

HR 2569

Salute to Veterans and the Armed Forces Act of 2003

Congress: 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

Introduced: Jun 24, 2003

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Jul 24, 2003)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/108th-congress/house-bill/2569>

Sponsor

Name: Rep. Edwards, Chet [D-TX-11]

Party: Democratic • **State:** TX • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (97 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Evans, Lane [D-IL-17]	D · IL		Jun 24, 2003
Rep. Filner, Bob [D-CA-51]	D · CA		Jun 24, 2003
Rep. Marshall, Jim [D-GA-3]	D · GA		Jun 24, 2003
Rep. Skelton, Ike [D-MO-4]	D · MO		Jun 24, 2003
Rep. Cummings, Elijah E. [D-MD-7]	D · MD		Jun 25, 2003
Rep. Farr, Sam [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Jun 25, 2003
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		Jun 25, 2003
Rep. Holden, Tim [D-PA-17]	D · PA		Jun 25, 2003
Rep. John, Christopher [D-LA-7]	D · LA		Jun 25, 2003
Rep. Kind, Ron [D-WI-3]	D · WI		Jun 25, 2003
Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-14]	D · NY		Jun 25, 2003
Rep. McCarthy, Carolyn [D-NY-4]	D · NY		Jun 25, 2003
Rep. McNulty, Michael R. [D-NY-21]	D · NY		Jun 25, 2003
Rep. Michaud, Michael H. [D-ME-2]	D · ME		Jun 25, 2003
Rep. Pallone, Frank, Jr. [D-NJ-6]	D · NJ		Jun 25, 2003
Rep. Pelosi, Nancy [D-CA-8]	D · CA		Jun 25, 2003
Rep. Rahall, Nick J., II [D-WV-3]	D · WV		Jun 25, 2003
Rep. Ryan, Timothy J. [D-OH-17]	D · OH		Jun 25, 2003
Rep. Sandlin, Max [D-TX-1]	D · TX		Jun 25, 2003
Rep. Slaughter, Louise McIntosh [D-NY-28]	D · NY		Jun 25, 2003
Rep. Strickland, Ted [D-OH-6]	D · OH		Jun 25, 2003
Rep. Tierney, John F. [D-MA-6]	D · MA		Jun 25, 2003
Rep. Turner, Jim [D-TX-2]	D · TX		Jun 25, 2003
Rep. Waters, Maxine [D-CA-35]	D · CA		Jun 25, 2003
Rep. Wynn, Albert Russell [D-MD-4]	D · MD		Jun 25, 2003
Rep. Abercrombie, Neil [D-HI-1]	D · HI		Jul 7, 2003
Rep. Allen, Thomas H. [D-ME-1]	D · ME		Jul 7, 2003
Rep. Baca, Joe [D-CA-43]	D · CA		Jul 7, 2003
Rep. Boswell, Leonard L. [D-IA-3]	D · IA		Jul 7, 2003
Rep. Carson, Brad [D-OK-2]	D · OK		Jul 7, 2003
Rep. Costello, Jerry F. [D-IL-12]	D · IL		Jul 7, 2003
Rep. Crowley, Joseph [D-NY-7]	D · NY		Jul 7, 2003
Rep. Emanuel, Rahm [D-IL-5]	D · IL		Jul 7, 2003
Rep. Etheridge, Bob [D-NC-2]	D · NC		Jul 7, 2003
Rep. Frost, Martin [D-TX-24]	D · TX		Jul 7, 2003
Rep. Green, Gene [D-TX-29]	D · TX		Jul 7, 2003
Rep. Gutierrez, Luis V. [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Jul 7, 2003
Rep. Hall, Ralph M. [D-TX-4]	D · TX		Jul 7, 2003
Rep. Kaptur, Marcy [D-OH-9]	D · OH		Jul 7, 2003
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-3]	D · MA		Jul 7, 2003
Rep. McIntyre, Mike [D-NC-7]	D · NC		Jul 7, 2003

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Olver, John W. [D-MA-1]	D · MA		Jul 7, 2003
Rep. Payne, Donald M. [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		Jul 7, 2003
Rep. Rangel, Charles B. [D-NY-15]	D · NY		Jul 7, 2003
Rep. Rodriguez, Ciro D. [D-TX-28]	D · TX		Jul 7, 2003
Rep. Roybal-Allard, Lucille [D-CA-34]	D · CA		Jul 7, 2003
Rep. Bishop, Sanford D., Jr. [D-GA-2]	D · GA		Jul 10, 2003
Rep. Kucinich, Dennis J. [D-OH-10]	D · OH		Jul 10, 2003
Rep. Neal, Richard E. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Jul 10, 2003
Rep. Bell, Chris [D-TX-25]	D · TX		Jul 16, 2003
Rep. DeLauro, Rosa L. [D-CT-3]	D · CT		Jul 16, 2003
Rep. Israel, Steve [D-NY-2]	D · NY		Jul 16, 2003
Rep. Jones, Stephanie Tubbs [D-OH-11]	D · OH		Jul 16, 2003
Rep. Serrano, Jose E. [D-NY-16]	D · NY		Jul 16, 2003
Rep. Udall, Tom [D-NM-3]	D · NM		Jul 16, 2003
Rep. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH-13]	D · OH		Jul 17, 2003
Rep. Jefferson, William J. [D-LA-2]	D · LA		Jul 17, 2003
Rep. Kennedy, Patrick J. [D-RI-1]	D · RI		Jul 17, 2003
Rep. Larson, John B. [D-CT-1]	D · CT		Jul 17, 2003
Rep. Moore, Dennis [D-KS-3]	D · KS		Jul 17, 2003
Del. Christensen, Donna M. [D-VI-At Large]	D · VI		Jul 18, 2003
Rep. Davis, Susan A. [D-CA-53]	D · CA		Jul 18, 2003
Rep. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ-13]	D · NJ		Jul 18, 2003
Rep. Miller, George [D-CA-7]	D · CA		Jul 18, 2003
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-38]	D · CA		Jul 18, 2003
Rep. Ruppersberger, C. A. Dutch [D-MD-2]	D · MD		Jul 18, 2003
Rep. Case, Ed [D-HI-2]	D · HI		Jul 22, 2003
Rep. Clay, Wm. Lacy [D-MO-1]	D · MO		Jul 22, 2003
Rep. Hoeffel, Joseph M. [D-PA-13]	D · PA		Jul 22, 2003
Rep. Kildee, Dale E. [D-MI-5]	D · MI		Jul 22, 2003
Rep. Levin, Sander M. [D-MI-12]	D · MI		Jul 22, 2003
Rep. Ross, Mike [D-AR-4]	D · AR		Jul 22, 2003
Rep. Towns, Edolphus [D-NY-10]	D · NY		Jul 22, 2003
Rep. Woolsey, Lynn C. [D-CA-6]	D · CA		Jul 22, 2003
Rep. Ortiz, Solomon P. [D-TX-27]	D · TX		Jul 24, 2003
Rep. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Jul 24, 2003
Rep. Davis, Lincoln [D-TN-4]	D · TN		Sep 3, 2003
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-9]	D · CA		Sep 3, 2003
Rep. Matheson, Jim [D-UT-2]	D · UT		Sep 3, 2003
Rep. Miller, Brad [D-NC-13]	D · NC		Sep 3, 2003
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		Sep 5, 2003
Rep. Brady, Robert A. [D-PA-1]	D · PA		Sep 23, 2003
Rep. Davis, Jim [D-FL-11]	D · FL		Sep 23, 2003

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Matsui, Robert T. [D-CA-5]	D · CA		Sep 25, 2003
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Nov 4, 2003
Rep. Ballance, Frank W., Jr. [D-NC-1]	D · NC		Nov 4, 2003
Rep. Frank, Barney [D-MA-4]	D · MA		Nov 4, 2003
Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]	D · MN		Nov 4, 2003
Rep. Stupak, Bart [D-MI-1]	D · MI		Nov 4, 2003
Rep. Watson, Diane E. [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Nov 4, 2003
Rep. Lewis, John [D-GA-5]	D · GA		Nov 7, 2003
Rep. Oberstar, James L. [D-MN-8]	D · MN		Nov 7, 2003
Rep. Nadler, Jerrold [D-NY-8]	D · NY		Mar 2, 2004
Rep. Jackson-Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Mar 9, 2004
Rep. Cardoza, Dennis A. [D-CA-18]	D · CA		Mar 23, 2004
Rep. Owens, Major R. [D-NY-11]	D · NY		Apr 27, 2004
Rep. Wexler, Robert [D-FL-19]	D · FL		Nov 17, 2004

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 24, 2003
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 24, 2003
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 24, 2003
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 24, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Salute to Veterans and the Armed Forces Act of 2003 - Allows the full payment of military retired pay and veterans' disability compensation, without deduction from either (current law), without the enactment of qualifying offsetting legislation.

Repeals: (1) special compensation programs for certain severely disabled and combat-disabled military retirees; and (2) provisions requiring a dependency and indemnity compensation offset from surviving spouse annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan.

Increases the amount of basic educational assistance for members of the Selected Reserve.

Directs the Secretary of Defense, for fiscal years after 2005, to provide a percentage increase in the higher learning cost index for determining basic educational assistance amounts.

Directs the Secretary to pay a bonus to members who, at any time during service under Operations Iraqi Freedom or Enduring Freedom, satisfied eligibility requirements for the receipt of special pay for duty subject to hostile fire or imminent danger. Directs the Secretary of Homeland to provide such bonus to qualifying Coast Guard members.

Authorizes additional appropriations for veterans' improved access to medical care.

Directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make interim payments under claims for veterans' benefits when the final decision regarding the payment of such benefits is delayed following remand by the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims or the Board for Veterans' Appeals to the Secretary for expedited consideration.

Prohibits with respect to veterans: (1) increases in medication copayments; and (2) the imposition of health care enrollment fees.

Requires the: (1) Secretaries of Veterans Affairs and Labor to provide appropriate information concerning veterans' benefits and employment opportunities; and (2) Secretary of Veterans Affairs to prepare an annual plan for the conduct of veterans' outreach activities.

Amends the Internal Revenue Code to place the maximum individual income tax rate at 38.6 percent.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 24, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Benefits.
- **Jul 24, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jun 24, 2003:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 24, 2003:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 24, 2003:** Referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
- **Jun 24, 2003:** Referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
- **Jun 24, 2003:** Referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
- **Jun 24, 2003:** Referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.