

# **ACBA Military and Veterans Affairs Committee**

2010-2011 Year-End Report

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During 2010-2011, MVAC has conducted the following activities and events:

9/14/2010 – co-sponsored with Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) and awards reception at Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall, for local employers nominated for Patriot Award by their Guard/Reserve employees, and recognizing recipients of the Seven Seals Award and local employer winning the Secretary of Defense Freedom Award.

11/10/2010 – co-sponsored with ESGR a Lunch & Learn on the Uniformed Services Employment and Re-employment Rights Act (USERRA) for the Pittsburgh Human Resources Association.

2/3/2011 – MVAC submitted to ACBA a “position letter” on the proposed Model Code of Military Justice to be applicable to National Guard units serving in a Title 32 “State Active duty” status.

5/5/2011 – MVAC meeting included guest speakers on programs and benefits available to local area military veterans.

Attendance at MVAC meetings has been a problem, so a survey was sent to the committee membership inquiring as to what benefits they seek in being a member of MVAC and what programs and networking events they would be interested in attending. Although the number of responders was small, most wanted to attend programs dealing with veterans rights and benefits. The May 5 guest speakers were arranged in response to the survey results. The MVAC is also exploring other possible veteran-related community outreach efforts, such as Shepherd’s Heart and Veterans’ Day activities. MVAC also has an interest in participating in another KDKA Military & Veterans Legal Call-in Day, if that can be arranged.