

FVAP UPDATE

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#UOCAVASATURDAY

Saturday, September 22nd is *UOCAVA* Saturday. This means that all requested *Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA)* ballots should be mailed out in order to meet the federal 45 day requirement under *UOCAVA*.



Be sure to work with your local post office well beforehand to establish a drop off procedure and schedule, keeping in mind that some postal facilities may not be able to receive bulk mail on Saturdays.



FVAP is standing by to help answer your last minute questions leading up to *UOCAVA* Saturday, simply call us at 1-800-438-VOTE (8693) or shoot us an email at vote@fvap.gov.



If you are planning on documenting your *UOCAVA* Saturday activities on social media, make sure you tag @FVAP on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube or LinkedIn and use #UOCAVASaturday in your posts.



COMING SOON

2016 OVERSEAS CITIZEN POPULATION ANALYSIS RESULTS

In the coming weeks, FVAP will be releasing our Biennial Overseas Citizen Population Analysis from the 2016 election.

FVAP first conducted the Overseas Citizen Population Analysis (OCPA) following the 2014 election to learn more about this population and how they navigate the absentee voting process. The OCPA fulfills the *UOCAVA* annual reporting requirement for the Department of Defense to assess voter registration and participation by overseas civilians.

The OCPA combines data from these sources to provide insights on the voting behaviors of U.S. citizens abroad that are unavailable elsewhere: foreign government estimates and U.S. government records of citizens abroad; administrative records of absentee ballot requests and vote histories from the 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia; and FVAP's 2016 Overseas Citizen Population Survey (OCPS).

We look forward to sharing OCPA results with our friends in the election community in September.

FVAP & CSG UPDATES FROM NEW ORLEANS

FVAP has entered into a new cooperative agreement with the Council of State Governments (CSG). We are excited to be partnering with this organization and a group of dedicated election officials to work on improving absentee voting for our UOCAVA voters.

Some of the issues the working group will be addressing are: UOCAVA data standardization and implementation, UOCAVA technology sustainability, UOCAVA process modeling and usability, and UOCAVA interstate data exchange.

Special thanks to the following state and local election officials for joining our CSG working group: National Co-Chairs, Secretary Kim Wyman (WA), Secretary Jim Condos (VT). Working group members include: Gary Poser (MI), Keith Ingram (TX), Lance Gough (IL), Michael Vu (CA), Lori Augino (WA), Robert Giles (NJ), Marci Andino (SC), Thomas Connolly (NY), Paul Lux (FL), Amber McReynolds (CO), Stan Stanart (TX), Neal Kelley (CA), Justus Wendland (NV), Lynn Bailey (GA), Veronica Degraffenreid (NC), Lauri Ealom, Aaron Nevarez (CA), Noah Praetz (IL), Hilary Rudy (CO), David Stafford (FL), Linda von Nessi (NJ), Sandi Wesolowski (WI), Meagan Wolfe (WI), Ed Packard (AL), and Jared Dearing (KY).

FOREIGN IP ADDRESSES

Many of our UOCAVA voters are located around the world, and that means they may be accessing election information from foreign Internet Protocol (IP) addresses. During the NASED 2018 summer conference, Director Beirne discussed the importance of blacklisting public information webpages from known bad actors and whitelisting for database entries. This dual approach is important for UOCAVA voters who may access websites from foreign IPs that are less-than-hospitable environments. FVAP.gov remains accessible to its overseas citizens and can help election officials understand these nuances and support voters. Please let us know how we can help, email Meghan Kelly: Meghan.kelly@fvap.gov.

SVAO SPOTLIGHT

MS. RACHEL GILMAN

You may hear FVAP talk a lot about the Service Voting Action Officers (SVAO) that we work closely with, but we wanted to really introduce you to them so that you can see how they might be able to help your office. Each branch of Service has their own SVAO; they work very closely with FVAP and their branch leadership to coordinate and implement a voting action plan for each Service. Their hard work is an important part of what keeps voting programs strong and successful at military installations worldwide.

This month we wanted to introduce you to Ms. Rachel R. Gilman. Ms. Gilman is the SVAO for the United States Army Voting Assistance Program. She has served in this position for 8 years and is located at Ft. Knox Kentucky within US Army Human Resources Command.



Rachel enjoys all aspects of the Army Voting Program. She enjoys the outreach and the connection that she has with the Installation and Unit Voting Assistance Officers. She is creative in creating easy, sharable content for the program. Everywhere Rachel goes she discusses voting to encourage the visibility of the program for the Army and stress the importance of voting education and awareness.