

Military and Overseas Absentee Voting:

Voting is a constitutional right that American citizens eighteen (18) years and older can freely exercise. The Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) covers all active-duty members of the Uniformed Services and their families, members of the merchant marines and their families, and US citizens who reside overseas, and assists them in exercising their right to vote. A military or overseas voter is one who has an APO, FPO, or a foreign address. This does NOT include Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, or other American territories as they have USPS addresses. Citizens have options to consider which allow them to exercise their right to vote. Choose the option below that best fits your situation:

Option #1: Register to vote and apply for an absentee ballot in one step through the Federal Voter Assistance Program website, www.fvap.gov

1. Citizens may register to vote and request an absentee ballot by filling out the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) and mailing it to the local election official where they are eligible to vote. Here in Rich County, the address is:
Rich County Clerk
20 S Main Street
Randolph, UT 84064
Phone: 435-793-2415.
2. The election official approves/disapproves the FPCA or requests additional information.
3. If the FPCA is approved, the election official sends an absentee ballot to the citizen.
4. The citizen votes and returns their ballot to their election official by the deadline.

Option #2: Register to vote and apply for an absentee ballot in one step through the State of Utah online voter registration website, <https://secure.utah.gov/voterreg>. This is an all-in-one service for Utah residents.

- Voter address MUST be the same as the Driver License address for instant, online registration. To register online to vote, your address must match the address on file with the Driver License Division (DLD).
- If your driver's license address is not current, please update your address with the Driver's License Division at <https://secure.utah.gov/dlr/>. This must be done before submitting your online voter registration. After updating your address, please allow 24 hours before returning to register to vote online.
- If your address is not current with DLD, you may still use the online voter registration system, but you will be required to print the voter form with the correct address, sign it, and mail it in.

To successfully vote absentee, UOCAVA citizens should:

- Allow plenty of time to request, receive, and return their ballot.
- Notify their local election official each time their mailing address changes.
- Become familiar with their state's absentee voting laws, procedures, and deadlines to make sure their ballot is properly executed and will be counted. Learn more about your right to vote, election dates, etc. at <https://vote.utah.gov>