



2025 Legislative Victories for Veterans

First Session of the 119th Congress

The following veterans' legislation was enacted during the first session of the 119th Congress and represents DAV's Legislative Victories for Veterans for 2025. Many of the provisions included in legislation below are supported by resolutions adopted by DAV members. We appreciate the outstanding support by DAV members and individuals taking action through DAV CAN—our [Commander's Action Network](#). The laws enacted by Congress are a direct result of your advocacy efforts and unwavering support for DAV's legislative priorities.

- **S. 2392, the Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2025**, mandates an increase in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, effective Dec. 1, 2025.

The law directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs (VA) to adjust the dollar amounts for wartime disability compensation, additional compensation for dependents, clothing allowances, and dependency and indemnity compensation for both surviving spouses and children. The 2.8% increase in these rates match the percentage increase applied to Social Security benefits, ensuring that veterans' benefits keep pace with inflation and cost-of-living changes.

DAV supported this legislation, in accordance with Resolution No. 159, which calls for support of realistic cost-of-living allowances.

To view the bill, [click here](#). This legislation was signed into law by the president on Nov. 25, 2025, and became **Public Law 119-42**.

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- **H.R. 1815, the VA Home Loan Program Reform Act**, enhances the VA secretary's authority to manage home loan defaults, introduces a Partial Claim Program, mandates a strategy for veteran real estate representation, and increases funding for homeless veterans' services.

Under the new law, delinquent VA borrowers can defer past-due amounts until their loans are fully repaid, allowing them to remain in their homes without accruing additional interest or making immediate payments. The measure is expected to assist nearly 70,000 veterans facing severe financial hardship by helping them bring their mortgages current and avoid foreclosure through a replacement partial claims program.

DAV supported this legislation, in accordance with Resolution No. 83, which calls to support modernization and improvements to the VA Home Loan Guaranty program.

To view the bill, [click here](#). This legislation was signed into law by the president on July 30, 2025, and became **Public Law 119-31**.



- **H.R. 1912/S. 892, the Veteran Fraud Reimbursement Act of 2025**, modifies the procedures by which the VA reissues misused benefits to a beneficiary, including by requiring the VA to establish methods and timing with respect to determining whether an instance of misuse by a fiduciary is the result of negligence by the VA.

The law also provides that if a beneficiary predeceases a reissuance, the VA must pay the amount to a surviving beneficiary in the same method as certain other VA benefits are paid upon the death of a beneficiary. The VA may not withhold the reissuing of a benefit payment because of a pending determination regarding the VA's negligence in relation to the instance of misuse by a fiduciary.

DAV supported this legislation, in accordance with Resolution No. 632, which supports Scam and Fraud Protection.

To view the bill, [click here](#). This legislation was signed into law by the president on Dec. 12, 2025, and became **Public Law 119-56**.

- **H.R. 695, the Medal of Honor Act**, increases the monthly special pension for living Medal of Honor recipients from \$1,489.73 to \$5,625.00 and establishes a rate of \$1,406.73 for the monthly special pension for surviving spouses of Medal of Honor recipients. Both amounts must be adjusted annually for inflation.

The law ensures our nation provides meaningful and lasting recognition to its most distinguished heroes by substantially strengthening financial stability for Medal of Honor recipients and preserving support for their families.

DAV supported this legislation, in accordance with Resolution No. 420, which supports allowing a veteran's survivor to receive Medal of Honor special pension.

To view the bill, [click here](#). This legislation was signed into law by the president on Dec. 1, 2025, and became **Public Law 119-43**.

- **S. 201, the ACES Act of 2025**, mandates a National Academies study on cancer prevalence and mortality among military aircrews, requiring timely agreements, comprehensive data analysis and reporting to inform veteran health policy.

The findings from this study could provide a critical foundation for better understanding the connection between aircrew occupational exposures and cancer. By examining these exposures and their links to certain cancers, the study provides the scientific foundation needed to inform future presumptive decisions, improve timely access to VA health care and benefits and shape policies that expand service-connected protections.

DAV supported this legislation, in accordance with Resolution No. 54, which calls for ensuring sustained investment in research and care for toxic-exposed veterans.

To view the bill, [click here](#). This legislation was signed into law by the president on Aug. 14, 2025, and became **Public Law 119-32**.



➤ **S. 1071, the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for fiscal year 2026** package contained several impactful veterans' provisions that DAV supported as stand-alone bills and other provisions supported by DAV resolutions. Those provisions are noted below:

- **SEC. 571. Career Transition: Transition Assistance Program:** Amendments; Reports. This section builds on efforts to improve TAP by requiring pre-transition counseling, creating a pilot program to allow spouses to attend TAP training specific to their needs, modernizing the financial planning section, and expanding the network of resources to service members, reservists and new veterans.
- **SEC 521. Individual Longitudinal Exposure Record (ILER):** codification; expansion. This section would ensure toxic exposures are documented during service, preventing veterans from having to prove exposure years after discharge. It grants physicians, researchers and VA benefits staff access to a complete exposure history, which could reduce delays and denials for benefits as new veterans apply for VA disability compensation benefits.

To view this bill, [click here](#). This legislation was signed into law on Dec. 18, 2025, becoming **Public Law 119-60**.

➤ **H.R. 970: Fairness for Servicemembers and their Families Act of 2025** requires the VA to periodically review and report on the maximum coverage available under the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance and Veterans' Group Life Insurance programs. Specifically, the VA must review such coverage amount every five years, taking into account the average percentage by which the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased in the five fiscal years preceding the review.

DAV supported this legislation, in accordance with Resolution No. 621, which supports reform and improvement of service-disabled veterans life insurance.

To view this bill, [click here](#). This legislation was signed into law on Dec. 12, 2025, becoming **Public Law 119-54**.