#BeReady16: working together for our military and overseas voters
Federal Voting Assistance Program

National Association of Election Directors (NASED)
15 July 2016
Working together is success

Henry Ford
Working Together – Technology Working Group

- Ballot Duplication
- Data Standardization
- Use of the DoD Common Access Card for Registration
- Military Ballot Tracking Project
Working Together – EAVS Section B Working Group

- Clarify Language & Instructions for 2016
- Develop Roadmap for the future
- Understand the role of Data Standardization
- Look to transactional election data for voter success metrics
#BeReady16: customer service
Working Together – Policy Working Group

Voter Communication

» Use plain language.
» Make effective use of election websites and social media.
» Create more user-friendly electronic ballot return envelopes.
» Communicate to voters when the ballot application is accepted.
» Provide information to voters about what is on the ballot.

Federal Post Card Application

» Treat the FPCA as a permanent request for voter registration.
» Establish a default validity period for the FPCA mail ballot request.

Online Voter Registration

» States that provide online voter registration should incorporate online registration for overseas and military voters.

Improved Engagement with U.S. Military Community

» Establish partnerships between state and local election officials and local military installations.
FVAP is here for you.....

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#BeReady16: election mail
UPDATE ME
Federal Voting Assistance Program
Update Me
8 February 2016
EAC and FVAP along with our partners have made the challenges of mail a huge priority

Recommended Mailing Dates for voters have been published

USPS/MPSA upgraded the Global Business Systems in 2015 that will improve service of absentee ballots mailed with the Label 11-DoD
USPS and Military Addresses

**Military Mail Addressing:**
In conjunction with the Navy and the Military Postal Service Agency, the Postal Service will revise the APO and FPO address format to more closely align with Postal and other military addressing standards – using the “UNIT,” “CMR,” or “PSC” designation and number, plus the box number as part of the addressing component.

The use of the ship’s name to reach its destination will no longer be permitted.

These addressing standards are **effective June 1, 2015**, with a full compliance date required by **October 2015**.
### USPS and Military Addresses

Examples of a UNIT and PSC designation:

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<th>SEAMAN JOHN DOE</th>
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<tr>
<td>UNIT 100100 BOX 4120</td>
<td>PSC 5698 BOX 2002</td>
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<tr>
<td>FPO AP 96691</td>
<td>APO AE 09400</td>
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Special Procedures: APO/FPO/DPO Absentee Ballots

September 1, 2016 – November 30, 2016

The United States Postal Service® and the Military Postal Service have again joined forces to expedite delivery of absentee ballots to overseas military personnel. We recognize the important role mail plays in the election process and are committed to ensuring that everyone who votes by mail experiences a smooth, well-organized process — one that provides them with the highest level of trust and confidence. The following Special Procedures for APO/FPO/DPO Absentee Ballots are provided for Election Officials and Postal employees.

Here is a summary of the program:

- Election officials should mail absentee ballots at least 45 days prior to the November 8, 2016, General Election. All military absentee ballots mailed by election officials from September 1 through November 8, 2016, will be subject to special handling procedures.
- Local election offices are requested to segregate military absentee ballots to the Chicago International Military Service Center (ISC) gateway and the Miami International Service Center.
- Trays or containers of absentee ballot mail may be identified using Tag 191, Domestic and International Ballots, and presented to the Post Office™.
- Contact your local Post Office for more information on standard procedures for election offices.
- APO/FPO/DPO absentee ballots will be sent from local Post Office locations to the nearest Processing & Distribution Center for further processing.
- At the International Service Centers, absentee ballots receive special handling.

ELECTION OFFICIALS: Separate military absentee ballots by preparing bundles for the two ISC military gateways: Chicago and Miami.

Directions for marking the bundles:

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<tr>
<th>ISC Name</th>
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<td>AE</td>
<td>090-099</td>
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<td>902-966</td>
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<td>Miami</td>
<td>AA</td>
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If fewer than five (5) places will be in a separate bundle, a mixed bundle may be prepared. This bundle must have the facing slip marked, “APO/FPO/DPO MIXED — Absentee Ballots.”
Emphasis on Updating Address using the MilConnect System
Having a Problem With Election Mail….. Guess What??

REPORT A PROBLEM WITH ELECTION MAIL

Report a Problem with Election Mail

Use this form to report issues with official Election Mail processed by the United States Postal Service. This form may be used to report past or current issues.

* Required

Name *
Your contact information allows us to follow up if necessary, but will not be posted publicly.

Your answer
Outreach/Messaging
Using a proven method in a new way......
Things you should know from FVAP

- Another FPCA awareness push during Armed Forces/Overseas Citizens Voting Week

- We are emphasizing EARLY action to our voters, address changes, SIGN SIGN SIGN

- Be diligent when sending materials electronically
  - Attachments (blank ballots) and hyperlinks

- Any problems, issues, challenges…. WE ARE HERE TO HELP!
After the 2016 Election

- Military Recruiting Offices and NVRA compliance
- Surveys
  - Active Duty Military
  - State Election Official Customer Satisfaction
- Awareness of new address standards
Questions?

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