

**#BeReady16:
working together for our
military and overseas voters
Federal Voting Assistance Program**

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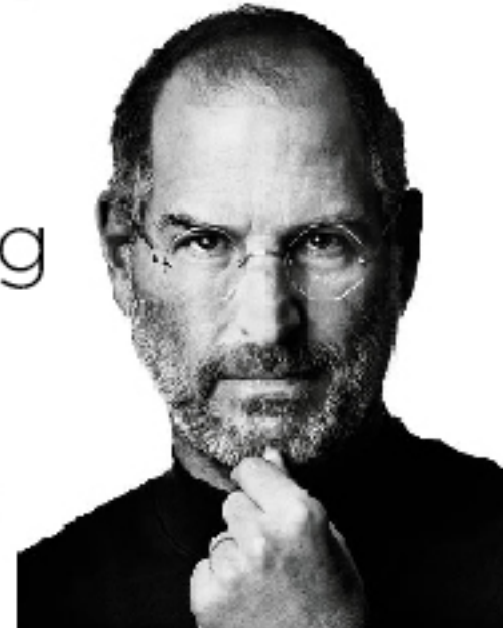
FVAP's renewed focus



- The electronic voting demonstration project was repealed.

“Deciding what not to do is as important as deciding what to do.”

- Steve Jobs



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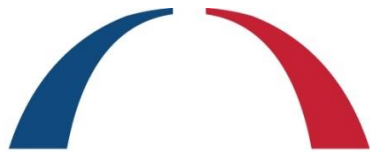
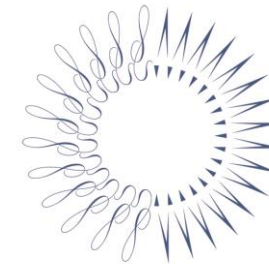
FVAP facing challenges in a new way

- Look to the Data
- Cooperative Solutions:
 - Council of State Governments
 - EAC/FVAP/MPSA/USPS Mail Emphasis
- New Outreach Efforts



Working
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is success
Henry Ford

Working Together for You and Your Voters....



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Working Together – Policy Working Group



Voter Communication

- » Use plain language.
- » Make effective use of election websites and social media.
- » Create more user-friendly electronic ballot return envelopes.
- » Communicate to voters when the ballot application is accepted.
- » Provide information to voters about what is on the ballot.

Federal Post Card Application

- » Treat the FPCA as a permanent request for voter registration.
- » Establish a default validity period for the FPCA mail ballot request.

Online Voter Registration

- » States that provide online voter registration should incorporate online registration for overseas and military voters.

Improved Engagement with U.S. Military Community

- » Establish partnerships between state and local election officials and local military installations.



Election Officials and the Military-working together



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Working Together – Technology Working Group



- **Ballot Duplication**
- **Data Standardization**
- **Use of the DoD Common Access Card for Registration/Request**
- **Ballot Tracking Pilot Project**



DoD Postal Updates-Working Together

- Recommended Mailing Dates for voters have been published
- USPS/MPSA upgraded the Global Business Systems in 2015 that will improve service of absentee ballots mailed with the Label 11-DoD
- Increased communication by our postal experts to election officials
- Any problems—post on www.electionmail.org





What can the NASS Elections Committee do?

- ★ - Continue to set the bar high for the work of the FVAP
- Challenge the Status Quo and embrace change
- Continue to push for and programs/services for our UOCAVA voters

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VOTER EXPERIENCE & SUCCESS BECOMES PRIORITY
DELIVER "THE WOW" PHILOSOPHY**

Let's all do this together



Our military and overseas voters need our very best

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