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## **Cooperative Credit Union Association Partners with Defense Credit Union Council**

**March 16, 2022 (Marlborough, Massachusetts)** — The Cooperative Credit Union Association (CCUA) has joined forces with the Defense Credit Union Council to assist credit unions in Delaware, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Rhode Island in recognizing and providing for the unique financial needs of members of the United States Armed Forces and their families.

Erratic pay, relocation expenses, spousal employment opportunities, and the cost of childcare are among the many rigors of military life that have many service families now worrying more about their finances in addition to deployments. Many service families struggle to get by on a single modest military income, often in a new, unfamiliar place without family or friends.

“This partnership, the first of its kind, underscores our appreciation for our service members and their families,” said CCUA President/CEO Ron McLean. “As credit unions serving military installations, Hanscom FCU and Pioneer Valley Credit Union in Massachusetts, Service FCU in New Hampshire, and Dover FCU in Delaware each have a special affinity for our military; but, as financial first responders, all of our member credit unions provide innovative options and solutions to help ease their burdens.”

“It’s important to realize the scope of service that our credit unions provide,” said DCUC President/CEO Anthony Hernandez. “It extends beyond the gates of military installations into every community. We represent the interests of all DoD personnel active and retired, including Coast Guard, National Guard and Reserve units, as well as their families. That means there is probably a military connection in the family tree of every credit union.”

### **About the Defense Credit Union Council**

*[The Defense Credit Union Council](http://www.d cuc.org) is the premier resource for credit unions on all military and veteran matters. By maintaining a close and constant liaison with the Pentagon, Capitol Hill, and NCUA, the Council champions the interests of credit unions serving our military and veteran communities by coordinating policy, procedures, and legislation impacting morale and welfare, financial readiness, and the delivery of quality financial products and services. Organized in 1963, the Council’s membership is comprised of 180 credit unions with over 30 million members. Learn more at [www.d cuc.org](http://www.d cuc.org).*

### **About the Cooperative Credit Union Association**

*The Cooperative Credit Union Association is a regional trade organization serving as the voice for nearly 180-member credit unions located in the States of Delaware, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island. CCUA member credit unions hold combined assets in excess of \$73 billion and serve a collective membership base of more than 4.7 million consumers. Last year, CCUA credit unions provided over \$500 million in direct financial benefits to their members and had an combined financial impact of over \$5 billion on their states . For more information, visit [www.CC UA.org](http://www.CC UA.org)*

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