

PBA Receives Special Award from Army National Guard

Representatives of the Pennsylvania Army National Guard presented a special award to the PBA at the PBA Awards Breakfast June 8 in Hershey in recognition of the association's "outstanding support in providing support for the over 12,000 soldiers, airmen and their families deployed since 9/11 in the global war on terror."

Pennsylvania Army National Guard Major Bart Wagner and Lieutenant Cliff Morales presented a special plaque to then-PBA President William Carlucci in honor of the PBA's Military and Veterans Affairs Committee and its Legal Assistance to the Military Program (LAMP), through which hundreds of lawyer-volunteers have provided free legal services to military personnel.

"The legal services provided by PBA members have allowed the deployed soldiers and airmen to focus on their mission knowing that their legal needs at home were being taken care of by the unselfish members of the PBA," Morales said.

Carlucci said that while the PBA and its LAMP volunteers were grateful for the award, the soldiers were deserving of the thanks of all citizens for making the supreme sacrifice in leaving their loved ones behind and risking their lives in defense of freedom.

The PBA Military and Veterans Affairs Committee is chaired by Andrew R. Eisemann of Harrisburg and Richard M. Goldberg of Kingston. Its mission is to study and make recommendations, provide educational programming, and coordinate statewide efforts on legal matters affecting active, reserve and National Guard military service members, retirees, veterans and their families.

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