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Are Military Voters Disenfranchised?

Military service, by its very nature, often requires service personnel and their families to live away from their hometowns. As a result, many must use absentee ballots to vote in government elections. The process of registering and requesting an absentee ballot isn't particularly difficult, but it doesn't always go smoothly. For example, an estimated 120,000 active duty service members never received the absentee ballots they requested in the 2010 elections.

The Fleet Reserve Association (FRA) was instrumental in advancing the Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment (MOVE) Act toward enactment in 2009 and, as the 2012 presidential elections draw near, the Association is conducting an online survey to gauge the experiences of military absentee voters. All current and former service members and their spouses are invited to participate in this brief survey, which is available at www.fra.org/survey.

Survey results will be shared with lawmakers to strengthen FRA's call for further improvements to the absentee voting process.

About FRA
FRA is a congressionally chartered, non-profit organization representing the interests of current and former enlisted members of the U.S. Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard. In addition to its advocacy work on Capitol Hill, FRA also sponsors a national Americanism Essay Contest and assists its members with disaster relief grants. The Association also sponsors an Education Foundation that awards scholarships to deserving college students.

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