

News Release

Tennessee Credit Union Hall of Fame Inductees for 2013

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NASHVILLE, TN – The Tennessee Credit Union League (TCUL) and Volunteer Corporate Credit Union (VolCorp) recently inducted two deserving individuals into the Tennessee Credit Union Hall of Fame at the TCUL Annual Convention and Expo in Gatlinburg, TN. Jointly sponsored by the TCUL and VolCorp, induction into the Tennessee Credit Union Hall of Fame is awarded annually to recognize the commitment, leadership, and dedication that deserving individuals from the state have made to the credit union movement.

The 2013 inductees into the Tennessee Credit Union Hall of Fame are:

- W. Blake Strickland, President/CEO, Tennessee Valley Federal Credit Union
- Dickie Johnson, Chairman of the Board, Electric Service Credit Union

Blake Strickland began his credit union career with Tennessee Valley Federal Credit Union in 1978 as its first marketing director. His enthusiasm and dedication to the principles of the credit union movement have remained steadfast throughout his credit union career. Appointed as President/CEO in 1999, Blake has guided the credit union to \$975 million in assets with 14 branch locations. Mr. Strickland served as Board Chairman of VolCorp from 2005-2009 and as a League Director in 2007. Blake is active in many community activities including the March of Dimes, River Valley Chapter and served as past chairman of the March of Dimes Walk America. He is a graduate of the University of Georgia and continues to be an avid Georgia Bulldog fan.

Dickie Johnson served as President/Manager of Electric Service Credit Union (ESCU) from 1969 until 1992. His leadership continues to provide a solid platform for ESCU's growth. During his tenure as President/Manager, Electric Service Credit Union grew from \$2.5 million to \$28 million in assets. Mr. Johnson's service continues as the current Board Chairman of Electric Service Credit Union. Other credit union service includes serving on the League Board from 1986 until 1992 and as Chairman in 1989-1990. Raised as a Master Mason in Lebanon Lodge No. 98, Brother Johnson was awarded the 2009 Most Worshipful Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Tennessee. Other service in the Masons included serving as Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Tennessee. He currently serves as the Grand Chaplain of Tennessee Masons. As a graduate of Candler School of Theology at Emory University, Mr. Johnson has served many years in Methodist ministry.

The Tennessee Credit Union League (TCUL) was formed in 1934 as a 501C-3 non-profit trade association for Tennessee credit unions. The League's mission is to promote and support the success and advancement of credit unions in meeting their service and structural goals.

Volunteer Corporate Credit Union (VolCorp) is a not-for-profit financial cooperative that serves natural person credit unions nationally. Guided by a volunteer board of directors, VolCorp was organized for the express purpose of providing low-cost financial services and competitive investment and lending rates to our member/owners.

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