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LAFCU, LUGNUTS MILITARY RECOGNITION PROGRAM EXPANDS TO INCLUDE LCC SCHOLARSHIP

Nominations of 'Community Champions' encouraged throughout the summer

LANSING, Mich. — LAFCU's Community Champions program has been expanded to include a \$1,000 scholarship to attend Lansing Community College (LCC) during the 2015-2016 academic year. Eligible applicants are those who have been, or are scheduled to be, honored as a LAFCU Community Champion during the 2015 Lansing Lugnuts season and their family members.

The application deadline is Friday, Aug. 7. The winner will be announced at the Saturday, Aug. 22, Lansing Lugnuts game.

The LAFCU Community Champions program recognizes active and veteran members of the military at Lansing Lugnuts LAFCU Fireworks Spectaculars.

In addition to the \$1,000 scholarship award provided by LAFCU, fans can help raise additional funds for the winner through LAFCU Launch, an in-park promotion at LAFCU Fireworks Spectaculars. Following the game, fans have the opportunity to donate \$1 for each tennis ball they want to "launch" onto the field for a chance to win a \$25 VISA card.

"The LCC scholarship component adds an exciting fan participation aspect to the LAFCU Community Champions program," said Kelli A. Ellsworth Etchison, - LAFCU's vice president of community and business development. "It also inserts a reward element that's focused on future potential as well as honoring achievements of the past."

Selection of LAFCU Community Champions honorees will be made throughout the summer prior to individual LAFCU Fireworks Spectaculars. Aug. 28 is the deadline for the final Spectacular of the



LAFCU Com Champ 1-Clark – Sgt. Clarence Clark, of Lansing, U.S. Army, a veteran of the Vietnam War, salutes the crowd during his recognition as a LAFCU Community Champion at the Lugnuts May 1 LAFCU Fireworks Spectacular. LAFCU continues to accept nominations through August 28 for 2015 honorees. (Photo by Kyle Castle.)

season, which is Sept. 4. Honorees receive four tickets to the game, the opportunity to throw a ceremonial first pitch and a video-board salute during the game.

Nominations of deserving Community Champions should include a paragraph about why the nominee should receive this recognition, including identification of any military awards, recognitions and community involvement, the nominee's branch of service, current rank or rank at time of discharge, and hometown. Mail to LAFUCU Community Champions, P.O. Box 26188, Lansing, MI 48909, or submit via email, LAFUCUCommunityChampion@gmail.com.

Visit LAFUCU.com or LansingLugnuts.com for more information.

About LAFUCU

Chartered in 1936, LAFUCU is proud to be mid-Michigan's credit union, serving the counties of Barry, Calhoun, Clinton, Eaton, Gratiot, Ingham, Ionia, Jackson, Livingston, Montcalm and Shiawassee. A recipient of the Dora Maxwell Social Responsibility Award, LAFUCU takes pride in bringing value to the financial lives of its members, neighbors, families and community. Offering a comprehensive range of personal and business financial products, LAFUCU provides services that include checking and savings accounts, auto and mortgage lending, business accounts and business lending. LAFUCU serves 55,000 members, holds nearly \$600 million in assets, and maintains nine locations throughout Greater Lansing and the counties of Clinton and Shiawassee. Anyone who lives, works, worships or attends school in its designated counties is eligible to join. Members enjoy benefits, such as lower interest rates on loans, higher yields on savings, insurance discounts, preferred seating for LAFUCU-sponsored events, and access to 28,000 surcharge-free ATMs through the CO-OP ATM network. LAFUCU supports and enriches mid-Michigan by donating funds and employee volunteer hours to many organizations and causes. To learn more about LAFUCU, please call 517.622.6600 or find us online:

About the Lansing Lugnuts

The Lansing Lugnuts, Class-A Affiliate of the Toronto Blue Jays, 'Go Nuts' as they enter their 20th season in Michigan's Capital City. Featured in USA Today and on CNN for their successes, the Lugnuts make their home at the newly renovated Cooley Law School Stadium. Built in 1996, Cooley Law School Stadium continues to be a key component in revitalizing Lansing's downtown while providing fun, affordable, family entertainment to fans in Mid-Michigan and beyond. Find them online: www.lansinglugnuts.com.

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