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**Alaska USA Federal Credit Union appoints new chairman of the board**

*Honoring outgoing Chairman Bobby Alexander*

**Anchorage, Alaska** – Alaska USA Federal Credit Union has appointed a new Chairman of the Board, Kent Berthiaume. Berthiaume succeeds Bobby Alexander, who recently stepped down as chairman of the board after serving on the board of directors since 1996 and as chairman since 2001.

“Alaska USA will be forever grateful for the impact and legacy that Bobby Alexander has left on our organization and the credit union industry. We are pleased for Kent Berthiaume to assume the role of chairman of the board and the wealth of knowledge and connection to the military that he will bring,” said Alaska USA Federal Credit Union President and CEO Geoff Lundfelt.

As Chairman of the Board, Berthiaume will be responsible for providing direction and leadership for the board of directors while serving as a liaison for the executive management and the Board.

“Having been an Alaska USA member since 1995, I’ve seen firsthand how members are provided outstanding service and treated with respect. As the board chair, I assure Alaska USA will always treat members and staff with the dignity and respect everyone deserves and facilitate financial stability and growth for a strong future of the institution,” said Alaska USA Board Chair Kent Berthiaume.

Berthiaume was nominated to the role of chairman of the board at the June 9 board meeting.

**More about Kent Berthiaume**

Kent Berthiaume has been a member of the credit union board of directors since 2016 and has held positions of secretary and treasurer of the board since 2019. Berthiaume has also been a member of the credit union since 1995 and has served on the supervisory committee for six years, prior to his appointment to the board. As a retired service member, Berthiaume served for 24 years in comptrollership with experience in finance, accounting, cost analysis, and budgeting. Berthiaume is currently employed by the Air Force Civil Service as a resource manager. Berthiaume has a bachelor’s degree in business administration from Wayland Baptist University.

**More about Bobby Alexander**

Bobby Alexander served on the board of directors for Alaska USA Federal Credit Union since 1996. Alexander held many roles including chairman of the board, vice chairman of the board of Alaska USA Trust Company and vice president of the Alaska USA Foundation. In addition to his board positions, Alexander served 10 years as a member of the credit union’s supervisory committee. In total, Alexander volunteered on boards or committees of various credit union organizations for 36 years. For more than thirty years, Alexander served in the United States Army including two tours in Vietnam with the 5th Special Forces Group. There, he was selected as the NCO in charge of the group’s financial section and was responsible for more than 5,000 soldiers. He also spent 11 years as the finance and accounting sergeant major. After retiring from the United States Army, Alexander returned to serve in a civilian capacity in the Manpower/Force Management Division, DCSRM. Alexander received numerous awards during his time in the military and continues his connection through volunteer efforts and support of active-duty members of the military.

**More about Alaska USA**

Alaska USA Federal Credit Union is a member-owned, nonprofit financial cooperative with more than $10 billion in assets and more than 700,000 members worldwide. The credit union operates more than 90 branches and service facilities in Alaska, Arizona, California, and Washington State. Alaska USA offers a 24/7 Member Service Center and access to more than 55,000 surcharge-free ATMs worldwide, as well as online and mobile solutions.

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