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Military and Overseas Voter Registrations

Military and overseas voters are exempt from registration deadlines. After the 30 day voter registration deadline has passed, military and overseas voter registration forms may be included with your regular mail-in and online registration forms. Please have procedures in place to catch these forms so they can be processed expeditiously and the appropriate ballots mailed.

Presidential Primary Oaths and Federal Write In Absentee Ballots

A military or overseas citizen not receiving a regular absentee ballot may send in a Federal Write In Absentee Ballot (FWAB). These ballots are produced and distributed by the Federal Voting Assistance Program and have spaces to write in candidate names.

Military or overseas citizens who use the FWAB do not have the opportunity to select and sign a political party oath. Because of this, partisan votes for the Presidential Primary **should be counted.** The voter must still only vote in one party's primary.

If the FWAB is returned with partisan votes in both parties, the partisan votes **should not be counted**.

If you have any questions regarding UOCAVA voters and the Presidential Primary, please contact Samantha Duncan at sduncan@secstate.wa.gov, or call the Certification and Training Program at (360) 902-4180.

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