Active Duty Service Members More Likely to Register And Vote Than Civilians

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RALEIGH, (SGRToday.com) - New research recently released by the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) indicates active duty Service members are more likely to register and vote than civilians with similar characteristics.

The analysis is provided in a research note that is supplemental to FVAP's 2012

Post-Election Report to Congress. Active-duty members are nearly 7.92 percentage points more likely to be registered to vote and 2.39 percentage points more likely to vote than their counterparts in the citizen voting age population.

The research note details a new methodological approach for comparing active duty military and citizen voting age population registration and participation rates, and for estimating the potential factors in the differences of the rates among the two disparate groups.

The analysis helps clarify why the differences exist, highlighting the role demographic characteristics play in explaining voting behavior.