

Legislation

28 initiatives, 9 specifically related to veterans and military families, led by Altmire have been signed into law, including:

- [Improving the treatment and screening of traumatic brain injury for returning veterans;](#)
- [Guaranteeing wounded military veterans can keep their enlistment bonuses;](#)
- [Expanding business opportunities for veterans who are small business owners;](#)
- [Providing tax relief to military families who are facing financial hardship due to multiple deployments;](#)
- [Extending FMLA benefits for all military guard and reserve families;](#)
- [Eliminating the late enrollment penalty on prescription drug coverage for low-income seniors;](#)
- [Protecting sportsmen's right to hunt, fish, and trap on millions of acres of public land;](#)
- [Increasing funding for volunteer firefighters ; and](#)
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[Increasing funding for the VA's medical and prosthetic research program .](#)

20 additional bills or Amendments authored by Altmire have been passed by the House, including legislation that would:

- [Expand access to capital for small businesses;](#)
- [Make college more affordable for working families;](#) and
- [Help veterans secure venture capital funding to launch new businesses.](#)

Leadership

- Served as Ranking Member of the Small Business Subcommittee on Investigation, Oversight and Regulations (Chairman, 2007-2010)
- [Organized and led the legislative coalition that prevented a proposed hospital Medicare](#)

cuts that saved PA hospitals \$74 million

- Leading efforts to eliminate Medicare's flawed competitive bidding program and protect seniors' access to quality medical equipment
- Led the mission to rescue two constituents trapped in Haiti after the 2010 earthquake, along with the 54 orphans under their care
- Co-chair of the Rural Veterans Caucus, the Congressional Coal Caucus and new Dem Task Force on Critical Infrastructure and Manufacturing
- Convened a congressional field hearing to investigate SBA's response to flooding in Aliquippa, the North Hills and the A-K Valley.
- Holds the record for the highest number of cosponsors for any House bill
- A believer in leading by example, Jason has run his office so efficiently that he has returned over \$650,000 in unspent funds to the Federal Treasury
- Serves on many local boards and civic organizations throughout the district

Awards and Recognition

- 2011 National American Legion Special Recognition Award , recognizing support for America's veterans
- 2011 Pennsylvania American Legion Distinguished Service Award
- 2011 Pennsylvania Department Sons of AMVETS Inaugural Award , for continued dedication to veterans' causes and issues
- 2009 Above and Beyond Award from the Employee Support of the Guard and Reserve Program, for his support of National Guardsmen and reservists
- 2008 National Military Families Association Award , recognizing his leadership in amending Family and Medical Leave Act to help military families prepare for deployments
- 2010 Guardian of Small Business Award from the National Federation of Independent Business
- 2010 & 2009 Friends of the Farm Bureau Award from the American Farm Bureau
- 2009 Legislator of the Year from Safari Club International, for protecting Americans' 2nd Amendment rights
- 2008 Legislator of the Year, Biotechnology Industry Organization

Independent Voting Record

Congressman Altmire is rated by the non-partisan publications Congressional Quarterly and [National Journal](#)

as having one of the most reliably moderate and centrist voting records in all of Congress.