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Pacific NW Federal Credit Union welcomes home employee-soldier from Iraq

Portland, OR –Pacific NW Federal Credit Union (PNWFCU) staff reunited on April 30, 2010 with their fellow employee-soldier, Sgt. Bradley Heinrichs, after a yearlong tour of duty in Iraq. PNWFCU rolled out the red carpet treatment for Heinrichs, decorating its headquarters with American flags and a large ‘Welcome Home’ banner hung from the building as a tribute for his service.

Sgt. Heinrichs was stationed in western Iraq with the Oregon National Guard’s 41st brigade. During his 12-month deployment, he maintained the radio systems and was in charge of training for a number of systems used to track convoys. He was also a qualified CREW specialist that ensured that vehicles were safe every time they went outside the base camp. This was Heinrichs’ second combat tour.

The surprise celebration continued with an employee-wide potluck barbeque. During the barbeque, Heinrichs’ supervisor, Eric Keyser, presented him with a framed photo and plaque that read, “Pacific NW Federal Credit Union thanks you for your service, your sacrifice, and your steadfast commitment to America. Please accept our heartfelt gratitude.”

“It’s nice to work for a company that supports what I do,” said Heinrichs. “It was great to receive packages from them while I was away. This is just a great place to work.”

The emotional homecoming served as a reminder of the sacrifice of many Americans who serve our country away from their family and friends.

PNWFCU President/CEO Thomas Griffith, a recently retired Sergeant First Class of the Army Reserves said, “We are thankful for Brad’s safe return from his second deployment. It has been an honor to do what we could as an employer to support a National Guardsman of his caliber. We look forward to his return to the credit union.”

Sgt. Heinrich has been with the Oregon National Guard since 2004. In June, he will resume his position as IT Support Specialist for Pacific NW Federal Credit Union, where he worked for two years before being deployed in April 2009.

Pacific NW Federal Credit Union is a member-owned financial cooperative existing to provide high quality products and services, which enables our membership to achieve financial health and independence. They offer credit union services to over 300 federal agencies and select employee groups. PNWFCU is a \$150 million credit union with over 16,000 members, enjoying a full range of personal and business products and services.

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Employees banded together to support Brad.



Brad (right) with his mother and father who also attended the event.