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## **Defense Community Champions National Honorees Recognized at Defense Communities National Summit.**

Association of Defense Communities (ADC) and Navy Federal Credit Union recognize four national honorees for making a difference in defense communities.

Washington, D.C. – The [Association of Defense Communities](#) (ADC), together with [Navy Federal Credit Union](#), recognized Dr. Lucy Greene of Valdosta, Ga., Kimberly Huth of St. Clair County, Ill. and Frederick Mueller of Sierra Vista, Ariz. as 2023 Defense Community Champions National Honorees. Sharene Brown was the inaugural recipient of the National Impact Award.

Defense Community Champions is a program that aims to recognize individuals who make a difference in defense communities through deeds big and small. There were 17 local champions recognized, three of whom were selected as national honorees. The program presented is by ADC in partnership with Navy Federal Credit Union.

“ADC is humbled to recognize our national honorees. We had inspiring nominations from across the country, and these individuals were chosen for going above and beyond for their defense communities,” said Karen Holt, president of ADC. “They are all strong advocates for their local installations and promote collaboration between their base and community.”

Dr. Lucy Greene founded Moody Support Team with her late husband, Parker Greene, to honor the airmen of Moody Air Force Base. She has been a staunch supporter of military members for over 50 years.

Kimberly Huth serves as Executive Director of Military Affairs for St. Clair County, Ill. Through this role and other engagements, Huth helps deliver programs that touch all four services and the U.S. Coast Guard, supporting over 17,000 service members.

Frederick Mueller, former mayor of Sierra Vista, Ariz., led the city to numerous environmental wins and has been an advocate for military members in the Fort Huachuca region.

Sharene Brown, Spouse of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Chief of Staff of the Air Force, was the first individual to receive the National Impact Award. She was recognized for her dedication and contributions to defense communities across the nation.

The three national honorees were recognized at the Defense Communities National Summit on Tuesday, March 7 in Arlington, VA.

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**About Defense Community Champions:** Defense Community Champions is a program presented by ADC in partnership with Navy Federal Credit Union. The program aims to recognize individuals who make a difference in defense communities through deeds big and small. Defense Community Champions are leaders on base, in communities, across local governments, and industries.

**About Association of Defense Communities (ADC):** ADC is the connection point for leaders from communities, states, the military and industry on community-military issues and installation management to enhance knowledge, information-sharing and best practices. With nearly 300 communities, states, regions and affiliated industry organization as members, ADC represents every major defense community or state in the nation. To learn more, visit [defensecommunities.org](https://defensecommunities.org).

**About Navy Federal Credit Union:** Established in 1933 with only 7 members, Navy Federal now has the distinct honor of serving over 12.3 million members globally and is the world's largest credit union. As a member-owned and not-for-profit organization, Navy Federal always puts the financial needs of its members first. Membership is open to all Department of Defense and Coast Guard Active Duty, veterans, civilian and contractor personnel, and their families. Dedicated to its mission of service, Navy Federal employs a workforce of over 22,000 and has a global network of 355 branches. For more information about Navy Federal Credit Union, visit [navyfederal.org](https://navyfederal.org).

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