At the end of subtitle F of title V, add the following new section:

SEC. 564. ATOMIC VETERANS SERVICE MEDAL.

(a) Service Medal Required.—The Secretary of Defense shall design and produce a military service medal, to be known as the “Atomic Veterans Service Medal”, to honor retired and former members of the Armed Forces who are radiation-exposed veterans (as such term is defined in section 1112(c)(3) of title 38, United States Code).

(b) Distribution of Medal.—

(1) Issuance to Retired and Former Members.—At the request of a radiation-exposed veteran, the Secretary of Defense shall issue the Atomic Veterans Service Medal to the veteran.

(2) Issuance to Next-of-Kin.—In the case of a radiation-exposed veteran who is deceased, the Secretary may provide for issuance of the Atomic
Veterans Service Medal to the next-of-kin of the person.

(3) APPLICATION.—The Secretary shall prepare and disseminate as appropriate an application by which radiation-exposed veterans and their next-of-kin may apply to receive the Atomic Veterans Service Medal.