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Veterans Missing in America Act of 2012

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Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

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Sen. Begich, Mark [D-AK]	D · AK		Mar 28, 2012
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	Jun 28, 2012

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HR 2051	Related bill	Mar 29, 2012: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

Summary (as of Mar 28, 2012)

Veterans Missing in America Act of 2012 - Recognizes the tireless work and dedication of the Missing in America Project, in conjunction with numerous veterans service organizations, in identifying unclaimed remains of veterans.

Directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs (VA) to cooperate with such organizations to assist entities in possession of unclaimed or abandoned human remains in determining if any such remains are the remains of veterans or other individuals eligible for burial in a national cemetery. Requires the Secretary, upon a positive determination with respect to any such remains, to provide for and cover the cost of the burial and funeral expenses if the Secretary determines that: (1) there is no next of kin or other person claiming the remains, and (2) there are no other sufficient resources to cover such expenses.

Directs the Secretary to establish a publicly accessible database of the names of any veteran or other individual so identified.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 27, 2012:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 112-668.
- **Mar 28, 2012:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 28, 2012:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.