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Navy Federal Wins Two Awards at Defense Credit Union Conference

Credit Union Receives Awards for Outstanding Service and Promoting Sound Savings Habits

VIENNA, Va. (August 16, 2013) – [Navy Federal Credit Union](#) received yesterday the first annual Best Credit Union award for promoting healthy savings habits within the military at the Defense Credit Union Council (DCUC) Annual Conference. The award was presented by [Military Saves](#). Navy Federal achieved another first for the credit union by earning multiple awards, also receiving the Department of the Navy Credit Union of the Year award for outstanding service.

Military Saves presented Navy Federal's Parris Island branch with the Best Credit Union award for its achievements in promoting responsible savings practices to members of the U.S. armed forces and their families. Within the last year, the branch provided 14 savings presentations to over 1,100 Marines, resulting in 792 Easy Start Certificates, designed to help recruits save systematically through automatic transfers each payday. Among other activities, the Parris Island branch offered a financial education presentation at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island.

Representatives from Military Saves were present to honor Navy Federal at the conference. "Military Saves Week is an opportunity to help military members and their families save, and the credit unions who participate have a remarkable power to impact the savings habits of our troops," said James Lander, Military Saves director. "We're excited for the opportunity to present this award for the first time at the DCUC Conference to showcase and thank organizations who have made a real difference in this area. Navy Federal continues to do fantastic work for our nation's military and is well-deserving of this award."

"This is the first time Military Saves has given out the Best Credit Union award at the DCUC conference, and we're proud to be the inaugural recipient," said Jay Boulware, Navy Federal Parris Island branch manager. "Helping the Parris Island community develop healthy savings habits is a year-round mission for us. The Navy Federal Parris Island branch is a great example of how each of our branches strives to serve the U.S. armed forces and their families, not just financially but in every area of life. Each branch is dedicated to becoming an integral part of its community."

The Navy's Credit Union of the Year award highlights contributions made by a specific branch for its service to not only a particular command, but to the surrounding area as well. Navy Federal's Bethesda branch received this year's award for its numerous contributions to the Walter Reed National Military

Medical Center community. Service activities included, among others, check cashing and bedside notary services for both member and non-member wounded warriors, financial education briefings at local recruiting stations and in-branch educational sessions covering effective savings habits.

“We’re honored to be recognized by the Navy in this way,” said Lazett Rene, Navy Federal Bethesda branch manager. “We are especially glad to have had so many opportunities to support local wounded warriors and to touch the broader community this past year. We definitely won’t be resting on our laurels after receiving this award.”

About Navy Federal Credit Union: Navy Federal Credit Union is the world’s largest credit union with \$54 billion in assets, 4 million members, 231 branches, and a workforce of over 11,000 employees worldwide. The credit union serves all Department of Defense and Coast Guard active duty, civilian, and contractor personnel and their families. For additional information about Navy Federal, visit www.navyfederal.org.

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