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## New Online Ballot Portal Launches for Military and Overseas Voters

The Pima County Recorder's Office has joined four other Arizona counties to launch the Arizona Secretary of State's secure Online Ballot Portal for military and overseas Voters for the upcoming Congressional District 7 Special General Election.

This new program, called Enhanced Ballot, is designed to make ballot access easier and more efficient for military and overseas Voters.

Eligible voters covered under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) will receive an email from the Pima County Recorder's Office beginning August 8, 2025, indicating their ballot is available online. Voters can mark, review and securely submit their encrypted ballots through this new portal.

"UOCAVA voters casting a ballot from a submarine, cruise ship or while deployed in another state will be able to do so without the added burden of having to find a printer," said Pima County Recorder Gabriella Cázares-Kelly. "Voters will be able to use their personal devices to vote securely. It's an amazing resource for eligible voters."

Key features include:

- Email notification of ballot availability
- Secure online access to mark and review ballots
- Step-by-step guidance for submitting secure, encrypted ballots electronically or by mail
- Eliminates the need for voters to print voting materials.

This exciting new program will remove some of the barriers to military and overseas voting. UOCAVA provisions grant eligible voters the right to receive ballots via postal mail, email or other digital methods 45 days before Election Day. Voters can review their ballot, vote, sign and submit all online in minutes. Voters are notified immediately when their ballot has been received and can check the status through the Enhanced Voting portal.

The new digital portal is the fastest and most secure way for military and overseas voters to return a ballot. However, UOCAVA voters may still return their ballots by printing the voted ballot and signing the affidavit digitally or by printing and signing it. These voters may then scan and email their packet or mail to the Recorder's Office. Please note that the option for voters to email their ballots will be phased out in

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2025. But fully utilizing this digital portal removes the need for voters to print and scan their ballots to return them. The launch is part of Arizona's ongoing efforts to improve the security of UOCAVA voting while utilizing technology to meet the needs of a modern voting public.

This effort was made possible by a grant to the Arizona Secretary of State's office from the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP). The grant was made available to encourage states to improve the voting process of UOCAVA voters, many of whom are military personnel. Pima County has 911 registered UOCAVA voters, 848 who vote by email, 63 who vote by postal mail. 287 UOCAVA registered voters are eligible to receive an email ballot for the CD7 election.

UOCAVA voters are eligible to register and request a ballot until 7 pm on Election Day.

For more information about UOCAVA voting, visit [recorder.pima.gov](https://recorder.pima.gov) or call the Pima County Recorder's Office Voter Line at (520) 724-4330.

For more information about the Enhanced Voting System including security, features and funding, please contact the Arizona Secretary of State's Office.