

Donald J. Evans, County Clerk, has announced that voters covered under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) will have a unique opportunity for voting a military absentee ballot in the upcoming November 2, 2010 General Election.

Monroe County is one of ten counties throughout the state to be selected by the Secretary of State's Office to participate in an online voting pilot project. This project will allow voters covered by the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act to cast their ballots through a secure website. This program will utilize military style encryption to ensure ballot security.

Participation in this program will eliminate military and overseas voters from having to be concerned about their voted absentee ballot arriving back at the Clerk's Office in time to be counted.

Eligible voters will need to complete a new absentee application designating their preference for voting online, by fax or by email. Voters will still have the option to have their ballot mailed to them through the US Postal Service. Once the application is received by the County Clerk's Office, the voter will be sent instructions on how to cast their ballot. If a voter doesn't respond with a new application, the voter's current application will be honored and a ballot will be mailed to the voter through the US Postal Service.

"Our office feels very honored to be selected to participate in this pilot project", said Donald J. Evans, County Clerk, "we have men and women overseas fighting for the very freedoms that we enjoy today, if there is anyone that should be able to cast a ballot and be assured it gets counted, it's our military personnel."

If you have a friend or family member presently serving overseas and they wish to vote in the upcoming General Election on November 2nd, please advise them of this pilot project. The County Clerk's Office will also have the information posted on the county's website at [www.monroecountywv.net](http://www.monroecountywv.net).

If anyone has any questions, please contact the County Clerk's Office at (304) 772-3096. You can also find more information on this project at [www.wvsos.com](http://www.wvsos.com).