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VOTER GUIDE

Electing Veterans

One of the core aspects of our mission is to get Veterans elected. We believe electing Veterans to office is a key to bringing the rampant partisanship of our country's politics under control. Veterans have served our country honorably as part of a team and have sworn oaths to put the Constitution above their personal interest.

Veterans possess unique qualities and life experiences which make them indispensable in the administration of our country. First and foremost, they are loyal to our country and have put their lives on the line defending our rights and values. In a political world filled with opportunism, Veterans bring integrity, honor, and the will to reach across the aisle to put citizens first.

These are not just strengths at the federal level. Positive change must start in our communities and electing Veterans to state and local office is just as essential as getting them elected to a federal position.

From Nevada to New Jersey, there are Veterans running for office across the country. We have recently published profiles on several Veterans running for Congress, in both the House and Senate races. Check this profile page covering candidates and races we will be keeping our eyes on in November: [2022 Veteran Candidates for U.S Senate and Congress - American Veterans Honor Fund](#)

The Issues

Understanding some of the **core issues** of this year's election is key. There are many policy issues that will be addressed during this election cycle, the solutions to which often vary along partisan lines. Here are core issues for Veterans:

2nd Amendment

The Right to Bear Arms is under constant attack from those who would try to exploit gun violence to deny the rights of law-abiding citizens. At its foundation, the 2nd Amendment is about the right to self-defense. If this right is not defended, the others are more easily violated.



China/Russia Threat

For decades the United States has enjoyed the benefits of being the world's lone superpower. While this has not yet changed, cracks are beginning to emerge in the unipolar world of United States hegemony. The ongoing war of aggression in Ukraine has highlighted the upcoming threats posed by Russia, and by extension, China, who has long eyed the island of Taiwan. The United States' role in the world will increasingly be challenged as these great powers look to assert themselves. It is essential to our long-term security interests to elect those who recognize this and will rise to the occasion.

Veteran Participation in Elections

Veterans of the United States military are one of the largest voting blocks in the country. There are roughly 18 million veterans in the country, making them a highly sought-after vote and their interests play a large role in policy debate during election season.

In the 2020 elections there were 168.3 million Americans registered to vote, leading to the largest voter turnout in American history. **According to Pew Research**, there were 158.4 million ballots cast in 2020, and The New York Times exit polling **estimates** that 15% of these votes were by Veterans and active duty soldiers.

In terms of how Veterans tend to vote, the 2020 Election also highlights their tendency to vote Republican. This is also supported by **polling conducted by Military Times**, which released its findings in October 2020, reporting that 52.4% of Vets intended to vote for Donald Trump compared to 42.3% for current president, Joe Biden.

How to Register

Getting registered to vote is of course the vital first step to making sure your voice can be heard on Election Day. There are a variety of ways to get registered across the country.

Many states provide options for voter registration through the Department of Motor Vehicles. You can register to vote through the mail, or in person at a designated government agency.

It is also important to remember to register on time. It is common to find deadlines to be around a month before Election Day. Some states, like Florida, require 29 days before elections. Others, like Massachusetts, allow shorter windows, like 20 days. However, there are **19 states** (and Washington, D.C.) who allow for same-day voter registration.

If you are not registered to vote, or if you're not sure if you're registered to vote, visit [vote.gov](https://www.vote.gov) to know the deadlines and resources in your state. Locations of local election offices and dates of upcoming elections in your state can also be found at [usa.gov/election-office](https://www.usa.gov/election-office).

Be sure to register and let your voice be heard on November 8th!

