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It May Not Be Too Late to Register or Request a Ballot

In many states there may still be time for action. The citizen should contact the VAO to determine, using the *Voting Assistance Guide (VAG)* and the FVAP website www.fvap.gov, if registration is still open and what methods the state allows for expediting the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) and ballot delivery and return. Deadlines for each state are listed at <http://www.fvap.gov/pubs/primarycal.html>.

Citizens who submitted an FPCA since January 1, 2004, and do not receive their state absentee ballot, should be able to submit the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB). Please see your state page in the *Voting Assistance Guide (VAG)*, located at <http://www.fvap.gov/pubs/vag/vagchapter3.html>. The citizen should obtain a FWAB, available at <http://www.fvap.gov/pubs/onlinefwab.html>, vote it, fax it (if allowed by the state) and mail it immediately. Please refer to *Voting News Release #19* <http://www.fvap.gov/pubs/releases/2006/19-2006.html> for further details.

The Integrated Voting Alternative Site (IVAS) allows citizens to see what electronic alternatives are permitted for the return of their voted ballot in their state of residence. The site is available through the FVAP website at http://www.fvap.gov/ivas/fvap_state_menu.html.

For assistance, you may contact an FVAP staff member through the DoD Voting Information Center (VIC). The VIC also provides names, political party affiliation, and recorded messages from candidates, as well as other information concerning elections, 24 hours a day. Citizens may reach the VIC toll-free using the toll-free numbers listed on the FVAP website, <http://www.fvap.gov/services/tollfree.html>. In the U.S. or Canada call 1-800-438-VOTE (8683) or local (703) 588-1343 or use DSN (military) 425-1343.

Questions regarding the above may also be referred to the Director, Federal Voting Assistance Program, Department of Defense, 1155 Defense Pentagon, Washington DC 20301-1155. Additionally, the FVAP can be reached via e-mail at vote@fvap.ncr.gov and on the World Wide Web at <http://www.fvap.gov/>.