

ABSENTEE VOTING FOR UNIFORMED SERVICE MEMBERS AND FAMILY MEMBERS

Can I vote absentee?

You may vote absentee in any election for Federal office if you are a U.S. citizen 18 years or older and are a U.S. citizen residing outside the United States. For more information, go to: <http://www.fvap.gov>

Do I have to be registered to vote absentee?

Registration requirements vary from state to state. Most states and territories require registration to vote absentee. Voter registration and absentee ballot request can be done at the same time by submitting the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA). If you are already registered to vote and only wish to request a ballot, you should submit a FPCA.

Can I vote in-person where I am stationed?

Military members may vote in the U.S. state or territory where stationed if they change their legal residence to that state or territory, even if they live on a military installation. Be advised that there may be legal obligations, such as taxation, if you change your state of residence. Consult a Judge Advocate General officer or legal counsel before making such a decision.

My family members are not in the military; can they also vote absentee?

Yes. Eligible spouses and dependents (U.S. citizens, 18 years or older) of military personnel may vote absentee.

How do I register to vote or request an absentee ballot?

You may register and request an absentee ballot with a single form: The Federal Post Card Application. This application form is accepted by all states and territories and is postage- paid in the U.S. mail, including the Military Postal System and State Department Pouch mail. Hard copies of the form can be obtained from your installation's Voting Assistance Officer. An online version of the FPCA is also available. The online version of the form must be mailed in an envelope with proper postage, or mailed using our prepaid return envelope. Your Voter Registration/Absentee Ballot Request form must be completed, printed, signed, dated and mailed directly to your local election official.

Determining Voting Residency

To vote in U.S. elections, citizens must have a legal voting residence address in a State or territory. The issue of voting residence can be complex, depending on individual circumstances. Even in States where laws clearly define criteria for determining voting residence, the final determination is generally up to each local election office. For voting purposes, "legal voting residence" can be the state or territory where the citizen last resided prior to entering military service OR the state or territory that the citizen has since claimed as their legal residence. Even though the citizen may no longer maintain formal ties to that residence, the address determines their proper voting jurisdiction. To claim a new legal residence, the citizen must have simultaneous physical presence and the intent to return to that location as their primary residence. Military and their family members may change their legal residence every time they change permanent duty stations, or they may retain their legal residence without change. This may mean that the family's Uniformed Service member has a different legal voting residence than his/her family members. A JAG officer or legal counsel should be consulted before the citizen changes legal residence, because there are usually other factors that should be considered besides voting.

The following questions may help determine voting residence:

- Where have you registered to vote or voted?
- What State or territory has issued you a driver's license, any other license or identification card?
- Where is your motor vehicle registered?
- Where is your home or home of record?
- What State or territory are you from?
- Where did you live before coming here?
- Where does your family live?
- Where do your parents live?
- Where do you own property?
- What State do you claim for tax residency?

The Installation Voter Assistance Office can help you fill in and mail off your voting materials if you need the assistance. For more information, you can also contact your **Unit Voting Assistance Counselor** in your squadron for assistance.

JOINT BASE ANDREWS VOTER ASSISTANCE OFFICE

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