



**2012 GENERAL ELECTION ABSENTEE BALLOT MAILING DEADLINES**  
*MPSA Announces Recommended Mailing Dates*

For US citizens currently living or serving in the following countries, you must consider mail transit time when submitting your ballot. FVAP and the Military Postal Service Agency recommend you mail back your ballot no later than:

- **22 days before the election:** Iraq
- **17 days before the election:** Afghanistan (excluding Airstop locations), Egypt, Kyrgyzstan, Oman, Turkmenistan
- **11 days before the election:** Germany
- **10 days before the election:** Afghanistan Airstop locations, Bahrain, Cuba, Kuwait, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates
- **7 days before the election:** Japan, Korea, Philippines
- **For a full list by APO/FPO/DPO, [visit FVAP.gov](http://www.fvap.gov).**

Service members overseas may Express mail their absentee ballots FREE of charge from any APO/FPO/DPO or American embassy and consulate – just ask them to use the Express Mail Label 11-DoD. This label allows the voter to track their ballots at [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com). Find out more about this new label at [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov).

**The Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)**

The FWAB is a backup ballot. If 30 days before the election you think you will not receive your State ballot in time to vote and return it, vote the FWAB! Go to [FVAP.gov](http://www.fvap.gov) and get started! This ballot is accepted by all States from any overseas or military voter who has registered and requested a ballot for 2012. If you receive your State ballot after submitting the FWAB, vote and return it as well. If both ballots are received by the deadline, only the State ballot will be counted.

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*If you'd like more information on the Federal Voting Assistance Program or need help with the absentee voting process please go to the [www.FVAP.gov](http://www.FVAP.gov) web portal or call the FVAP at 703-588-1584 (toll free 1-800-438-VOTE). Email the program at [vote@fvap.gov](mailto:vote@fvap.gov). And don't forget to "like" us Facebook at [www.facebook.com/DoDFVAP](http://www.facebook.com/DoDFVAP) and follow [@FVAP](https://twitter.com/FVAP) on Twitter for election updates throughout 2012.*