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**SEPTEMBER 15<sup>th</sup> IS NATIONAL MILITARY VOTER READINESS DAY**

*Utah urges military voters to register and request an absentee ballot*

SALT LAKE CITY - Utah Lieutenant Governor Greg Bell has joined the [Heroes Vote Initiative](#) to promote National Military Voter Readiness Day on September 15, 2012. With state deadlines for registering and requesting an absentee ballot fast approaching, National Military Voter Readiness Day was created to help make sure that military voters are election ready.

"There is no right or responsibility more important than voting. No matter where in the world a service member is, he or she can be assured that Utah will help protect that right. Utah is ensuring our heroes can say, 'I voted,'" stated Lieutenant Governor Greg Bell.

Utah was recently recognized as an "All-Star State" by the Military Voter Protection Project for taking significant efforts to promote and protect the voting rights of America's military service members and their families. The Utah Lieutenant Governor's office is coordinating with the Heroes Vote Initiative and local military voting assistance officers to promote voter registration and awareness on Utah's military bases.

Eric Eversole, Founder and Executive Director of the Military Voter Protection Project, said "Our men and women in uniform have sacrificed much over the last decade and their voices need to be heard on Election Day."

Military Voter Readiness Day will not only stress the importance of voting, but will raise awareness among Utah's military members about the tools available to register and request an absentee ballot. Military members can utilize Utah's online voter registration website, [voter.utah.gov](http://voter.utah.gov) to register or request an absentee ballot, and may submit an absentee ballot application by email to [elections@utah.gov](mailto:elections@utah.gov) or by fax to 801-538-1133.

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