

## Area Lawyers Rally Holiday Support for Troops

With thousands of service members still stationed in Afghanistan and Iraq, a group of determined Montgomery County lawyers banded together to gather items for the troops and their families to bring them a bit of cheer and happiness during the holiday season. With the assistance of the Montgomery Bar Association (MBA), the call went out to the membership to gather items for the troops and their families. Members responded with far ranging donations, including international calling cards, food coupons, gift certificates to retail stores and gift baskets. Inspired by the leadership of the lawyers of The Chartwell Law Offices, LLP, along with Dillon L. Ross, IV, Esquire of Skippack, PA and Gerald J. Mullaney, Sr. of Red Hill, PA, the group personally presented the donations to the Commanding Officer, Naval Air Station, Willow Grove, and his staff on December 17, 2007 in a ceremony in his office.

The lawyers teamed up with One Village Coffee, a Franconia-based coffee company, to create a very special brand of coffee just for the troops named "Heroes' Blend." Stephen J. Fireoved, an attorney and Captain in the Navy Reserve, presented the donations to the Commanding Officer along with MBA President-Elect, Robert F. Morris and members of our area legal community. In his presentation, Fireoved stated, "We're honored to present the donations to the troops and their families, as they are the real heroes in our Nation — ensuring our security and freedom on a daily basis". The Commanding Officer was appreciative and was assured that the inspiration that drove the lawyers in this holiday season would not diminish. The MBA will continue to collect gifts from the area legal community into the New Year. > <

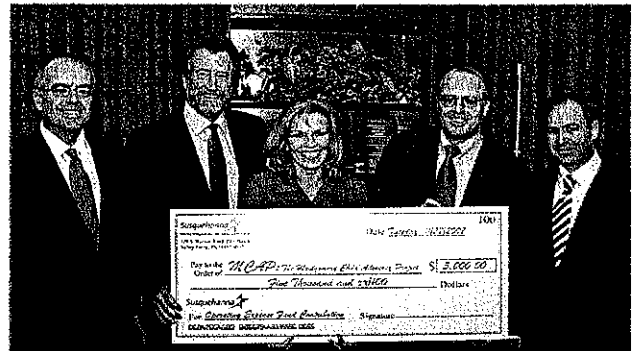


*Names from left to right: Elizabeth Krout \*, Gerry Lorine (GML Security), CAPT Stephen Fireoved \* (Captain, USN), Robert F. Morris (President-Elect Montgomery Bar Association), Charles Barreras \*, CAPT Remington (Commanding Officer Naval Air Station Willow Grove), Thomas Strohmetz \*, Stephen G. Yusem (Morris, Clemm and Retired Admiral USN), Alexis Ouseley \*, Steve Hackman (One Village Coffee President/CEO), Jason Hanford (front) \*, CDR Dillon Ross (Ross Law Offices and Commander, USN), Gerald J. Mullaney, Sr. (Mullaney Law Offices), Scott Hackman (V.P. One Village Coffee), Cathy Jirik \**  
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## VALLEY FORGE ASSET MANAGEMENT AND SUSQUEHANNA WEALTH MANAGEMENT DONATE \$5,000 TO MCAP

On Tuesday, November 27, 2007, the Montgomery Child Advocacy Project (MCAP) was granted \$5,000 from the Montgomery Bar Association's affinity partner, Valley Forge Asset Management and Susquehanna Wealth Management. The check was presented to MCAP at the Board of Directors meeting, which took place at the Montgomery Bar Building from 5:15 pm to 9:00 pm.

Michael J. Foster, Senior Vice President of Valley Forge Asset Management, presented the check to Mary C. Pugh, Administrative Director for MCAP. The money will be used for operating expenses so that MCAP can continue to provide support for the neglected and abused children of Montgomery County.



*Pictured from left to right: William H. Pugh, V, John R. Howland, Mary C. Pugh, Michael J. Foster, and Robert E. Slota, Jr.*

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