

For more information, contact: Tracy Szarzi-Fors, Wright-Patt Credit Union, Inc. (937) 912-7114 tszarzi-fors@wpcu.coop www.wpcu.coop

For immediate release: August 29, 2023

## WRIGHT-PATT CREDIT UNION NAMED UNITED STATES AIR FORCE DISTINGUISHED CREDIT UNION OF THE YEAR

Beavercreek, OH – Wright-Patt Credit Union, Inc. (WPCU) was named the 2022 Air Force Distinguished Credit Union of the Year in the large asset category. WPCU, ranked as number one of 16 nominees in this category, was recognized for its exceptional service and stand-out personal financial management education efforts. This year's award was presented on August 8<sup>th</sup> at a special ceremony during the Defense Credit Union Council's 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The conference was attended by industry leaders from around the world and members of Defense Credit Unions from across the United States.

The distinguished Air Force Credit Union of the Year award is presented to a financial institution that provides the Air Force community with superior financial education and customized services.

"In the early 1930s, workers at Wright Field, which is now Wright-Patterson Air Force base, began depositing a quarter each paycheck into a shoebox to support an ill co-worker in need of financial support. This box of coins and the intention behind it evolved into Wright-Patt Credit Union," commented Timothy Mislansky, President and Chief Executive Officer at WPCU. "It's such a huge honor to be recognized for our work with WPAFB and to be a critical part of their mission. We are so proud to still be serving the Air Force community more than 91 years later and staying true to our original purpose of helping people through life. This award is a testament to that dedication and the hard work of every member of the WPCU team."

WPCU supports Wright-Patterson Air Force base and the surrounding community by operating three member centers on-base and providing operational support for millions of dollars in Treasury General Account deposits from multiple base agencies. The credit union also hosts military-focused webinars and in-person courses to help members understand credit, investment basics (TSP), and

budgeting and offers multiple products tailored to the needs of the Air Force community like discounted loans for first-time auto buyers.



[Members of the WPCU team accept the 2022 Air Force Distinguished Credit Union of the Year award at the Defense Credit Union Council's 60th Annual Conference in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Pictured left to right: Eric Cuebes, Eric Cuebas, Accounting & Finance Office Director for the Department of the Air Force; Stephen Basile, Member Center Manager of Area B at WPCU; Jay Arnett, Member Center Manager of Area A and Kittyhawk at WPCU; Jayme Bettinger, Regional Director, Member Center Operations at WPCU; Timothy Mislansky, President and CEO at WPCU. Photo credit: Alexander Aleman]

To learn more about WPCU and its services for members of the military, visit

www.wpcu.coop/military.

###

## About Wright-Patt Credit Union

Established in 1932, Wright-Patt Credit Union is a member-owned, not-for-profit financial cooperative proudly serving Central and Southwest Ohio with almost 500,000 members and \$8.1 billion in assets. As a cooperative, Wright-Patt Credit Union joins members together, pooling financial resources to meet the needs of all. The pooled resources provide the capital to run a strong and efficient operation. Celebrating its 90<sup>th</sup> year of helping people, Wright-Patt Credit Union is headquartered in Beavercreek, Ohio, and has convenient Member Centers throughout Central and Southwest Ohio. Wright-Patt Credit Union's mission is to help people through life by allowing members to achieve a greater degree of economic independence. Visit Wright-Patt Credit Union's website at <u>www.wpcu.coop</u> for more information.