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2018 Primary Election Ballots Mailed to Uniformed Services and Overseas Voters

ALACHUA COUNTY, Fla. (July 17, 2018) — Almost 900 Alachua County voters who are in the uniformed services or live overseas will begin receiving their vote-by-mail ballots for the 2018 Primary Election this week. Ballots for these voters, who are covered under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA), were mailed July 14.

Supervisors of Elections are required to send vote-by-mail ballots to these voters at least 45 days before an election.

UOCAVA voters include:

- Members of the Uniformed Services and their eligible family members
- Members of the Merchant Marines and their eligible family members
- U.S. citizen residing outside the United States

Vote-by-mail ballots for non-UOCAVA voters will be mailed July 24. About 23,000 Alachua County voters have requested vote-by-mail ballots.

The deadline to request a vote-by-mail ballot for this election is 5 p.m. August 22. Vote-by-mail ballots can be requested at VoteAlachua.com/MBRS or by calling 352-374-5252. Until the deadline, vote-by-mail ballot requests will be filled as they are received. **Any voter can sign up to vote by mail.**

The Supervisor of Elections must receive all vote-by-mail ballots by 7 p.m. on Election Day (Tuesday, August 28). Voters who vote by mail are encouraged to have their completed ballots mailed by August 21 to ensure ballots arrive by the deadline. Any voter who votes by mail should make sure their signature is updated before they return their ballot.

For more information, contact the Supervisor of Elections at 352-374-5252.

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