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### Subcommittee Holds Legislative Hearing

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**—Today, the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs (DAMA) received testimony considering eight pieces of pending legislation: H.R. 4142, H.R. 4114, H.R. 2051, H.R. 2498, H.R. 2377, H.R. 2717, H.R. 4168, and H.R. 4213.

The American Heroes COLA Act (H.R. 4142), introduced by DAMA Subcommittee Chairman Rep. Jon Runyan provides for annual cost-of-living adjustments to be made automatically by law each year in the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain service-connected disabled veterans.

“With the passage of the America Heroes COLA Act, veterans will never again have to depend on Congressional action to receive an increase to the cost-of-living adjustment they have earned through their service. Instead, these increases will become automatic from year to year just as Social Security benefits increases are adjusted automatically every year,” said Runyan.

Also introduced by Rep. Runyan were H.R. 4114, the Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2012 and H.R. 4213, which would require judges of the United States of Appeals for Veterans Claims to reside within 50 miles of the District of Columbia.

“H.R. 4213 will ensure a more efficiently run Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims by requiring judges to fully engage in their caseload and manage their offices by maintaining a household reasonably close to their work location. This will have the desired effect of ensuring veterans receive justice without unneeded delay due to the extended commute of federal judges,” stated Rep. Runyan.

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