



Fact Sheet: Military Families

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Q. Who is included in the term "Military"?

A. Any Active Duty, or Activated Reserve military personnel and their spouse/dependents. The information on this page applies to the military member and his or her family members.

Q. What address should military families use to register to vote?

A. You should register to vote in whatever state you consider your home state of record.

Q. We just moved to Washington and want to vote here, but the election is tomorrow. What can we do?

A. Welcome to our community! Because you are in the military, you have the benefit of being able to register to vote any time up to, and including, Election Day. Come to our office and we will register you to vote and issue you a ballot.

Q. I'm registered in Thurston County, but am deployed and may not receive my regular ballot on time. What can I do?

A. Email our office, or have someone call on your behalf. If you have access to a computer while deployed, we can email you a ballot for you to print, vote, sign the oath, and mail it back. As long as the ballot is received by the certification day, and the signature is not questioned, your ballot WILL be counted. Certification date for the General Election is 21 days after that election and 15 days after the election for all other elections. Email us at: elections@co.thurston.wa.us.

Q. I want my ballot to count, but because I'm deployed, the postmark on my ballot may be after election day. What can I do?

A. Don't worry. With military ballots, the date you SIGN your ballot is the date used.

Q. I don't know if I will have access to a computer in the field.

A. In addition to an email ballot, we will send you a paper ballot. Ballots to APO and FPO addresses go out in advance of our regular ballots to allow for longer mailing times. Vote and return both your email ballot and your paper ballot. We will only count one.

If you are deployed you can receive a Federal Post Card Application Form from your Unit Leader. This form is a valid voter registration form for any state in the country. Additionally, you can receive a Federal ballot from your Unit Leader.

Federal ballots only include Federal races, but you may write-in votes for other offices. Your Federal ballot will be counted as a regular ballot for the election, provided it is signed by Election Day, received by certification day and we have not received any other ballot from you.



Top Election Offices

These numbers represent a place to start your elections inquiry. You may be directed to contact a more local governing body.

Alabama Secretary of State
800-274-8683 or 334-242-7210

Alaska Division of Elections
907-465-4611

American Samoa
684-633-2522

Arizona Secretary of State
877-THE-VOTE

Arkansas Secretary of State
800-482-1127 or 501-682-1010

California Secretary of State
916-657-2166

Colorado Secretary of State
303-894-2200

Connecticut Secretary of State
860-509-6100

Delaware Comm. of Elections
302-739-4277

District of Columbia
202-727-2525

Florida Department of State
866-308-6739

Georgia Secretary of State
404-656-2871

Guam - Elections Commission
671-477-9791/2/3

Hawaii Office of Elections
808-453-VOTE

Idaho Secretary of State
208-334-2852

Illinois State Board of Elections
217-782-4141

Indiana Secretary of State
317-232-3939

Iowa Secretary of State
515-281-0145

Kansas Secretary of State
785-296-4561

Kentucky Secretary of State
502-564-3490

Louisiana Secretary of State
225-922-0900

Maine Secretary of State
207-264-7736

Maryland Board of Elections
800-222-8683 or 410-269-2840

Massachusetts Secretary of the Commonwealth

800-462-VOTE or 617-727-2828

Michigan Secretary of State
888-SOS-MICH

Minnesota Secretary of State
651-297-7067

Mississippi Secretary of State
800-829-6786

Missouri Secretary of State
800-NOW-VOTE

Montana Secretary of State
406-444-2034

Nebraska Secretary of State
402-471-2555

Nevada Secretary of State
775-684-5708

New Hampshire Secretary of State
603-271-3242

New Jersey Secretary of State
609-292-3760

New Mexico Secretary of State
800-477-3632 or 505-827-3600

New York Board of Elections
518-474-6220

North Carolina Board of Elections

919-733-7173 or 866-522-4723

North Dakota Secretary of State
800-352-0867 or 701-328-2900

Ohio Secretary of State
877-767-6446 or 614-466-2585

Oklahoma Election Board
405-521-2391

Oregon Secretary of State
503-986-1518 or 866-ORE-VOTE

Pennsylvania Secretary of State
717-787-5280

Puerto Rico - Departamento de Estado

787-722-2121

Rhode Island Secretary of State
401-222-2345

South Carolina Secretary of State

803-734-2158

South Dakota Secretary of State
605-773-3537

Tennessee Secretary of State
615-741-7956 or 877-850-4959

Texas Secretary of State
800-252-8683 or 512-463-5650

Utah Lt. Governor
800-995-VOTE or 801-538-1041

Vermont Secretary of State
802-828-2304

US Virgin Islands Election System

340-773-1021

Virginia Board of Elections
800-552-9745 or 804-864-8901

Washington Secretary of State
360-902-4180 or 800-448-4881

West Virginia Secretary of State

866-767-8683 or 304-558-6000

Wisconsin Government Accountability Board

608-266-8005

Wyoming Secretary of State
307-777-7186