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Chairman, Dale Whittaker Honored for Outstanding Commitment to Credit Union Movement

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Dale Whittaker, Chairman of the Board for Vantage West Credit Union, was presented the "Gene Ball Award" on September 27, at The National Association of Credit Union Chairmen (NACUC) Conference in Savannah, Georgia. This award is presented annually to an individual who has demonstrated outstanding commitment to the Credit Union Movement and the NACUC.

Whittaker has been affiliated with the Credit Union Movement for 56 years, and has been associated with NACUC since 1976. He has attended 35 out of the past 37 annual NACUC meetings.

Whittaker is a 39-year veteran of military service. He retired in 1991 as a Command Chief Master Sergeant. Whittaker has served on the Board of Directors for Vantage West Credit Union for 43 years. He has been responsible for innovations including conversion to an electronic board packet, a financial indicators spreadsheet, methods for screening CEO applicants, and the creation of a board governance manual—all still used by the Board today.

The NACUC, also known as The Chairmen's Group, was founded in Williamsburg, Virginia by a small group of credit union chairmen in 1976. Through the Chairmen's Annual Roundtable Forum, NACUC provides unparalleled education and networking to the chief elected volunteers. It is the only national association which exclusively serves the needs of credit union chairmen and future chairmen.

Vantage West Credit Union is Southern Arizona's largest, with \$1.2 billion in assets. The credit union has 15 branches in Pima, Pinal and Maricopa counties. A 16th branch will open soon at First Avenue and Limberlost.

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ABOVE: Mr Whittaker (middle) receiving his plaque.

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