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## **Absentee voting for active-duty military, Family members**

**FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo.** – The Fort Leonard Wood Installation Voting Assistance Office is available to provide information and guidance on absentee voting for active-duty military personnel and their Family members.

Primary elections are being held in many states before the federal election, scheduled to be held Nov. 4, 2014. The 2014 election cycle will consist of 435 seats in the House of Representatives, 33 seats in the Senate, 36 Gubernatorial, and 22 mayoral elections, along with many local issues to be decided.

Many active-duty Soldiers and their eligible Family members are stationed somewhere other than their state of legal residence, requiring them to vote absentee to participate in the primaries and elections. Most states require absentee voters to register annually and whenever there is a change of address.

For all eligible active-duty members of the Uniformed Services and their eligible Family members (U.S. citizen, 18 years old), the Federal Post Card Application can be used to register to vote while simultaneously requesting an absentee ballot. It can also be used to submit a change of mailing address to the local election official.

The Federal Voting Assistance Program makes it easy at [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov). The FPCA Wizard will help register, request an absentee ballot, and/or report a change of mailing address while providing state-specific information and requirements.

The post VAO is located in Dillard Hall, Building 470, Room 2107. The hours of operation are 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The phone number is 573.596.0741.

## *About Fort Leonard Wood*

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*Fort Leonard Wood is a thriving and prosperous installation that has evolved from a small basic training post 70 years ago to a premier Army Center of Excellence that trains more than 80,000 military and civilians each year.*

*Home to the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence, Fort Leonard Wood now trains and educates service members and develops doctrine and capabilities for the Training and Doctrine Command's U.S. Army Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear School, U.S. Army Engineer School, and U.S. Army Military Police School, three gender integrated Initial Military Training brigades, one of only five reception stations in the Army, and the Army's largest Noncommissioned Officers Academy.*

*Over the past several years, Fort Leonard Wood has received numerous additional responsibilities to include supporting the 4th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, a large Forces Command unit that is responsible for all deployable capabilities at Fort Leonard Wood. A colonel-commanded Marine Corps Detachment and an Air Force Detachment, which are both the largest on any Army installation, are located on Fort Leonard Wood; a large Navy Seabee Detachment and elements of the Coast Guard train here as well.*

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