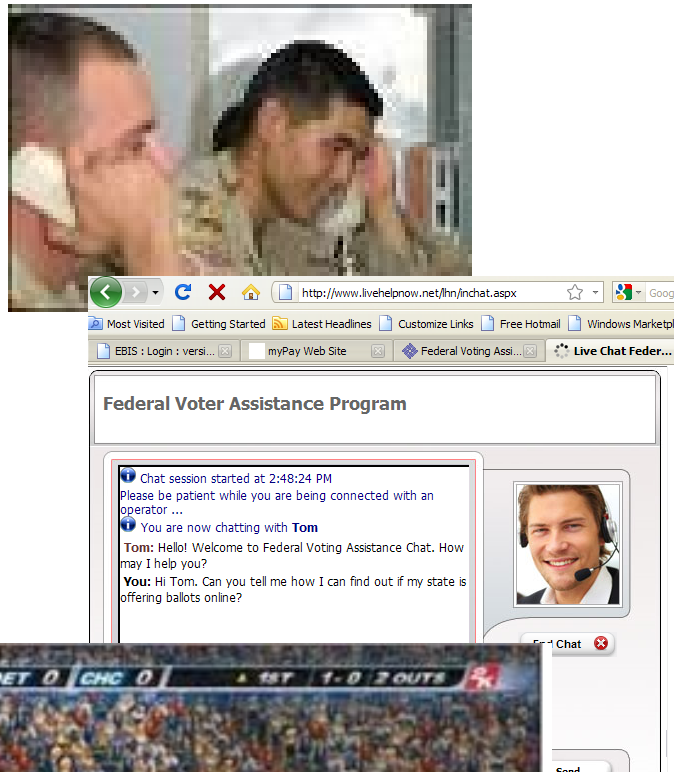
- Partners
 - MLB
 - GI Film Festival
 - Rock the Vote
 - “Fight for Your Vote” Music Tour
- Print, social media, internal communications
- Emails to ALL military members

➤ Improve online Wizards

- Bar Codes
- Statewide candidates
- Automated address updating

➤ Integrated Online Data

- VAO contact
- LEOs contact
- Voting Laws and Regulations
- **Updated military voter addresses**





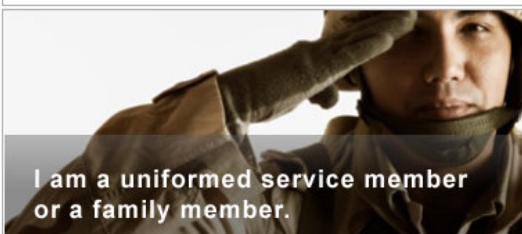
Voter Assistance Officer Improvements

- **Installation Voter Assistance Office “In a Box”**
- **Voting Assistance Tiger Teams**
 - Contingency Operations
 - Deploying Guard & Reserve
- **Continued Improved Training**
 - Interactive, Online
 - Integrated in Service training databases
- **VAO Database**
 - Contact information
 - Metrics



Agency to Portal

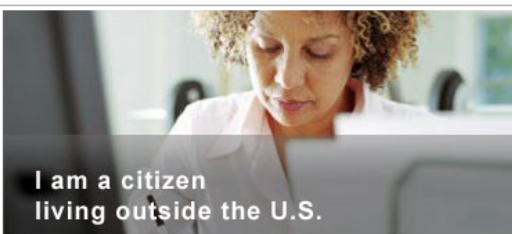
To Vote Absentee, Start By Telling Us Who You Are



**I am a uniformed service member
or a family member.**

For active-duty members of the Armed Forces, Merchant Marine, Public Health Service, NOAA, and their family members.

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**I am a citizen
living outside the U.S.**

For United States citizens who are living outside the U.S. for work, school or other reasons.

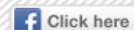
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If neither of these choices apply to you, please visit www.canivote.org

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35 Days

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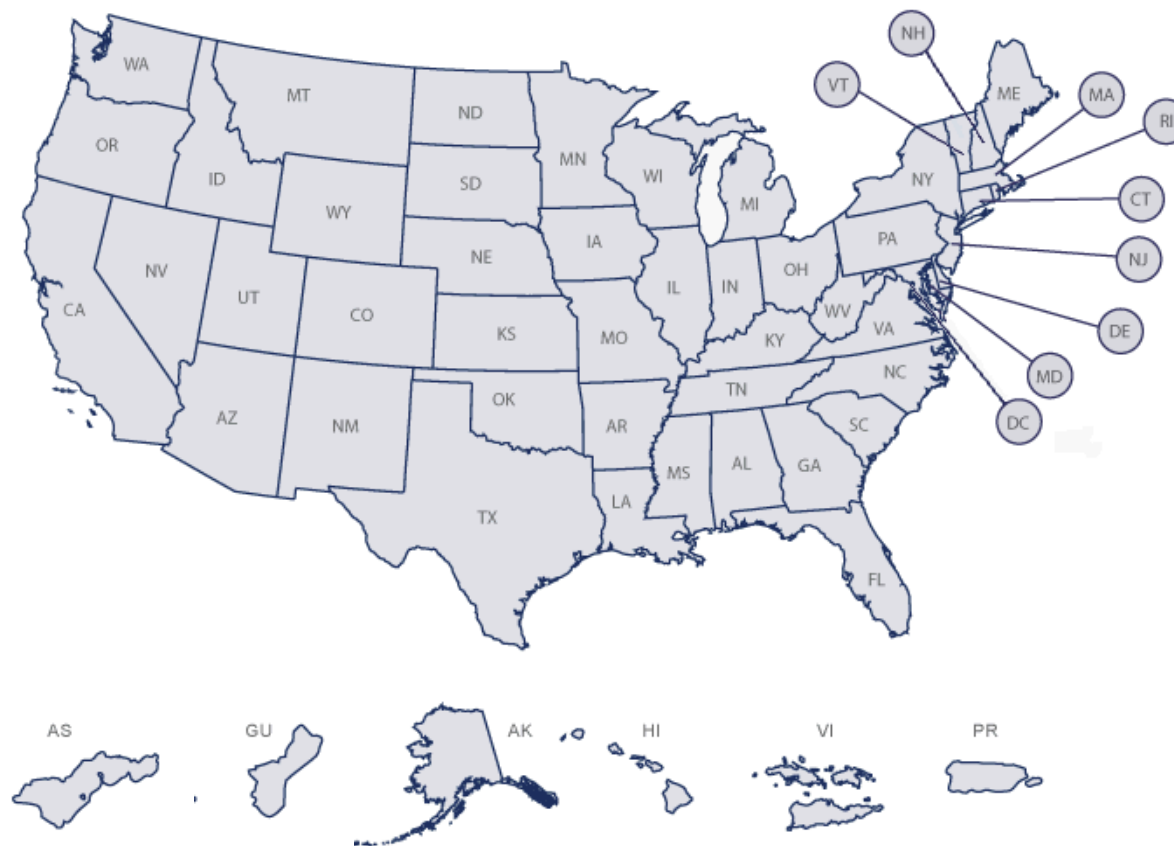
[Where to Send Forms](#)

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Steer Voters to State Systems

Select Your State

Uniformed Services members- Pick your state of legal residence. Overseas Citizens- Select the state in which you last lived before moving outside the U.S. Check the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) for more information on legal voting residence.





Tailored Choices



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Request Ballot Screen

Address  <http://www.fvap.gov/registration/reg-ballot-request-ca.html>



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Register to Vote and/or Request Ballot

Use FVAP's automated assistant to complete
and print your voter registration/ballot request
form.

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Important Dates for UOCAVA citizens

General Election: 11/02/2010

Register by: 10/18/2010

Request ballot by: 10/26/2010

Return ballot by: 8 pm, 11/02/2010

Resources:

[California Absentee Voting Guidelines](#)

[California's State Election website](#)

Would you rather fill out the form by hand?

[Registration and Ballot Request](#)

Online Registration Tool

Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) for Absentee Ballot

Complete the Form

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Print and Finish

Uniformed Services Member > Washington > King

My Information

First Name (required) Telephone ⓘ

Middle Name (required) Fax (required) ⓘ

Last Name (required) E-Mail Address (required)

Suffix Gender

Previous Name Date of Birth (required)

Political Party ⓘ

Social Security Number (required) - - ⓘ

Driver's License or ID Number (required) ⓘ

Enter your Washington Driver's License number OR the last four digits of your Social Security number. If you do not possess either of these numbers, the State will assign you a number for registration purposes.

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You have entered personally identifying information. Close your browser when finished if using a shared or public computer.

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Warning: The following fields were left blank. You can download the form with these fields blank, however this information **MUST** be provided when submitting the form to your local election official.

- **Driver's License / ID Number** is missing on the [My Information](#) page.
- **Rural Route** is missing on the [Voting Residence](#) page.
- **Voting Address** is missing on the [Voting Residence](#) page.
- **Voting City/Town/Village** is missing on the [Voting Residence](#) page.
- **Voting County** is missing on the [Voting Residence](#) page.
- **Zip Code** is missing on the [Voting Residence](#) page.
- **Current Address** is missing on the [Mailing Address](#) page.

Print and Finish

Please review your personalized FPCA PDF package before printing. The PDF package includes your personal ballot request form pre-populated with the information you entered in this wizard along with additional state-specific information and instructions.

Be sure you click the **Finish** button after downloading the PDF package to ensure the system disposes of any personally identifiable information you entered.

NOTE: OS X users are encouraged to use [Adobe Reader](#) to avoid problems with the PDF.

[Download Form](#)

The PDF package is not automatically transmitted to your Local Election Official (LEO). Please make sure you send the printed form to your LEO.

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[Finish](#)



Pre-Filled Output



Instructions for Washington

Thank you for using the automated ballot request process. Review, print, sign, and submit your completed absentee ballot request form to your local election official at the address provided below.

General Election: November 2, 2010; Registration: November 2, 2010; Ballot Request: November 2, 2010; Ballot Return: Signed and Dated by: November 1, 2010; Received by: November 23, 2010 State Primary Election: August 17, 2010; Registration: August 17, 2010; Ballot Request: August 17, 2010; Ballot Return: Signed and Dated by: August 16, 2010; Received by: September 1, 2010

NOTE: Recommended Mailing Dates for Voted Ballots in 2010:

- From Iraq, Afghanistan, Deployed Naval Vessels: 4 weeks before the election
- From Other overseas Military Installations: 3 weeks before the election
- From Other overseas locations: 4 weeks before the election (depending on foreign mail service)
- From Within the United States: 1 week before the election

NAME AND COMPLETE ADDRESS

Robert Harrison Carey
NAVCENT F2C2
FPO AE 09504-6219

US POSTAGE PAID
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OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOTING MATERIAL - FIRST-CLASS MAIL

NO POSTAGE NECESSARY IN THE U.S. MAIL - DMM 703.8.0

TO:

King County Elections Services
King County Elections Division
919 SW Grady Way
Renton, WA 98507-2906

Print Form

(After completion, fold to inside and seal before mailing.) WARNING: Knowingly presenting false information in this application could result in criminal sanctions.

Standard Form 75A (Rev. 10-2005)

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

1. I REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR ALL ELECTIONS IN WHICH I AM ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AND I AM (Mark only one):

☒ (a) A MEMBER OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES OR MERCHANT MARINE ON ACTIVE DUTY, OR AN ELIGIBLE SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT

☐ (b) A U.S. CITIZEN RESIDING OUTSIDE THE U.S. TEMPORARILY

☐ (c) A U.S. CITIZEN RESIDING OUTSIDE THE U.S. INDEFINITELY

2. MY INFORMATION (Required)

2.1. TYPE OR PRINTED NAME (Last, First, Middle) **Carey, Robert, Harrison**

2.2. SUFFIX (Jr., Sr., III, etc.) **Jr.**

2.3. PREVIOUS NAME (if applicable)

2.4. SEX ☒ M ☐ F

2.5. DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY) **02/02/1963**

2.6. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER **— — 1234**

2.7. STATE DRIVER'S LICENSE OR ID NUMBER

2.8. TELEPHONE NUMBER (no country number; include an international prefix) **703-588-8118**

2.9. FAX NUMBER (no country number; include an international prefix)

3. EMAIL ADDRESS **Robert.Carey@vap.gov**

3. MY VOTING RESIDENCE ADDRESS (Required) (Military, use legal residence. Overseas citizens, use last legal residence in U.S.)

3.1. NUMBER AND STREET (Cannot be a P.O. Box) **23 Mockingbird Lane**

3.2. CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE **Seattle**

3.3. COUNTY **King**

3.4. STATE **WA**

3.5. ZIP CODE **98143**

4. WHERE TO SEND MY VOTING MATERIALS

4.1. MY CURRENT ADDRESS (present address) (Required) **NAVCENT F2C2**

4.2. MY HOME/WORKING ADDRESS (NOTE: Complete this only if you do not want your ballot mailed to the address in Block 4.1.) **FPO AE 09504-6219**

5. I PREFER TO RECEIVE MY ABSENTEE BALLOT, AS PERMITTED BY MY STATE, BY: ☐ MAIL ☐ FAX ☒ EMAIL

6. MY POLITICAL PARTY PREFERENCE (Optional, but may be required by states to register to vote in primary elections)

7. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Designate the period for which you want to receive ballots - see instructions for Block 6, paragraph (3). Consult the Voting Assistance Guide for other specific state instructions.) **Receive ballots for All elections for which I am eligible.**

7. AFFIRMATION (Required)

I swear or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that:

1. I am a member of the Uniformed Services or merchant marine on active duty or an eligible spouse or dependent of such a member, or a U.S. citizen temporarily residing outside the U.S., or other U.S. citizen residing outside the U.S., and
2. I am a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years of age (or will be by the day of the election), eligible to vote in the requested jurisdiction, and 3. 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, and
4. I am not registering, requesting a ballot, or voting in any other jurisdiction in the U.S., and
5. My signature and date below indicate when I completed this document, and
6. The information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

I understand that a material misstatement of fact in completion of this document may constitute grounds for conviction of perjury.

Signed: _____ Date: _____ (MM/DD/YYYY) Signed: _____ (OPTIONALLY SIGN AGAINST IF REQUESTED) Date: _____ (MM/DD/YYYY)

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

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Online FWAB Tool

Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)

Complete the Form

Eligibility

State

Jurisdiction

Use of FWAB

My Information

Voting Residence

Mailing Address

Vote Candidates

Confirm Votes

Additional Information

Print and Finish

(Optional) Service Number / IDcard / IDphoto

Vote Candidates [\(Help\)](#)

Choose your candidates below by selecting the radio button, then [print all choices](#).

You can find help in determining your district's candid

No Presidential candidates found.

U.S. Senator

Selection Last Name, First Name

☐ Greenwald, Alexander

☐ Jones, LeVar

☐ Kirk, Mark

Or Enter Your Write-In Candidate:

☐ Duck Donald

U.S. Representative/Delegate/Resident Commissioner

Selection Last Name, First Name Political Party

☐ Aggett, Judy Republican

☐ Harper, Scott Democratic

Or Enter Your Write-In Candidate:

☐ Mouse Micky - select -

OFFICIAL FEDERAL WRITE-IN ABSENTEE BALLOT

PRESIDENT/VICE PRESIDENT

U.S. SENATOR*

Donald Kaplan (Unaffiliated)

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

Mark Grannls (Libertarian)

* 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 U.S. Virgin Islands may vote only for 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 in elections other than general elections or for offices other than Federal offices. Consult your state section in the *Voting Assistance Guide* to determine your state's policy. If you are eligible to use this ballot to vote for offices/candidates other than those listed above, please indicate in the spaces 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

Governor

Mouse Mickey

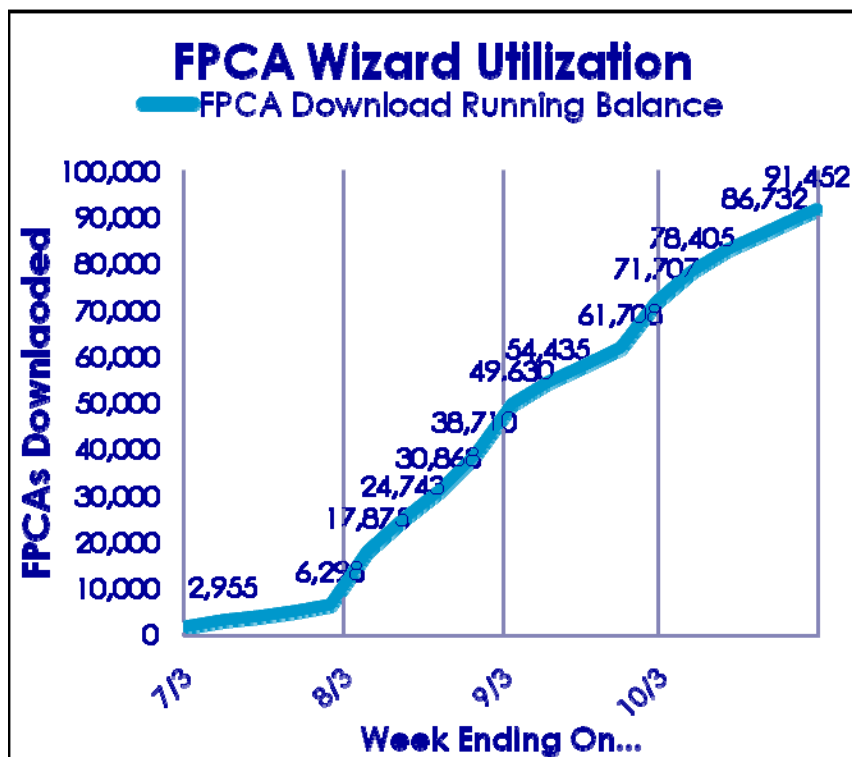
Lt. Governor

Independent

Attorney General

Duck Daffy

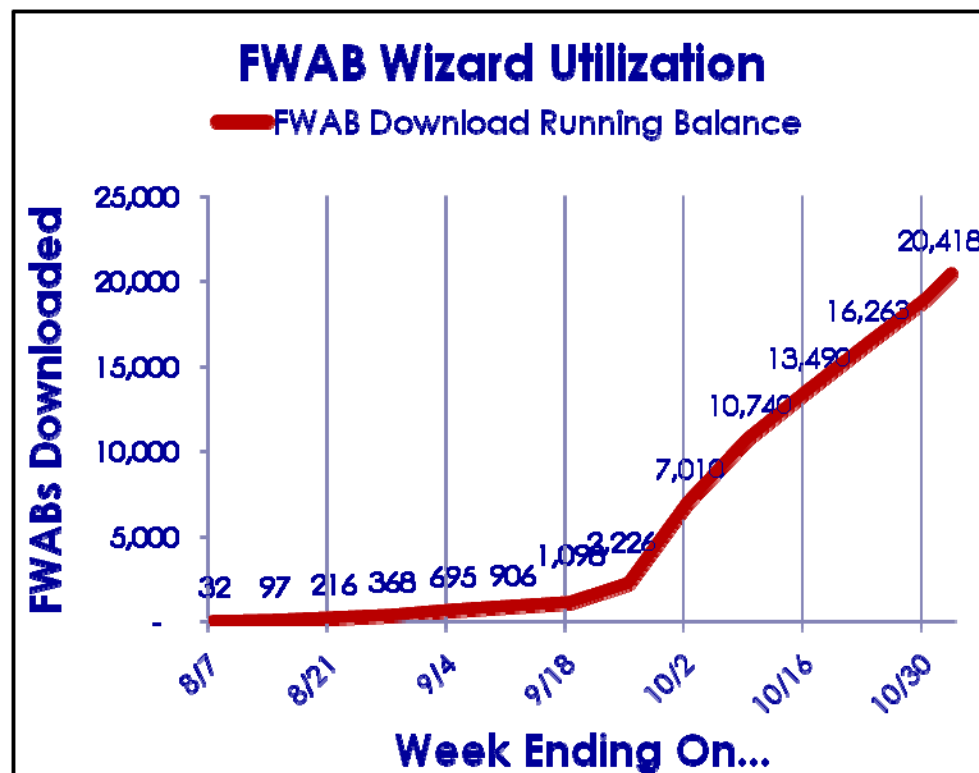
2010 FPCA and FWAB Wizard Utilization



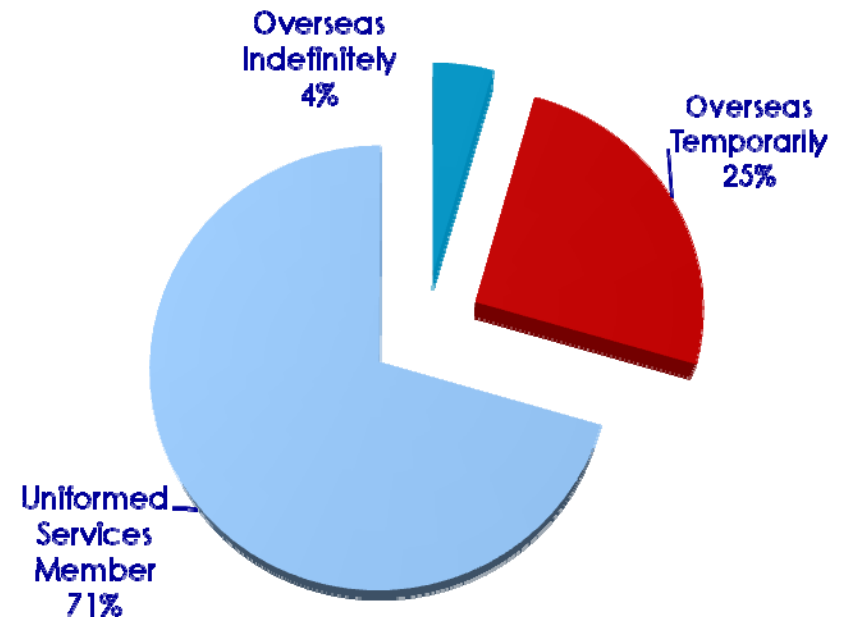
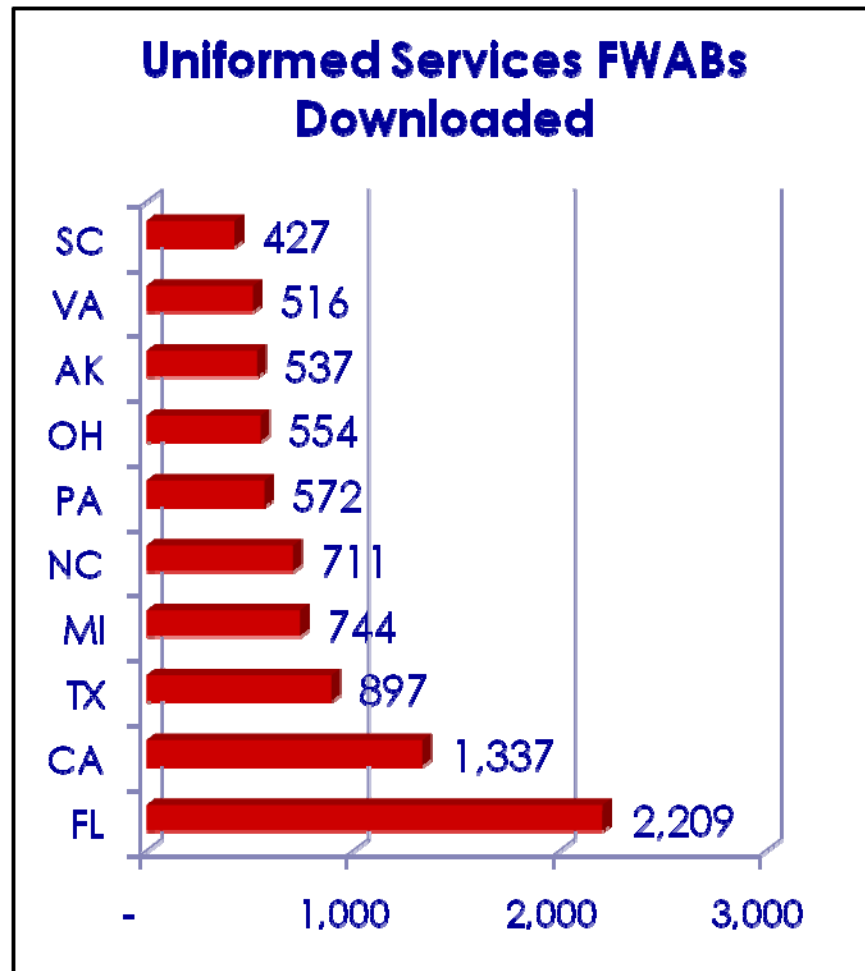
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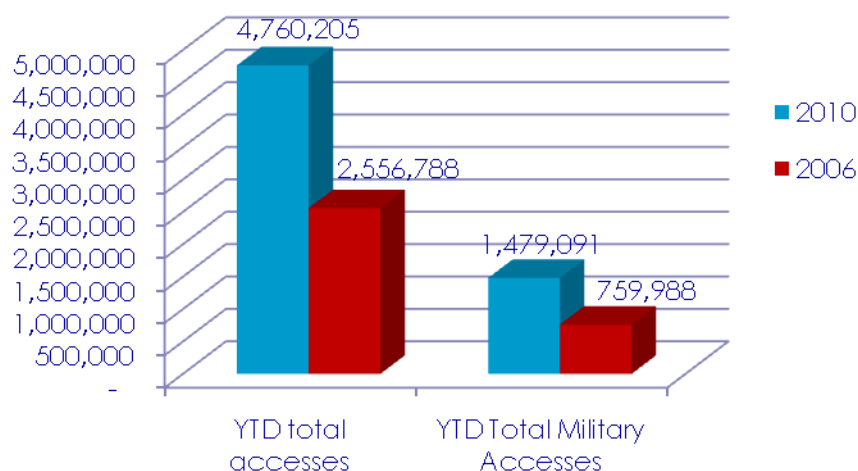


2010 FWAB Wizard Utilization



FVAP Website Utilization

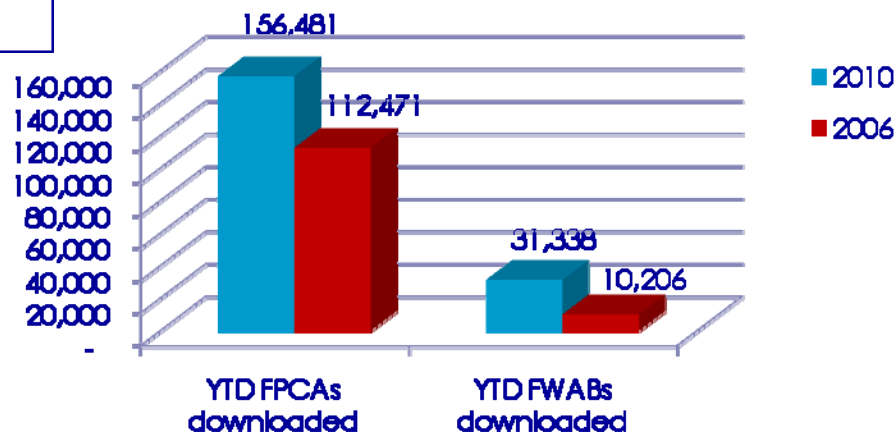
**FVAP.gov Website Use
2010 vs 2006**



- *Total Accesses: Up 86%*
- *Military Accesses: Up 95%*

- *FPCAs: Up 40%*
- *FWABs: Up 207%*

**Online Form Usage at FVAP.gov
2010 vs 2006**





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Important Dates for UOCAVA citizens

General Election: 11/02/2010

Registration: 10/08/2010

Request ballot by: 10/22/2010

Return ballot by: 11/09/2010*

*Postmarked by the day before the election

Resources:

[New York Absentee Voting Guidelines](#)

[New York State Election website](#)

Would you rather fill out the form by hand?

[Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot](#)

**Linking Voter to State systems instead of FWAB Wizard
Ensures Voter Gets Full Ballot**

Integration of State Systems

Future:

Planning a
federal
grant
structured
program
for states
and
localities

Virginia

Commonwealth of Virginia UOCAVA Overseas Voting

This site will take you through the following steps:

1. Verify your identity
2. Review ballot choices
3. Download and verify ballot form
4. Printing ballot and finish

Help Resources:
[EVAP online 24x7 chat support](#)
[EVAP Help Site and Toll-Free #s](#)
[Virginia Overseas Voting web site](#)

For technical issues with site availability only - (866) 257-2150

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common good
privacy
All people
Liberty
Speak
Conscience
without discrimination.

California Secretary of State Debra Bowen

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Check Status of Your Ballot

Under the federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA) of 2002, every voter who casts a provisional ballot is entitled to find out from his/her **county elections official** if the ballot was counted and if not, the reason why it was not counted.

Under California **Elections Code section 3017**, a voter who casts a vote-by-mail ballot can find out if the ballot arrived at his/her **county elections office**. Some county elections officials also tell voters if the vote-by-mail ballot was counted and if it wasn't, the reasons why it was not counted.

Each county elections official allows voters to check the status of his/her vote-by-mail and provisional ballot either through the county website, by telephone, or both.

To find out if your vote-by-mail ballot was received by your county elections official or if your provisional ballot was counted, please click on the appropriate link below or call the phone number listed for the county elections office. For further information about the elections services provided in your county, visit our **County Elections offices** page.

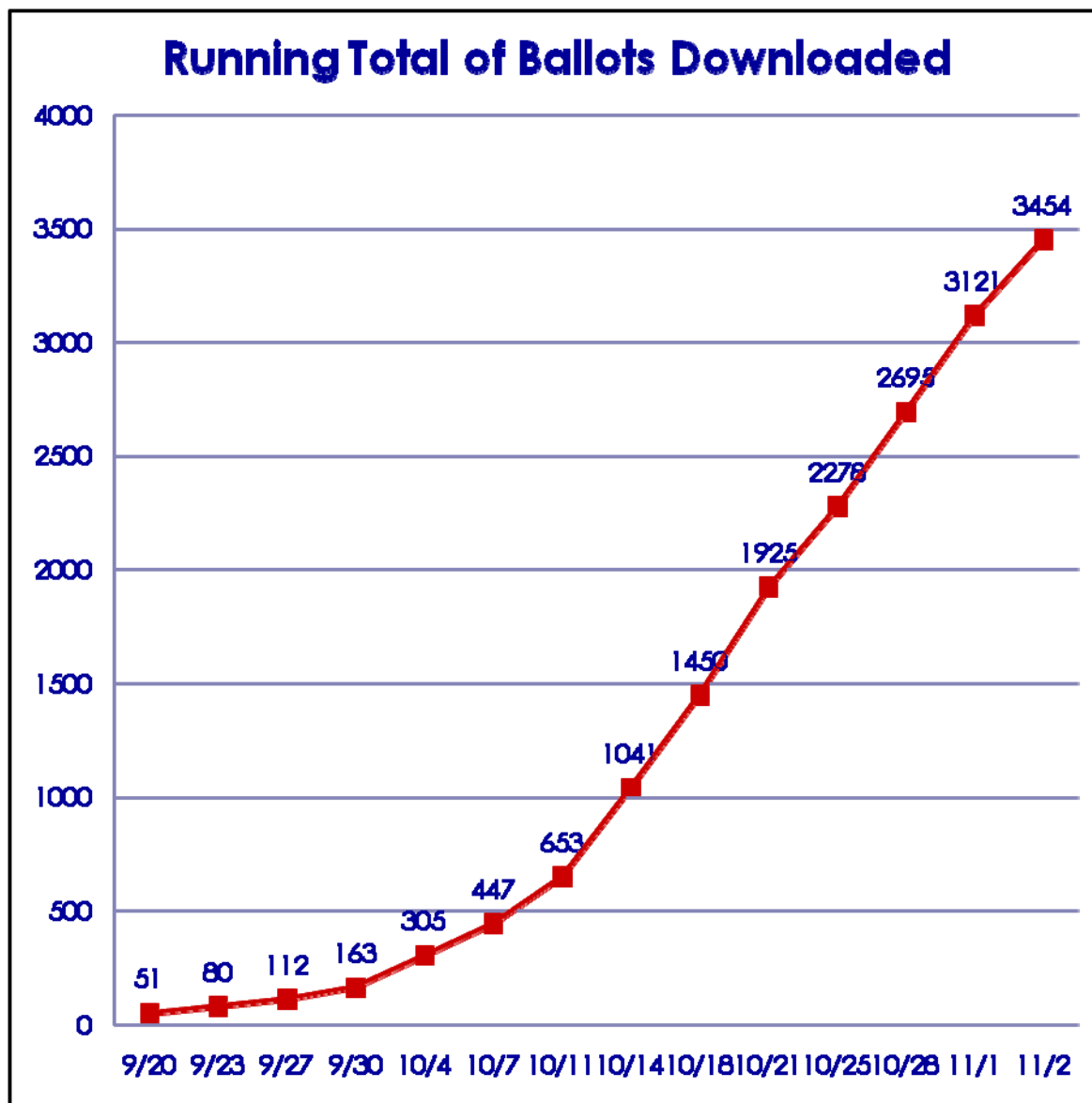
County	Check Vote-By-Mail Ballot Status	Check Provisional Ballot Status
Alameda	Alameda - Vote-By-Mail	(800) 834-6454
Alpine	(530) 694-2281	(530) 694-2281
Amador	Amador - Vote-By-Mail	(209) 223-6465
Butte	Butte - Vote-By-Mail	(800) 894-7761
Calaveras	(209) 754-6376	(209) 754-6376
Colusa	Colusa - Vote-By-Mail	(877) 458-0501
Contra Costa	Contra Costa - Vote-By-Mail	Contra Costa - Provisional Voting Free Access
Del Norte	(707) 465-0383	(707) 465-0383



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State Wizard Usage

State	Vendor	Ballots Downloaded
Colorado	Democracy Live	31
Delaware	Democracy Live	276
Idaho	Democracy Live	26
Indiana	Scytl	88
Kansas	Scytl	4
Mississippi	Scytl	146
Missouri	Scytl	142
Montana	Konnech	540
Nebraska	Scytl	19
Nevada	Konnech	100
New Mexico	Scytl	25
New York	Scytl	927
Utah	Everyone Counts	203
Virginia	Credence	706
Washington	Scytl	188
West Virginia	Democracy Live	33
Grand Total		3,454



What were the Key Problems with FVAP Systems

➤ **Launched too late in election cycle**

- Sep 1, 2006
- June 2008

➤ **One size fits all solutions**

➤ **Too hard to use**

➤ **“FVAP can never deliver”**

➤ **Can’t keep track of FVAP acronyms**

	2004 IVAS	2006 IVAS #1	2006 IVAS #2	2008 VRBD	2010 EVSW
# of States	7	8	3	8	17 (20)
# of Counties	108	470	101	480	780 (922)
# of Ballots	17	Unknown	35	124	3,454

- What is the correlation to State participation?
- Is email good enough?
- What about the non-participating State systems?
- Would MOVE Act have driven this anyway?



Communications Strategy

- **Drive voters to FVAP.gov**
 - Stress direct-to-voter focus to reduce reliance on Voting Assistance Officers
 - Use online tools, especially ballot delivery tools
 - ***Need to make voters aware of online ballot delivery instead of defaulting to FWAB***

- **Focus on critical path to voter success**
 - Ensure voters understand need for early action
 - Ensure voters understand time delays
 - Stress availability of Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot (FWAB)
 - Availability of expanded registration assistance
 - IVAOs
 - Online wizards

- **Target under performing populations**
 - Military spouses & voting age dependents
 - 18-24 year olds, military and civilian



Social Media



<https://twitter.com/FVAP>



✓ Following



Just in time for key voting week, FVAP launches online registration assistant to help ease the process - <http://tinyurl.com/23p9a8j>

5:08 PM Jun 25th via web

Texas voters - give your input on pending voting rules - <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/about/newsreleases/2010/061410.shtml>

Kudos - DC is doing something very "unique" - <http://tinyurl.com/27wrq4z>

Next week is a key week for voting absentee. Are you registered? Go to www.fvap.gov to get registered. We're here for you!



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Suggest to Friends

DoD - Supporting military and overseas citizens absentee voting. We're here for you!

Honor the past, support the future - VOTE!

If you're looking for the official source of information

Name FVAP
Location Arlington, VA
Web <http://www.fvap.gov>
Bio The Department of Defense Federal Voting Assistance Program - Supporting and facilitating military and overseas absentee voting.

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Online program helps military families vote absentee

www.jointbasemdl.af.mil
Defense Department officials launched an Internet-based program June 28 to help servicemembers and other Americans living overseas vote more easily in November's elections. The new online voting assistant at www.fvap.gov will make the registration and absentee ballot application process easier.

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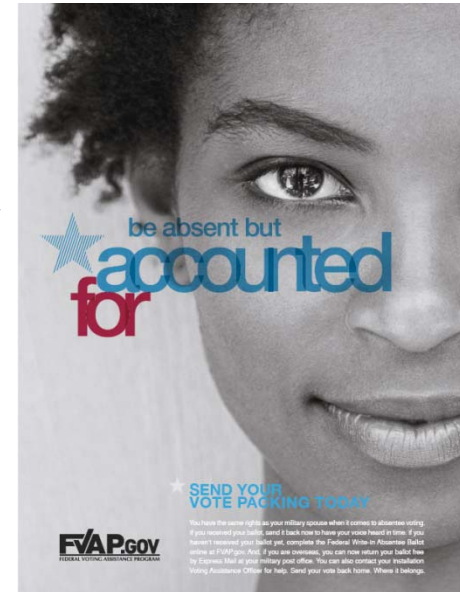
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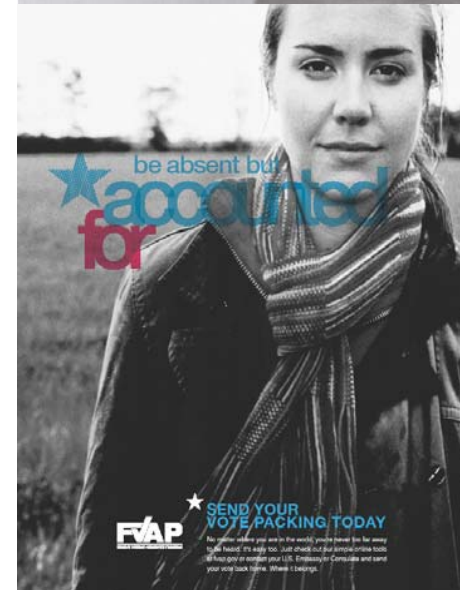


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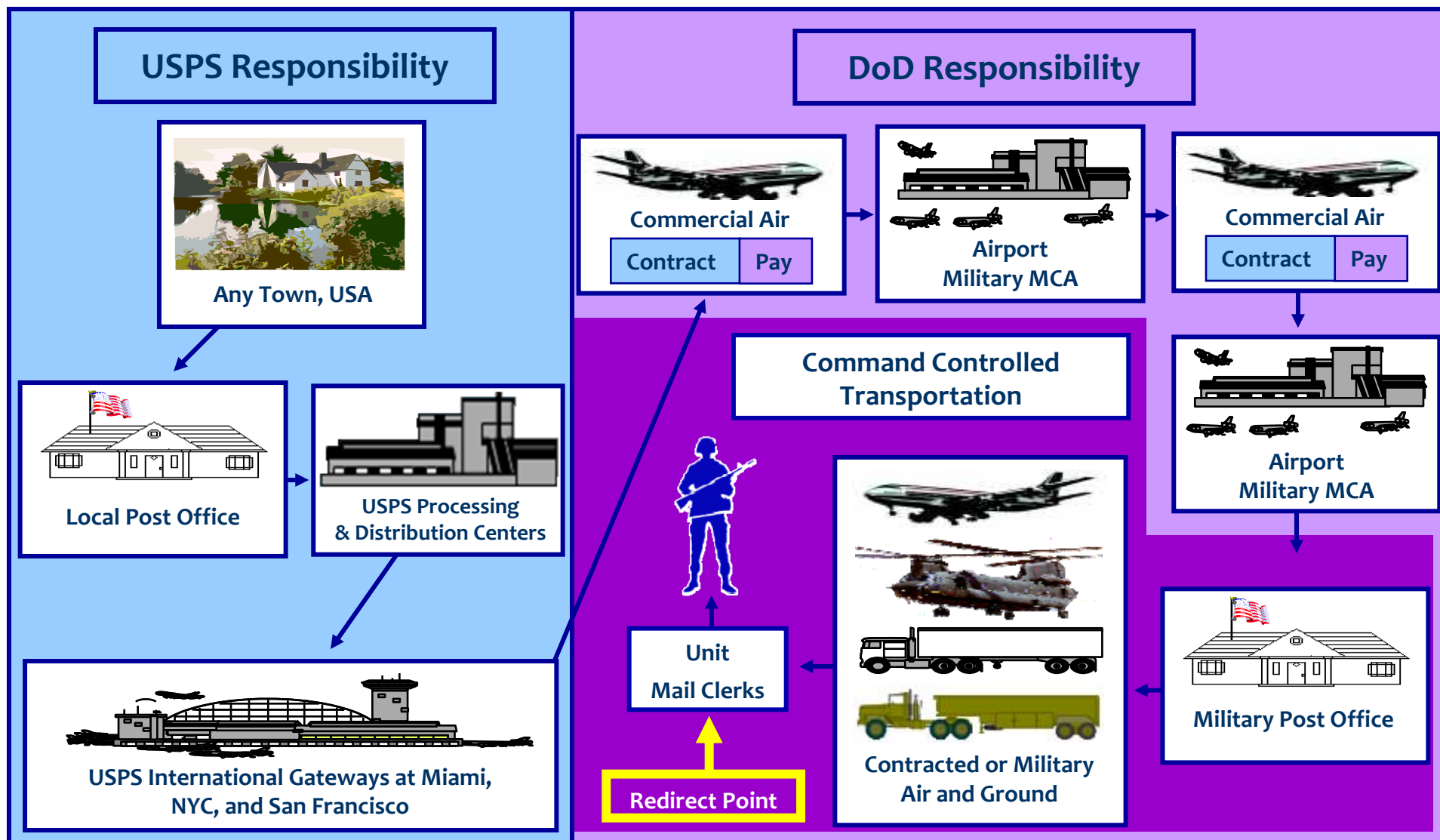
Postal Delivery Realities

- **2008 Data: Still Long One Way Delivery Times**
 - September 2008 Priority Delivery
 - USS IWO JIMA – 30.58 days
 - USS THEADORE ROOSEVELT – 28.76 days
 - USS LINCOLN – 22.77 days
 - October 2008 Priority Delivery
 - USS WASP – 28.50 days
 - USS IWO JIMA – 27.50 days
 - USMC CAMP TAQADDUM – 23.74 days
 - **And this is to MPO, not to delivery points down range**

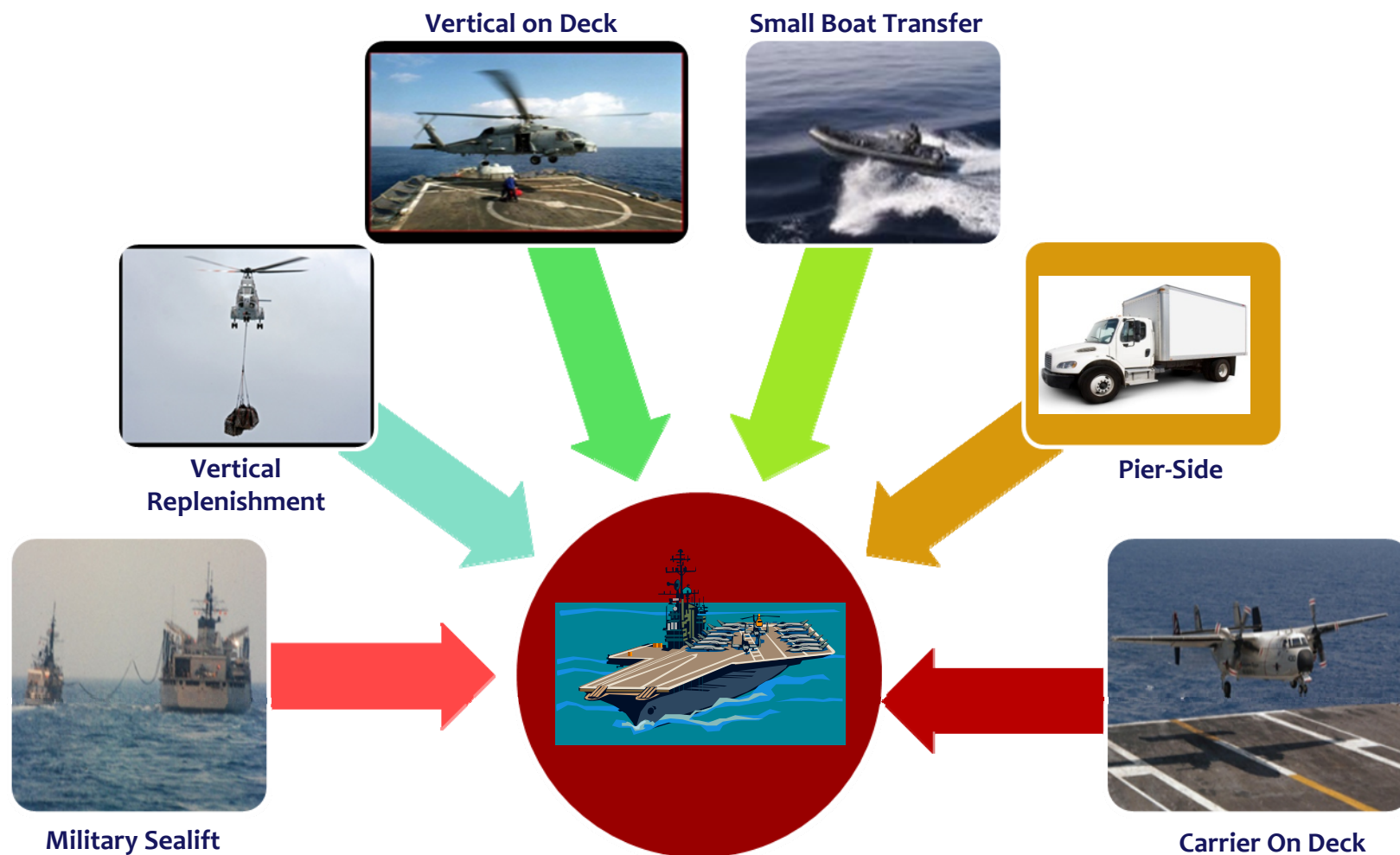
- **MPSA 2008 Ballot Delivery Recommendations Parallel Data**
 - OIF/OEF – 28 days
 - Other overseas – 21 days
 - **These are RETURN recommendations**

- **Unfair to Expect Faster Delivery**
 - The problem is the States haven't sent out the ballots early enough
 - MOVE Act hopefully will address much of this

How Ballots Move To & From Ground Forces



How Ballots Move To & From Deployed Navy Sailors



Expedited Ballot Return



- **Military Postal Service Agency lead**
 - Seven day standard
 - Clock starts at Military Post Office
- **Deliveries**
 - All free under 39 USC 3406
 - All Express Mail
- **FVAP support:**
 - \$550K FY09 and FY10 for mail barcode scanners
 - FVAP advertised in September-October ads and 30 day emails
 - Extensive voter alerts and social media marketing

Tracking Capability

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Report Type: Barcode Details Service: ALL ZIP Code: ALL State: ALL

Start Date: 02/01/2010 End Date: 08/11/2010

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Hide Parameters	ZIP	Acceptance Date/Time	Barcode	Service	Dest. ZIP	State	Weight	USPS Postage	DoD Postage
1	096459998	03/03/2010 16:21	ES 990246565 US	N	39502	MS	0 lb 1 oz	21.05	14.96
2	963069998	03/05/2010 14:32	ES 990864951 US	N	63143	MO	0 lb 1 oz	21.85	14.96
3	963069998	03/22/2010 15:17	ES 990864951 US	N	64051	MO	0 lb 1 oz	21.85	14.96
4	963389998	05/18/2010 15:41	EH 990106366 US	A	96814	HI	0 lb 14 oz	15.70	14.96
5	963709998	02/16/2010 13:19	ES 990841995 US	N	78601	TX	0 lb 1 oz	21.85	14.96
6	963709998	02/25/2010 15:22	ES 990841995 US	N	63084	MO	0 lb 1 oz	21.85	14.96
7	963709998	03/08/2010 13:35	ES 990838973 US	N	72601	AR	0 lb 3 oz	21.85	14.96
8	963709998	03/08/2010 13:40	ES 9908358987 US	N	72601	AR	0 lb 2 oz	18.30	14.96
9	963709998	03/08/2010 09:28	ES 990858995 US	N	78601	TX	0 lb 1 oz	21.85	14.96
TOTAL								186.15	134.64
USPS owes DoD									51.51

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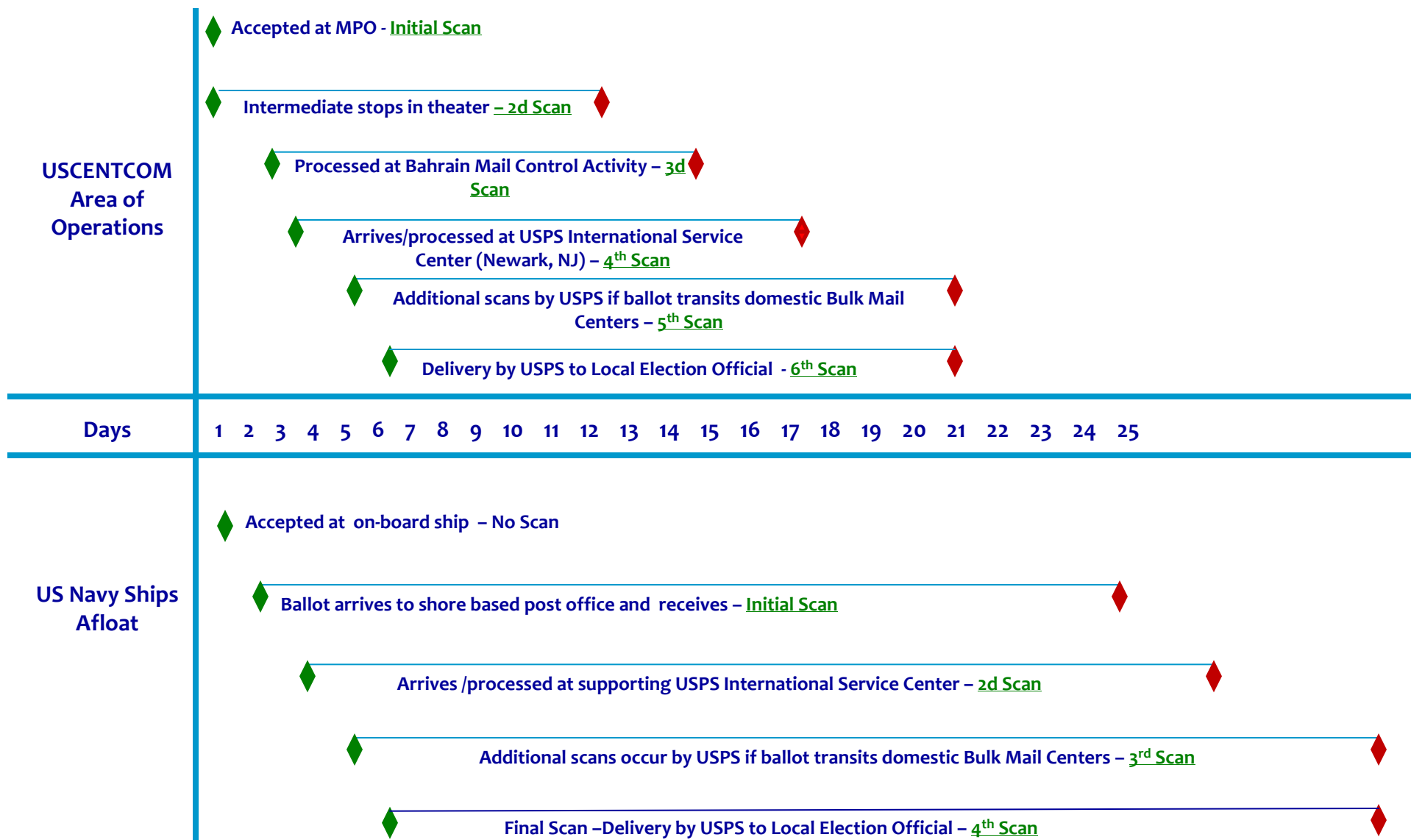


Absentee Ballot Transit Time

2010 General Election

- **Overall transit averages of ballots from overseas MPOs to election offices = 5.2 days**
- **92% of ballots delivered within 7 days IAW MOVE Act**
- **Delayed Ballots = 8%**
 - 805 @ 8 to 9 days
 - 873 @ 10 to 13 days
 - 279 @ 14 to 19 days
 - 111 @ 20 to 30 days (All originated in USCENCOM)
 - 7 @ over 30 days (All originated in USCENCOM)
 - US Navy Ships Ballots Averaged 8 Days (From shore based MPOs to election office)

Projected Ballot Timeline





Ballot Delivery Overseas

2010 General Election

Date / Event	# Received Overseas	% of Total Received
9/18 – 45 Days Prior	4,636	7%
10/2 – 30 Days Prior	47,274	71%
11/2 – Election Day	65,959	99%
11/24 – Extended Election	66,848	100%

- **29% received from U.S. at least 45 days before the election**
- **71% received from US at least 30 days before the election**
- **212 ballots received at overseas MPOs between 25 and 30 Nov**



Grants Process

General Info

- **Multiple competitive awards totaling \$16,200,000**
- State and local governments
- Full Grant **notice available from www.Grants.gov**
 - Announcement Number BAA HQ0034-FVAP-11-BAA-0001
 - Or go to Grants.gov and search under “FVAP” keyword search
- **Deadline** to submit is 5 pm (EDT) July 11, 2011

Technical Criteria

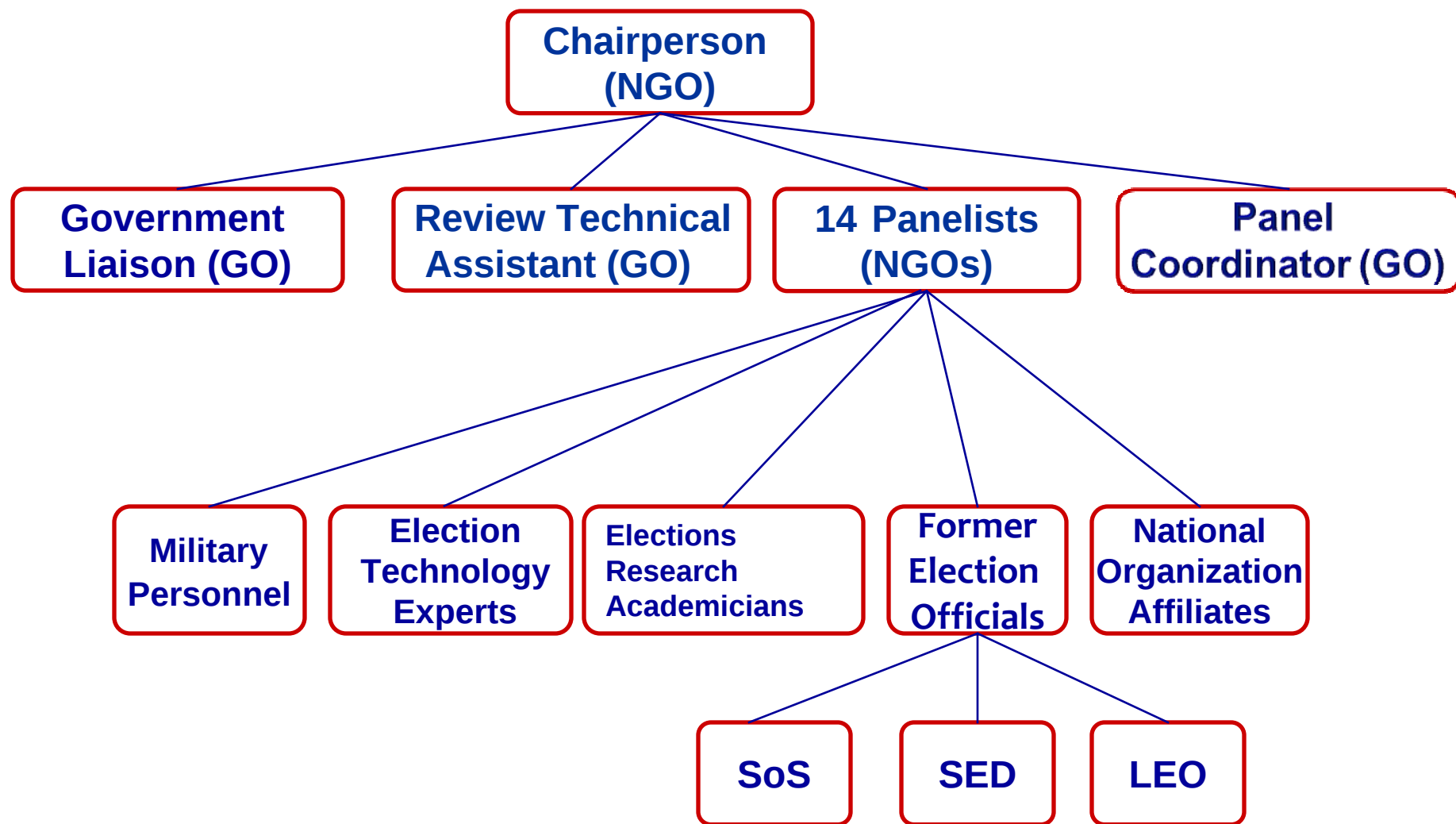
- **Significance:** Addresses key problems
- **Sustainability:** Available beyond term of grant
- **Impact:** Number of UOCAVA voters served;
- **Strategic Approach:** Well-defined hypothesis and plan to test validity of hypothesis
- **Innovation:** Discovery or implementation of new technologies
- **Scalability:** application across jurisdictions
- **Collaboration:** Involvement of other election jurisdictions/partners
- **Cost Benefit Analysis:** Anticipated Return on Investment



Possible Grants Program Areas

- Data Collection Automation
- Data Reporting Automation
- Online Registration
- Better integration of VRDB with
 - UOCAVA systems
 - Data collection and reporting
- Online Absentee Ballot Request
- Online and Expedited Blank Ballot Delivery
- Online Voted Ballot Tracking
- Website improvement
- **No electronic ballot transmission in a live election**

Grants Technical Review



FVAP Contracts

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Voting Assistance Workshops H98210-11-R-0040 R – Professional, administrative, and management support services	Other Defense Agencies Defense Human Resources Activity Procurement Support Office	Combined Synopsis/Solicitation (Modified)	Aug 08, 2011

- www.fbo.gov
- Type in “FVAP” in keyword search
- Voting Assistance Officer Workshop outsourcing
 - Looking to compress the delivery schedule
 - Professionalize instruction
 - Partial solutions?
- Voter Focus Groups
- Broad Agency Announcements

2010 Post-Election Survey

Surveys

- **Active Duty Military**
- **Military Dependents** – First time ever
- **Voting Assistance Officers**
- **Local Election Officials**

2008 Post-Election Survey Variance		
	# Ballots Sent to Military Voters	# of Ballots From Military Voters
FVAP	767,773	491,889
EAC	480,757	320,950
# Difference	287,016	170,939
% Difference	60%	53%

Key Elements & Discoveries

- **Need quality data:**
 - Weight for voter demographics
 - Weight for jurisdiction size
 - Weight for non-response
- **1/3 military voters vote in person**
- **40% military don't use federal forms for registering & requesting absentee ballots**
- **18-24 year olds have:**
 - Greatest relative disenfranchisement
 - Greatest swings in voter interest

Concentration of UOCAVA Voters

LEO Concentration

- 50% of the ballots transmitted by 90 jurisdictions
- 75% of the ballots transmitted by 315 jurisdictions
- Intra-State concentration
 - Maui County 91% of Hawaii
 - New York City 61% of New York
 - Los Angeles, San Diego, and San Francisco Counties 41% of California

State Concentration

- Florida = 12.4%
- California = 10.5%
- Texas = 9.3%
- New York = 8.5%
- Pennsylvania = 4.1%
- Ohio = 3.3%

Six States = 48% of total UOCAVA ballots

Jurisdiction Size	Average # of UOCAVA Ballots Sent	% of Total Jurisdictions	Total # of UOCAVA Ballots Sent	% of Total UOCAVA Ballots Sent
<1,000	10.8	28.47%	24,192	1.17%
1,001-4,999	20.1	30.00%	47,436	2.18%
5,000-24,999	47.4	26.17%	97,597	5.13%
>25,000	845.3	15.36%	1,021,122	91.52%

FVAP Data Needs

Causes of Voting Failure

- Voter success vs. desire
- Turn-out and follow-through rates
- Deep dive on current data
- Point in voting process where voting fails
- Comparisons between electronic and postal methods
- Comparisons between types of voters
 - Overseas vs. domestic military
 - Military members vs. dependents
 - Military vs. overseas civilians

Timely, Quality Data

- Know which jurisdictions HAVEN'T responded
- How can we improve response rates?
- How can we improve response times?
- How can we take advantage of current processes?
- How can we reduce data collection burdens?



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