

# 2010 Post-Election Voting Survey of Overseas Civilians

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If you have any technical issues about this survey, contact the Survey Operations Center:

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# What is Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC)? Top

• DMDC maintains the largest archive of personnel, manpower, training, and financial data in the Department of Defense (DoD). DMDC also conducts Joint-Service surveys including the Status of Forces Surveys, QuickCompass, and Human Relations Surveys for the Department of Defense. To learn more, visit the DMDC Web site.

http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/

## What is the Post-Election Voting (PEV) Survey? Top

• Post-Election Voting (PEV) is a DoD personnel program that features Web-based surveys sponsored by the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness [USD(P&R)]. The (PEV) surveys are designed to assist the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) in administering the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act of 1986 (UOCAVA) and are used to develop ways to make absentee voting easier for military personnel and overseas civilians.

#### What is the UOCAVA? Top

• The Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) was enacted in 1986. UOCAVA law permits members of the Uniformed Service and Merchant Marines, their eligible family members, and U.S. civilians residing overseas, to vote in general elections. The Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) has been charged with administering UOCAVA law and works to ensure UOCAVA citizens their right to vote no matter where in the world they may be residing.

#### What is the 2010 Post-Election Voting Survey of Overseas Civilians? Top

• The 2010 Post-Election Voting Survey of Overseas Civilians is sponsored by the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) to administer the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) and is conducted after each presidential election. The 2010 Post-Election Voting Survey of Overseas Civilians also helps FVAP develop ways to make absentee voting easier for military and overseas civilians and to identify problems that you may have experienced that can be addressed in future elections. FVAP has coordinated with Department of State, the Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC), and its contractors to administer the survey.

## How do I know this is an official, approved government survey? Top

- In accordance with <u>DoD Instruction 8910.01</u>, all data collection in the Department must be licensed. The license is shown as an Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Control Number with an expiration date. The OMB Control Number for the 2010 Post-Election Voting Survey of Overseas Civilians is , expiring .
- If you need verification that this is a legitimate survey, you can call 1-703-696-7427 for a list of current Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) surveys. This list includes only those surveys being conducted by DMDC.

### How did you pick me? Top

• DMDC has selected to participate in this survey effort, non-Federal civilians or citizens residing overseas or outside the United States who have registered with their embassy or consulate.

## Why should I participate? Top

• We use your input to shape the absentee voting program in ways that directly affect you. This is your opportunity to inform policy officials of your views regarding the absentee voting process and your experience in assisting overseas civilians during the November 2010 election.

## What is PEV2Survey@osd.pentagon.mil? Top

• The official e-mail address for communications regarding 2010 Post-Election Voting Survey of Overseas Civilians.

### Why am I being asked to use the Web? Top

• Web administration enables us to get survey results to senior leaders faster.

#### Why do I need a Ticket Number? Top

• You need your ticket number if you do not complete the survey in one sitting and choose to return later or if you desire to withdraw your answers from the survey.

### Do I have to take the survey in one sitting? Top

• No, it is not necessary to complete the survey in one sitting. Just click the "Save and Return Later" button and your answers will be saved. When you return to the survey Web site, enter your Ticket Number. You will advance to the question in the survey where you had stopped.

#### Will my answers be kept private? Top

- Your privacy will be safeguarded to the full extent of the law.
- All data will be reported in the aggregate and no individual data will be reported.

#### Can I withdraw my answers once I have completed and submitted the survey on the Web? Top

 Once you start answering the survey, if you desire to withdraw your answers, please notify the Survey Processing Center prior to January 11, 2011 by sending an e-mail to <u>PEV2Survey@osd.pentagon.mil</u>. Please include in the e-mail your Ticket Number. Your answers will be cleared from the survey database.

#### Will I ever see the results of the survey? Top

• This survey's briefings and reports will be posted on the following Web site: <a href="http://www.fvap.gov/reference/index.html">http://www.fvap.gov/reference/index.html</a>