

VFW Statement on Military Retiree COLA Vote

VFW will continue to fight for a full repeal of the COLA penalty

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“The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States thanks all our supporters in the House of Representatives and Senate for taking quick action to repeal the one-percent COLA penalty on working-age military retirees. The Senate today followed yesterday’s House passage of a bill to eliminate the penalty for current retirees and everyone serving in uniform prior to the end of 2013, should they choose to remain until retirement eligible. The legislation does not, however, remove the penalty on future retirees who enter the military after Jan. 1, 2014.

“The world will remain a very dangerous and unpredictable place even after America ends its involvement in Afghanistan, and future military retirees will be required to serve just as long and perhaps sacrifice even more than their predecessors. It is in that regard that the VFW will continue to fight for a full repeal of the COLA penalty, and we hope that this vote will continue that conversation.”

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