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**LAFCU HONORS EIGHT COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS WITH MILITARY SERVICE
AT LUGNUTS GAMES; STILL TIME TO NOMINATE YOUR CHAMPION**

Final nomination deadline is Aug. 22

LANSING, Mich. – LAFCU’s Community Champions program has honored eight deserving veterans and current members of the military at Lansing Lugnuts games this year and is continuing to accept nominations of deserving recipients through Friday, Aug. 22, for games through Aug. 31.

The nominees’ military and community service will be considered in the selection process.

“In this first year of the program, we are especially proud that eight nominated champions who sacrificed for our great country have already been recognized at the post-game LAFCU Fireworks Spectaculars,” said Kelli A. Ellsworth-Etchison, vice president of community and business development for LAFCU. “The enormous support from the Lugnuts’ crowd has made this recognition even more meaningful.”

The eight honorees are:

- **Capt. Danielle Engle**, of Reed City, U.S. Army
- **Capt. Ryan Engle**, of Reed City, U.S. Marine Corps
- **Sgt. Aaron Jolly**, of Eaton Rapids, U.S. Army
- **Cpl. Karl Leitz**, of Eaton Rapids, veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps
- **Spc. Keegan Long**, of Lansing, stationed in Alaska, U.S. Army
- **Spc. Bradley Rappuhn**, former resident of Grand Ledge, killed during active duty in the U.S. Army
- **Sgt. Jordan LaRoche**, of Lansing, Army National Guard
- **Sgt. Ralph Wolf**, of Mulliken, veteran of the Army Air Force

“This program has allowed us to work closely with a great partner in LAFCU, for a greater cause—recognizing those who deserve it most”, said Lansing Lugnuts General Manager Nick Grueser. “The acknowledgement of these champions by Lugnuts’ fans has been truly

overwhelming. It's a privilege for the Lugnuts to honor the service men and women of our community.”

Each honoree receives four tickets to the game, the opportunity to throw a ceremonial first pitch and a video-board salute during the game.

The remaining LAFCU Fireworks Spectaculars are Aug. 8-9, Aug. 22-23 and Aug. 30-31.

To nominate a community champion, write a paragraph about why the nominee should receive this recognition, identify the nominee's branch of service and current rank or rank at time of discharge and include any military awards or recognitions earned by the nominee.

Nominations can be submitted via email, LAFCUCommunityChampion@gmail.com, or mailed to LAFCU Community Champions, 106 N. Marketplace Blvd., □Lansing, MI 48917.

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

About LAFCU

Chartered in 1936, LAFCU 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, LAFCU 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, LAFCU provides services that include checking and savings accounts, auto and mortgage lending, business accounts and business lending. LAFCU serves 55,000 members, holds more than \$580 million in assets, and maintains eight locations throughout Greater Lansing and Shiawassee County. 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 LAFCU-sponsored events, and access to 28,000 surcharge-free ATMs through the CO-OP ATM network. LAFCU supports and enriches mid-Michigan by donating funds and employee volunteer hours to many organizations and causes. To learn more about LAFCU please call 517.622.6600 or find us online:

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About the Lansing Lugnuts

The Lansing Lugnuts, Class-A Affiliate of the Toronto Blue Jays, 'Go Nuts' in their 19th season in Michigan's Capital City. Featured in USA Today and on CNN for their successes, the Lugnuts

make their home at beautiful 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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COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS



In conjunction with the Lansing Lugnuts, LAFCU is proud to salute current and former military members for their dedicated service to our country. If you know an individual who deserves to be honored for their commitment, nominate them as a LAFCU Community Champion and they may be recognized during a 2014 Lansing Lugnuts home game!

LAFCU Community Champions receive:

- 4 tickets to a LAFCU Fireworks game
- Opportunity to throw out a ceremonial first pitch
- In-game recognition on videoboard

Along with a short paragraph about the nominee, please include:

- Branch of service
(U.S. Army, U.S. Navy, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Air Force, U.S. Marine Corps)
- Current rank, or rank at time of discharge
- Any distinguished service awards and recognitions received
- Work done in his/her community



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-OR-

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