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Northwest Federal Credit Union Celebrates Employee-Soldier's Return Home

Herndon, VA – Northwest Federal Credit Union (NWFCU) staff reunited on May 19, 2008 with their fellow employee-soldier, Joshua Speights, after his year-long tour of duty with the Army Reserve in Iraq. NWFCU rolled out the red carpet treatment for Speights to welcome him as he reported back to work at the Credit Union. NWFCU's headquarters in Herndon was decorated with yellow ribbons, American flags and a large 'Welcome Home Joshua' banner hung high on the building as a tribute to Speights and his service to our country and the Credit Union.

The celebration and tributes to Speights continued later that day with an employee-wide welcome home luncheon. "I can't thank NWFCU enough for the warm homecoming and all the care packages and cards while I was away. They (NWFCU) made my time away from home a little easier," said Speights regarding his ten-month tour of duty stationed in Baquaba, Iraq Dilyah Province. "Knowing that you have a strong support group makes a difference. I am grateful and happy to be home."

During the welcome luncheon, NWFCU President/CEO, Gerrienne 'Winky' Burks, shared a few words to celebrate Speights' homecoming and reflect on his service. "Joshua's service to our country is truly honorable. We are proud to have him home and thrilled he is home safely," said Winky Burks. "I'm always touched by our employees and the way they band together to support one another. Joshua's homecoming is another example of the respect and admiration our employees demonstrate towards each other every day." The homecoming was emotional and served as a reminder to everyone to remember all the troops who are serving our country and away from their friends and families.

Joshua Speights is a proud member of the Army Reserve and lives in Woodbridge, Virginia. He is currently working as a Mortgage Loan Administrator for Northwest Federal Credit Union where he has worked for two years.

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Northwest Federal Credit Union is a full-service financial institution serving select government employees and over 400 companies in northern Virginia. Established in 1947 and headquartered in Herndon, Virginia, NWFCU is dedicated to its members and the surrounding community. The Credit Union currently has more than 96,000 members and assets in excess of \$1.5 billion. For more information, please visit www.nwfcu.org.

NWFCU Celebrates Homecoming of Army Reserve Employee-Soldier



Joshua Speights smiled for the camera at his welcome home luncheon hosted by Northwest Federal Credit Union in honor of his safe return from his tour of duty in Iraq with the Army Reserve.



NWFCU employees and family members worked together to decorate the Credit Union campus with yellow ribbons and American flags in honor of one of their employee's, Joshua Speights, safe homecoming after serving in Iraq.



NWFCU's Mortgage Department reunites with their fellow employee, Joshua Speights, after his nearly year-long tour of duty with the Army Reserve in Iraq. Speights shown center sitting on chair.



Northwest Federal Credit Union employees honored Joshua Speights at his welcome home safely from Iraq luncheon. The cake captured the spirit of the day with these words, 'Welcome Home Josh! Thank you for Defending the Freedom We Enjoy Everyday!'



Welcome home signs, yellow ribbons and American flags decorated the NWFCU Herndon campus as they welcomed home one of their employees, Joshua Speights, from serving in Iraq.