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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: ABSENTEE VOTING WEEK

1. I want to take this opportunity to thank you and your Voting Assistance Officers for everything you have done to support the Army Voting Program and to remind you that Absentee Voting Week runs from 11-15 October. This important week is designed for Soldiers and eligible family members to complete and mail their ballots so they are received and counted by state election officials.
2. As the Federal Election draws near, the focus now shifts from registering to vote to completing and mailing the absentee ballots. Voting Assistance Officers must continue to encourage absentee voters to complete and mail their ballots and, if necessary, provide assistance to those who need to use the Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot (FWAB).
3. Voters who have not received their state absentee ballot by now should use the FWAB and mail it to their local election official. However, the FWAB can only be used under the following conditions: the eligible voter must be located overseas (including APO/FPO addresses); have applied for a regular ballot early enough so the request was received by the local election official at least 30 days before the election; and not have received the requested regular absentee ballot.
4. Again, I thank you and your Voting Assistance Officers for making this "Absentee Voting Week" successful and for providing your Soldiers the time and resources needed to make their vote count.

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The Adjutant General

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