

Warden Message – U.S. Embassy, Quito, Ecuador

Military and Overseas Voters, Submit your Ballot Request for the General Election and Georgia Special Election

August 9, 2010

The U.S. Embassy in Quito wishes to remind American citizens that **all states, three territories and the District of Columbia will hold general elections on November 2, 2010**. Puerto Rico will not be holding an election this cycle.

Register and Request Your Ballot Now

All members of the U.S. Uniformed Services, their family members and citizens residing outside the U.S. who have not registered or requested an absentee ballot this year, should do so as soon as possible. To register or request an absentee ballot use the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA).

Go to www.fvap.gov and get started. Follow the prompts to register and request an absentee ballot for the November 2, 2010 election. Some States allow submitting the FPCA by email or fax in addition to regular mail. The instructions will tell you how to fax or email the form. FVAP recommends you use these options. If you don't have access to the internet to fill out the FPCA online, get a copy from your nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate.

Georgia Military and Overseas Voters, Submit Your Ballot for the August 10, 2010 General Primary Runoff

On Tuesday, August 10, 2010 Georgia will hold general primary runoff elections for various federal, state, and local offices. In order to see what offices may be included in the runoff for your voting jurisdiction, you may access a sample ballot through the Georgia Secretary of State website at: www.sos.georgia.gov/MVP.

The registration deadline has already passed, so if you are not already registered, it is too late to participate in this election. If you are already registered and have not yet requested an absentee ballot (or are unsure if you have requested one, or if your delivery address has changed since you last requested one), **the ballot request deadline is tomorrow, August 6, 2010**. Note that the date does not take into account mail delivery times required to receive and return your ballot by Election Day. Because of that, it is very unlikely that there is time for you to submit the FPCA, receive the ballot from election official, and then return your voted ballot back to the election official.

But you can submit the FPCA, and then immediately follow that up with a FWAB to serve as your ballot.

You may fax or email your request for an absentee ballot. It is recommended that you fax or email the form directly to your local election official (fax numbers can be found on the Georgia Elections Division website at <http://www.sos.ga.gov/Elections/>).

But Georgia does not allow faxing or emailing of the blank ballot to you or the voted ballot back from you. Therefore, FVAP highly recommends you use the FWAB as your ballot. As stated above, you can send in the FPCA to serve as your absentee ballot request, and then immediately complete and send in a FWAB to vote in this election.

FVAP Launches Call Center and Chat Option for Real-time Availability

The Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) opened its 24 hour a day, 7 day a week call center on July 15. The call center makes voting information accessible to voters living in other time zones and ensures that all issues are addressed.

Voters can call 1-800-438-VOTE, email vote@fvap.gov or choose the online chat option at www.fvap.gov to accommodate an easy flow of absentee voting assistance and information. FVAP enhanced its existing service by teaming with the Navy's Global Distance 24 hour Support Center to respond immediately to emails, calls, faxes and online chat from military members, their families and overseas voters worldwide. Toll-free numbers from 67 countries to reach the call center are available on the FVAP.gov website.

As always, FVAP subject matter experts are available during regular business hours to handle issues of greater complexity.

FVAP Wants Your Feedback

If this document was helpful to you or if you ran into problems or have questions, please contact FVAP at 1-800-438-8683, DSN (312)425-1584, or at vote@fvap.gov. Toll-free numbers from 67 countries are listed at: www.fvap.gov/contact/tollfreephone.html. With your feedback, we can make this even more helpful for the next election.

Additional information

For more information, visit FVAP at: www.fvap.gov.

Americans living or traveling in Ecuador are encouraged to register with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate through the State Department's travel registration website <https://travelregistration.state.gov>, and to obtain updated information on travel and security within Ecuador.

U.S. citizens should consult the [Country Specific Information](#) for Ecuador and the latest Travel Alerts and Warnings and Worldwide Caution at the Department's web site at <http://travel.state.gov>. Updated information on travel and security in Ecuador may also be obtained from the Department of State by calling 1-888-407-4747 within the United States or by calling 1-202-501-4444 outside the United States.

The U.S. Embassy in Quito is located at Avigiras E12-170 y Eloy Alfaro. The hours and telephone number for American Citizen Service enquiries is (011) 593-2-398-5000. Within the same city use the last seven digits. Add the city code for intercity telephone calls. Public call-in hours are Monday through Thursday 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. and Friday 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

The U.S. Consulate General in Guayaquil is located at the corner of Avenida 9 de Octubre and Garcia Moreno (near the Hotel Oro Verde); telephone (011-593-4) 232-3570 during business hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) or 232-1152 for after-hours emergencies; fax (011-593-4) 232-0904. See the Consulate General web site at <http://guayaquil.usconsulate.gov/>.