



SDMAC SUPPORTS CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S "OPERATION WELCOME HOME"

SAN DIEGO, January 12, 2010 – With an estimated 30,000 veterans of the United States Military annually returning from a combat tour to California to reconnect with families and to restart their civilian lives, the San Diego Military Advisory Council (SDMAC) announces its support of Governor Schwarzenegger's recent announcement of a new state initiative "Operation Welcome Home". Under the new outreach program, help will be given to returning combat veterans to obtain employment and other assistance they may need to secure housing, health care, and veterans' services.

"Part of SDMAC's mission is to support the common interests of the military and the San Diego region, and we are supportive of the Governor's new plan for state agencies to provide better support to our returning veterans," said Tony Nufer, SDMAC's president. "As the Governor stated," continued Nufer, "California has more returning veterans than any other state, so it's a positive step that the state is taking to recognize its special responsibility to our veterans. It is also economically more responsible to invest in the productive contribution a veteran will rapidly make in the San Diego community than it is to rely on long term entitlement programs if we don't act."

On an ongoing basis, SDMAC actively works with the military to help service members and veterans through SDMAC's Military, Family & Wounded Support and Education & Veterans Transition Support focus groups. Summarized Nufer, "We are working to ensure our service personnel and their families are integral parts of our communities. The Governor's planned initiative helps bring all of us another step closer in meeting this positive goal."

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The San Diego Military Advisory Council (SDMAC) is a nonprofit mutual benefit corporation, whose mission is to support, promote, and represent the common business and other interests of the military, their quality of life issues, and the defense industry community in the San Diego area.

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