

THE FORT MEADE VOTING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

August is Voter Registration Month

Your Independence... Your Freedom... Your Vote!

The Fort Meade Voting Assistance Program is dedicated to providing a broad range of non-partisan information and assistance to all eligible voters to facilitate their constitutional right to participate in the democratic voting process.

The Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) administers the federal responsibilities of the Presidential designee (Secretary of Defense), under the [Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act \(UOCAVA\)](#) of 1986. The *Act* covers more than six million potential voters. The FVAP has three distinct goals. These are to:

1. Inform and educate U.S. citizens worldwide of their right to vote;
2. Foster voting participation; and
3. Protect the integrity of, and simultaneously enhance, the electoral process at the Federal, State and local levels.

The *UOCAVA* requires that the states and territories allow certain U.S. citizens, as defined below, to register and **vote absentee** in elections for Federal office through the mail. These groups include:

1. Members of the Uniformed Services (including Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard)
2. Merchant Marine
3. Eligible family members of the above
4. Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service, and Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
5. U.S. citizens employed by the Federal Government residing outside the U.S., and
6. All other private U.S. citizens residing outside the U.S.

Your Fort Meade Voting Assistance team members are eager to assist you and your family in all voting endeavors. Remember, voting is a privilege and a right... **Your Voice, Your Choice! VOTE!**