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UPCOMING CLOSURE DAYS-- 8 OCT MONDAY COLUMBUS DAY.

PLANNED NEW ADDITIONS TO NEWSLETTER:

1. WE OFTEN ARE ASKED FOR REFERRALS FOR SERVICES IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY. TO BE OF ASSISTANCE WE WILL BEGIN PUBLISHING QUARTERLY LISTS FOR LOCAL SERVICES THAT YOU RECOMMEND. IF YOU HAVE HAD GREAT SERVICE FROM A LOCAL BUSINESS AND WANT OTHERS TO KNOW ABOUT THEM PLEASE SEND US AN EMAIL AT RAONEWSGRAM@GMAIL.COM. ALSO CONVERSLY IF YOU HAVE HAD A BAD EXPERIENCE GIVE US THE INFO ON THAT SO WE KNOW WHO NOT TO PUT ON OUR LIST.

2. WE PLAN TO THROW SOME CONTESTS INTO THE NEWSLETTER, ONE IS GUESS THE VET. WE WILL ASK VETS TO GIVE A YOUNGER PICTURE OF THEMSELVES AND WILL SHOW 3 PICS PER NEWSLETTER. THE FIRST ONE TO GUESS WHO ALL 3 ARE WILL HAVE A1 MONTH FREE MEMBERSHIP FOR 2019. THIS IS ALL IN FUN AND WE THINK WILL BE WELL RECEIVED. WE HAVE ALL CHANGED SOME A LOT SOME STILL HAVE THERE YOUNG GOOD LOOKS, HAHA. LETS HAVE SOME FUN WITH THIS AND GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER BETTER.

VOTER INFO: DON'T FORGET TO VOTE THIS NOV. IT MAY BE THE MOST IMPORTANT VOTE YOU EVER CAST!!!!!!!

WEST VIRGINIA IS OFFERING ITS OVERSEAS VOTERS FROM 24 COUNTIES LISTED BELOW THE OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE VIA SMART PHONE APP USING VOATZ SYSTEM, HERES HOW IT WORKS:

Here's how Voatz will work in West Virginia: Service members and overseas residents who are interested in participating in the 2018 midterm elections pilot program would first notify the county clerk that they want to vote online. Once they're deemed eligible, they receive an invitation through a secure link to download the app. Voters use a valid

government-issued ID and take a “live selfie” that matches the two together — a kind of facial recognition technology.

When the voter is approved, he or she will fill out the ballot on her phone, marking the preferred candidates. Nimit Sawhney, a Voatz co-founder, said the app may prompt you for a fingerprint or another selfie as an additional layer of security. “Once you complete that,” he said, “your ballot is anonymized and submitted through the network.”

The ballot is recorded on blockchain and submitted back to the county clerk’s office, where election workers print it out and tally it up just like any other absentee ballot. (Sawhney says they’re introducing a receipt generated after the votes are submitted so it can be compared with the votes transmitted to local elections officials.)

The counties where eligible uniformed service members and overseas voters have the option to vote using their smartphone or mobile device are: Berkeley, Grant, Greenbrier, Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Kanawha, Lincoln, Logan, Marshall, Monongalia, Monroe, Morgan, Nicholas, Ohio, Preston, Putnam, Raleigh, Roane, Summers Wayne and Wetzel.

look up your county clerk website, look for the elections section and click on the link with the below picture, it will explain how to register for the program.

ELECTRONIC O'SEAS VOTING:

Many states, are allowing certain voters to submit their absentee ballots electronically. Sending voted ballots electronically—via fax, email or web portal—is most often reserved for voters who fall under the federal Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA). UOCAVA voters

SEE CHART BELOW;

| STATE | EMAIL | FAX* | WEB PORTAL** | WHO CAN USE THIS? |
|------------|-------|------|--------------|---|
| Alaska | | • | | Any eligible voter |
| Arizona | | • | • | UOCAVA voters |
| California | | • | | UOCAVA voters |
| Colorado | • | • | • | Only UOCAVA voters and only in circumstances where a more secure method, such as mail, is not available or feasible |
| Delaware | • | • | | UOCAVA voters |
| D.C. | • | • | | UOCAVA voters |

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|----------------|-------|------|--------------|---|
| Florida | | • | | UOCAVA voters |
| Hawaii | • | | | In addition to UOCAVA voters, all permanent absentee voters who do not receive a mailed ballot within five days of the election |
| Idaho | • | • | | Only citizens directly affected by "a national or local emergency" declared by the secretary of state |
| Indiana | • | • | | UOCAVA voters |
| Iowa | • | • | | Only UOCAVA voters in an area eligible for imminent danger pay or active military members located outside of the U.S. |
| Kansas | • | • | | UOCAVA voters |
| Louisiana | | • | | UOCAVA voters and voters with a disability |
| Maine | • | • | | UOCAVA voters |
| Massachusetts | • | • | | UOCAVA voters |
| Mississippi | • | • | | UOCAVA voters |
| Missouri | • | • | • | UOCAVA voters serving in a "hostile fire area" |
| Montana | • | • | | UOCAVA voters |
| Nebraska | • | • | | UOCAVA voters |
| Nevada | • | • | | UOCAVA voters |
| New Jersey | • | • | | UOCAVA voters, who must also send a hard copy of the ballot via postal mail |
| New Mexico | • | • | | UOCAVA voters |
| North Carolina | • | • | | UOCAVA voters |
| North Dakota | | • | • | UOCAVA voters |

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|---|-------|------|--------------|---|
| Oklahoma | | • | | UOCAVA voters |
| Oregon | • | • | | UOCAVA voters |
| Rhode Island | | • | | UOCAVA voters |
| South Carolina | • | • | | UOCAVA voters |
| Texas | | • | | Only active duty uniformed service members (or their family members) who are eligible for hostile fire/imminent danger pay or who are in an area designated as a combat zone by the President of the U.S. |
| Utah | • | • | | UOCAVA voters and voters with a disability |
| Washington | • | • | | UOCAVA voters |
| West Virginia | • | • | | UOCAVA voters |
| FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SENDING BALLOTS | | | | |

*Note: faxes can be sent over phone lines or over the Internet.

MAKING WAVES

Now is the Time to Call SVAC Chairman to get Vote on Agent Orange Reform

The "Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act" (H.R. 299) has stalled in the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee (SVAC). The bill already passed the House (382-0). Now is the time to call the SVAC Chairman Johnny Isakson (Ga.) to urge him to call a committee vote on this legislation, without amending it. (202) 224-3643

Tell the Senator that you believe Congress should recognize these veterans, who served off the coast of Vietnam, were exposed to Agent Orange herbicide and the committee should authorize presumptive status for VA disability claims associated with this exposure.

Members are also encouraged to use the FRA [Action Center](#) to weigh in on this issue with their Senators.