# broadening our thinking: doing what's best for our UOCAVA voters Federal Voting Assistance Program

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# Working Together for You and Your Voters....



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# Challenges

- Mobility
- Complexity
- Disconnected from Voting Community
- Communication



# FVAP's focus

# CUSTOMER SERVICE

IS NOT A DEPARTMENT.

ATTITUDE.

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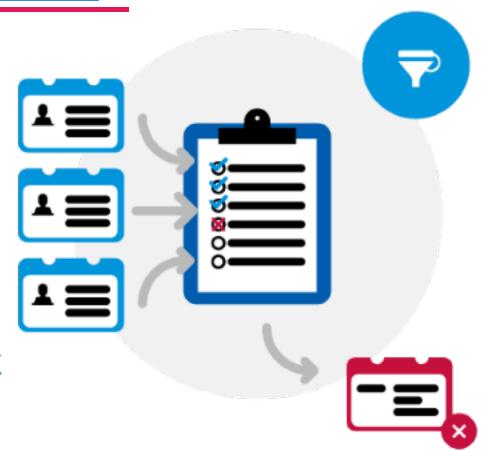
#### **DoD Postal Updates-Working Together**

- Postal Mail a huge priority for FVAP and EAC
- Use Postage Paid Indicia for both
   Military and Overseas Citizen ballots
- Military Ballot Tracking Pilot CSG
- UOCAVA address
  - Standards
  - Maintenance for local election officials
  - **Bundling**



# **EAVS Section B Standard for UOCAVA Voters**

- Create a data standard that covers the necessary anonymized, voter-level transactional data for analysis
- Improve data quality of the existing jurisdiction data through a pipeline and feedback loop.



# **EAVS Section B Standard for UOCAVA Voters**

- Reached out to 29 States/jurisdictions with questionnaire
  - Received 6 completed (continuing outreach)
    - NC supplied data in the new standard
- Working on development of a central data receiver
  - Deployment in the next few weeks
  - Feature development will be ongoing

# **EAVS Section B Standard for UOCAVA Voters**

- Goal is 90% of UOCAVA population covered by 2017
- Work with EAC to reduce EAVS Section B burden on election officials
- Integrate research for reducing overall EAVS burden
- Analyze data to help develop better understanding of voter success



# #BeReady16 legislative trends topics to think about

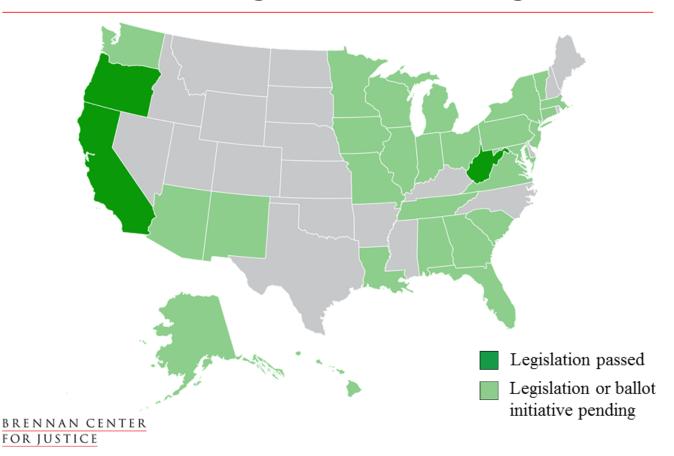




## **Automatic Registration**

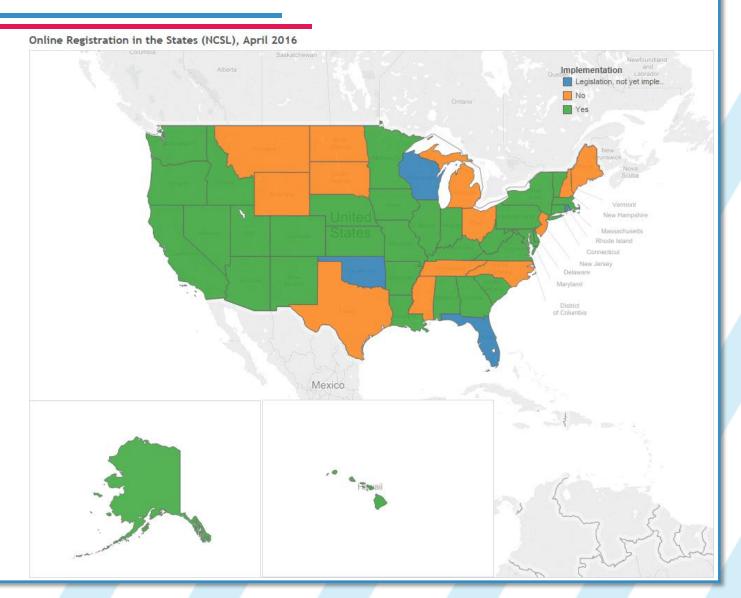
- OR, CA, & WV adopted
- Potential impact on UOCAVA?
  - Unknowing registration
  - Impact on registration status in another state
    - Tax implications?
  - Receiving ballot?

#### **States Considering Automatic Voter Registration**



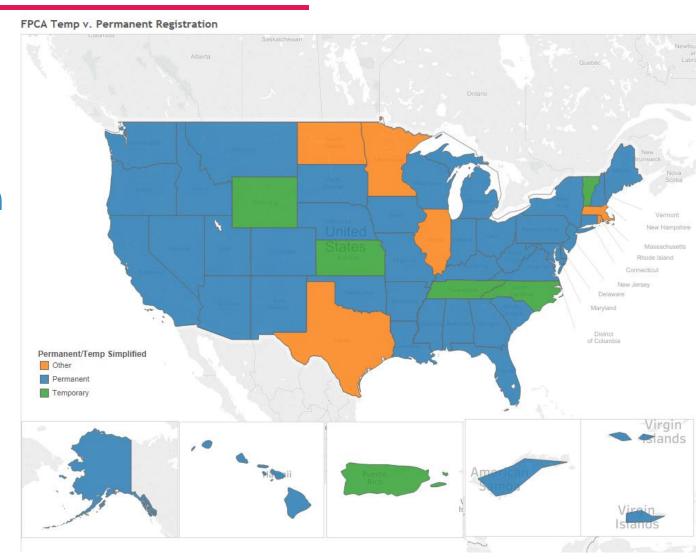
# **Online Registration**

- 32 States and D.C. offer online registration
- Classification for UOCAVA?
  - CSG Recommendation



# **Permanent Registration**

- Encourage Permanent Registration
  - CSG Recommendation
  - PCEA Recommendation
- Provides voter certainty
  - Reduces confusion
- Majority of states have perm registration



## "Never Resided"

- 37 States have a provision that allows certain "never resided" voters to vote based on their parents' last residence in the U.S.
- FVAP is looking into this topic and will share additional research and any recommendations.





# #BeReady16 outreach and education





Voting assistance for Service members, their families and overseas citizens

Q Looking for Something?

Search

Home

**Military Voter** 

**Overseas Citizen Voter** 

**Voting Assistance Officer** 

**Election Official** 

General Information

#### **Voters Start Here**

Military and Overseas Citizens start the voting process

Select a State



- \* Voting Assistance Officers
- **☑** Election Officials











Mississippi - CD 1 Special

Election Runoff



Illinois - CD 18 Special Primary



Illinois - CD 18 Special General

View All Upcoming Election Dates



- Download your FPCA Today
- Downloadable Election Materials
- Locate Your Election Official
- About the Absentee Voting Process
- Voting Assistance Guide (VAG)
- Locate a Voting Office Near You





Voting Absentee is easy using FVAP's online assistants. Be absent



#### **Latest FVAP News**

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Deadlines for the Mississippi Special General Election

March 05

Deadlines for the New York Special General Election

February 26

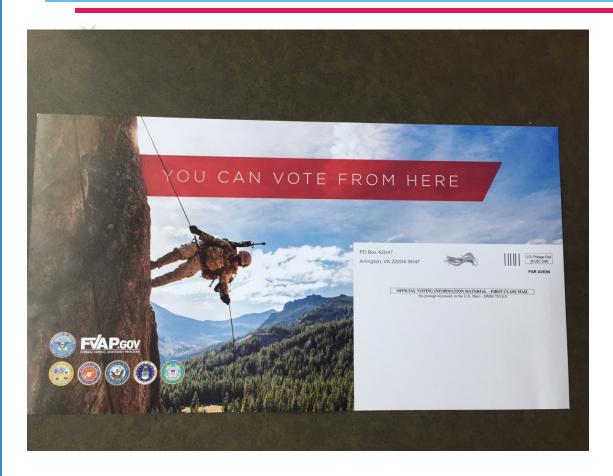
Navy.mil Article - Democracy is a Year-Round Business

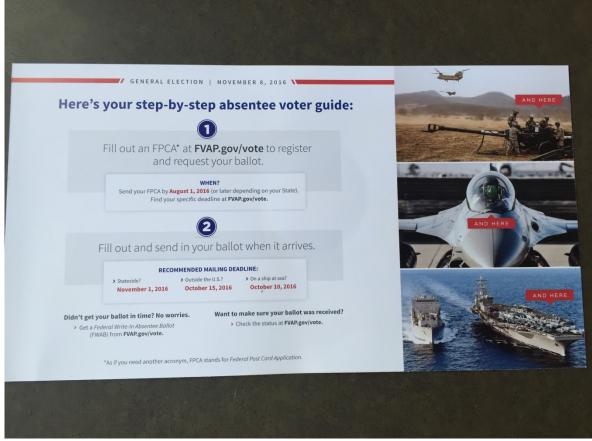
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### Using a proven method in a new way......





# Things you should know from FVAP

- UOCAVA Saturday
- Current messaging is about registration
  - Shift to use of back up ballot
- Be diligent when sending materials electronically
  - Attachments (blank ballots) and hyperlinks
- Any problems, issues, challenges related to military and overseas voting..... WE ARE HERE TO HELP!



# **Questions?**

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