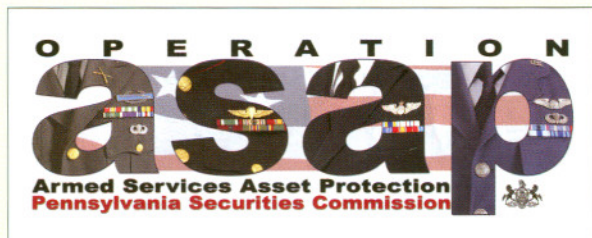


# Commission Launches Operation ASAP

When most Americans hear that a friend or neighbor is serving overseas in the armed forces, they may feel a sense of worry. Concerned about the potential for unscrupulous persons targeting military families for bogus or high-risk investments, the Pennsylvania Securities Commission (PSC) established an outreach and education program called Operation ASAP—Armed Services Asset Protection.

PSC staff members have attended military events across Pennsylvania to spread the word about financial fraud, including the Military and Family Resource Day in Grantville and the Armed Forces Day Celebration on City Island in Harrisburg. One of the events, held in State College, included staff members and volunteers who support National Guard families.

Written materials are available, in both print and on CD-ROM, through the Guard's Family Assistance Centers located throughout the Commonwealth. The PSC also posted Operation ASAP materials at [www.psc.state.pa.us/asap](http://www.psc.state.pa.us/asap). These materials can help military families by providing tips and helpful advice on how to avoid scams or unwise investments. To request Operation ASAP materials by mail, call the PSC's toll-free number (1-800-600-0007) or send an email to [asap@state.pa.us](mailto:asap@state.pa.us).



*PSC staffer Pam Smith stands at the ASAP booth at City Island in Harrisburg on Armed Forces Day.*