

## What is Voting Residence

Your voting residence is within your State of legal residence or domicile. It is the true, fixed address that you consider your permanent home and where you had a physical presence. Your State of legal residence is used for State income tax purposes, and determines eligibility to vote for federal and State elections and qualification for in-state tuition rates.

State of legal residence and voting residence is sometimes mistaken for home of record. While your voting residence may be the same as your home of record at the beginning of your military career, if you change your legal residence or domicile at any point you also need to update your voting residence.

To claim a new legal residence or domicile, consult your legal counsel or military legal assistance office, as there may be other factors to consider, such as tax implications.

## Service Members

- You can only have one voting residence
- Your voting residence is the one that is listed on your LES for tax purposes
- Don't confuse voting residence with home of record
- Your state of record is not automatically changed if you relocate
- Consult legal counsel before changing state of record (taxes, benefits, etc)
- There is no voting location on the installation

## Spouse/Family Members

- Residency not determined by marriage; it is based on residency (taxes, property, driver's license, etc)
- As a military spouse you can:
  1. Retain your sponsor's or Service member's residency or domicile
  2. Keep your current, established residency or domicile
  3. Take the appropriate steps to establish a new residency or domicile

## Separating/Retiring

Service members, their eligible family members, and overseas citizens are covered by The Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA).

As you transition back to civilian life, you will no longer be covered by UOCAVA. You and your eligible family members should notify your election office of your change in voter registration status and update your information so that you can begin to vote locally. You may do this in either one or two easy steps.

If you have voted absentee or locally and are **staying** in the same voting residence after separation:

- Notify your election office of your change in status and that you will be voting locally for future elections. A sample letter is provided for your convenience.

If you voted absentee or locally and are **moving** to a new State or county after separation:

- Notify your election office of your change in status and that you will no longer be voting in that jurisdiction. A sample letter is provided for your convenience.

- Complete a National Voter Registration Form to register as a civilian.

If you will be moving abroad after separating from the military, you will remain a UOCAVA voter. You should send in a new Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) with your updated mailing address and new classification selection. The FPCA can be found at [FVAP.gov](http://FVAP.gov). Your voting residence address in the U.S. will remain the same.

Additional information about registering to vote locally can be found on your State/Territory Election website.

### INSTALLATION VOTING ASSISTANCE OFFICE

Military & Family Readiness Center  
6248 W. Pine Loop  
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Email—[USAFA.IVO.vote@us.af.mil](mailto:USAFA.IVO.vote@us.af.mil)



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FEDERAL VOTING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



## About FVAP

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.

The Director of FVAP administers the *Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA)* on behalf of the Secretary of Defense. *UOCAVA*, as amended by the *Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment (MOVE) Act*, requires States to transmit requested absentee ballots to *UOCAVA* voters no later than 45 days before a federal election. Those citizens protected by *UOCAVA* include:

- Members of the Uniformed Services (Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corps, and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Corps)
- Members of the Merchant Marines
- Eligible family members of the above
- U.S. citizens residing outside the U.S.

FVAP assists voters through partnerships with the Military Services, Department of State, Department of Justice and election officials from 50 States, U.S. territories and the District of Columbia.



## Absentee Voting Overview

FVAP encourages the use of the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) to start the absentee voting process as it is standardized for use across all States and will extend your eligibility to receive a ballot for all federal elections for at least one calendar year.

The FPCA acts as both a registration and absentee ballot request form. We encourage our military voters to submit a new FPCA every year and when they move.

## Eligible Family Members

Military spouses and eligible family members may be covered under the same law that protects military members' absentee voting rights.

This means if a military spouse or family member lives outside his/her voting jurisdiction, he/she can vote absentee in all federal elections.

Whether changing States or moving to another country, we provide resources to help you send your vote home.

## Installation Voting Information

USAF Academy provides extensive voting assistance. Assistance with any portion of the absentee voting process can be obtained by contacting your Installation Voter Assistance Office at 333-3444. Air Force voting information can be found on the websites listed, including the USAFASupport web site, or by contacting your USAFA Voting Assistance Office.



## Easy Online Process

- 1) Logon to <https://www.fvap.gov/military-voter>
- 2) Click on your state on the map
- 3) The link gives guidelines for your state
- 4) Review details, make appropriate selection for voting in the three column blocks below

## Advantages of Online Process

- Ease of use
- Will not get lost in the mail
- Instructions are easy, clear, and has fillable forms to prevent error
- Status can be checked online

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## More Contacts

If you cannot find all the information you need and the Installation Voting Assistance Office cannot help, here is additional email contact information:

AIR FORCE  
[vote.usaf@us.af.mil](mailto:vote.usaf@us.af.mil)

ARMY  
[Usarmy.knox.hrc.mbx.tagd-voting-questions@mail.mil](mailto:Usarmy.knox.hrc.mbx.tagd-voting-questions@mail.mil)

NAVY  
[vote@navy.mil](mailto:vote@navy.mil)

MARINE CORP  
[vote@usmc.mil](mailto:vote@usmc.mil)

COAST GUARD