



Military and Overseas Voters

Thank you for taking part in elections while you are in the military or other uniformed service, or a civilian living outside the United States.

The information and resources on this page are intended to make participating in elections as easy and rewarding for you as possible. Here, you will learn the basic steps to become a "special absentee voter" so you are eligible to vote while living or serving overseas and discover how state and federal laws work to protect your precious right to vote.

As a military and overseas voter, there are several different ways you can request and receive your ballot, then return your ballot once you are registered to vote.

Register to Vote. Even if you were registered to vote when you lived in California, in order to receive your elections materials and vote while living overseas, you need to apply for a Special Absentee Ballot by faxing or mailing the [Federal Post Card Application \(FPCA\)](#) that is accepted by all states and U.S. territories. The FPCA is postage-paid in the U.S. mail, including the Military Postal System and State Department Pouch mail. Members of the military can also obtain an FPCA from their installation's Voting Assistance Officer. Civilian overseas voters can obtain an FPCA at any U.S. embassy or consulate. An online version of the FPCA, as well as mailing information and answers to frequently asked questions, is available at [Federal Voting Assistance Program](#).

Request and Receive Your Ballot. When you register as a Special Absentee Voter, you can choose to get your ballot mailed to you, faxed to you or emailed to you. You may even be able to download it from the county's website. Check the list below for the options in your county.

Return Your Voted Ballot. You can either mail or fax your ballot back to your county elections official. If you decide to fax your voted ballot, you must also fax an "Oath of Voter" form with it to waive your right to a confidential vote. Please use the oath form your county provides to you. Many counties also accept the federal oath form: [Federal Voting Assistance Program \(FVAP\) Alternative Form](#). Please check with your county before using the federal oath form. Under California law, while you may receive a blank ballot by email, you may not return a voted ballot by email. All voted ballots must be received by the county elections official before the polls close in California at 8:00 p.m. on November 6, 2012, in order to be counted.

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