

## HR 2561

Living American Hero Appreciation Act

**Congress:** 107 (2001–2003, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Armed Forces and National Security

**Introduced:** Jul 18, 2001

**Current Status:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (Dec 20, 2001)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/107th-congress/house-bill/2561>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Weldon, Curt [R-PA-7]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** PA • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (14 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Evans, Lane [D-IL-17]	D · IL		Jul 18, 2001
Rep. Gilman, Benjamin A. [R-NY-20]	R · NY		Jul 18, 2001
Rep. McHugh, John M. [R-NY-24]	R · NY		Jul 18, 2001
Rep. Murtha, John P. [D-PA-12]	D · PA		Jul 18, 2001
Rep. Sensenbrenner, F. James, Jr. [R-WI-9]	R · WI		Jul 18, 2001
Rep. Skelton, Ike [D-MO-4]	D · MO		Jul 18, 2001
Rep. Smith, Christopher H. [R-NJ-4]	R · NJ		Jul 18, 2001
Rep. Cooksey, John [R-LA-5]	R · LA		Sep 14, 2001
Rep. Jefferson, William J. [D-LA-2]	D · LA		Sep 14, 2001
Rep. Taylor, Gene [D-MS-5]	D · MS		Sep 14, 2001
Rep. Baldacci, John Elias [D-ME-2]	D · ME		Sep 19, 2001
Rep. Vitter, David [R-LA-1]	R · LA		Sep 19, 2001
Rep. Kerns, Brian D. [R-IN-7]	R · IN		Sep 24, 2001
Rep. Herger, Wally [R-CA-2]	R · CA		Sep 25, 2001

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 13, 2001
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 6, 2001
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 15, 2001
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Dec 21, 2001

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
107 S 2237	Related bill	<b>Dec 6, 2002:</b> Became Public Law No: 107-330.
107 S 2025	Related bill	<b>Mar 18, 2002:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (text of measure as introduced: CR S2009)

Summary (as of Dec 20, 2001)

Living American Hero Appreciation Act - Increases from \$600 to \$1,000 the monthly special pension for Medal of Honor (Medal) recipients, makes such award effective from the first day of the month that begins after the date of the act for which the Medal was awarded, and makes such amount subject to an annual cost-of-living adjustment. Directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make a lump-sum payment to existing Medal recipients for any retroactive amounts due as a result of such increase.

Provides criminal penalties for the unauthorized purchase or possession of a Medal or for false representation as a Medal recipient.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Dec 20, 2001:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H10935, H10937)
- **Dec 20, 2001:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR 11/19/2001 H10480)
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- **Dec 20, 2001:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Dec 20, 2001:** The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.
- **Dec 20, 2001:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **Dec 19, 2001:** Mr. Smith (NJ) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Dec 19, 2001:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H10480-10482)
- **Dec 19, 2001:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 2561.
- **Dec 19, 2001:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Aug 15, 2001:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Benefits.
- **Aug 13, 2001:** Executive Comment Requested from DOD.
- **Aug 13, 2001:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
- **Aug 6, 2001:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime.
- **Jul 18, 2001:** Introduced in House
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