



# County of Fairfax, Virginia

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### **Absentee Ballots Mailed to Military, Overseas Voters Prior to Deadline**

Fairfax County has already sent absentee ballots for the August 23<sup>rd</sup> Primary Election to military and overseas voters. The Office of Elections began sending absentee ballots to military members and their families and to civilians working and living overseas 47 days prior to the election, two days before the required state deadline of 45 days.

Electoral Board Chairman Seth Stark says “the fact that we got our ballots out ahead of the deadline despite the shortened time frames created by the redistricting process shows how seriously we take our duty to protect the franchise of our military and civilian voters who are overseas, many of them risking their lives on our behalf.”

In addition to the many active duty military members that live in Fairfax, the county is also home to many federal employees that are overseas. This continues Fairfax County’s track record of sending out ballots to military and overseas voters prior to the state and federal statutory deadlines.

“Through the hard work of the Office of Elections staff, we have provided additional time to give military and overseas voters more opportunity to participate in this year’s primary elections” says General Registrar Edgardo Cortes. The Fairfax County Electoral Board was unanimous in its praise of the “outstanding work done by Elections staff to get these ballots out” to Fairfax voters.

Voter registration closes on August 1 at 4:30 p.m. The deadline to apply by mail, email, or fax for a mailed absentee ballot is Tuesday, August 16 at 5:00 p.m.; the deadline to vote absentee in person is Saturday, August 20.

For more information, call the Office of Elections at 703-222-0776 or visit our website at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb)

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