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VyStar Reaches 500,000 Member Milestone

Jacksonville, Florida – Terry R. West, President/CEO of VyStar Credit Union, recently announced that VyStar achieved a major milestone in its 63 year history by surpassing 500,000 members. VyStar, formerly Jax Navy Federal Credit Union, was founded in 1952 by 12 people who knew how hard it was for military and civil service employees to access affordable financial services. The original founders worked together, contributed \$5 each and formed what is today VyStar Credit Union. Their primary goal was helping working class people improve their financial condition by offering affordable financial services.

Today, VyStar's mission continues to support the primary goal of its founding members by serving the financial needs of its members and providing quality services while maintaining fiscal soundness. As a result, the 12 original founders have grown to over 500,000 and the original \$60 in deposits has grown to over \$5.6 billion making VyStar the 19th largest credit union in the nation and the 4th largest financial institution in Northeast Florida.

Terry West says, "We have our members to thank, past and present, for VyStar's success along with the solid foundation established by our original members. We feel this is a reason to celebrate."

In celebration and appreciation, VyStar is offering a special, 15-month Certificate of Deposit for its members for a limited time only. Other special member appreciation events and promotions are planned during September and October in celebration of the 500,000 member milestone.

VyStar Credit Union is the largest credit union headquartered in Northeast Florida. VyStar now serves over 500,000 members with assets totaling more than \$5.6 billion. VyStar membership is open to everyone who lives or works in Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Clay, Columbia, Duval, Flagler, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Levy, Marion, Nassau, Putnam, St. Johns, Suwannee, Union and Volusia Counties.
