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InfoSight News

Never Forget...

This week is the anniversary of the tragedy of September 11, 2001, and we would like to take a moment to say that we will never forget the events from that day.

Here are words from a resident near Shanksville, PA:

“I visited New York when the towers were still craters, and the Pennsylvania field when the memorial was no more than white crosses and benches. I live just a few miles from the Flight 93 memorial now, but I have a hard time visiting, though it is beautiful there. The pain of the families of those who were lost is beyond comprehension. No one should have to suffer this way. I won’t visit the memorial on 9/11. That’s really for the families. But I’ll fly my flag and remember.” (The Atlantic, 9/11/16)

Compliance and Advocacy News & Highlights

FTC Settlement Shuttters Auto Dealer Group

The Federal Trade Commission has [announced](#) a group of auto dealerships in Arizona and New Mexico must cease business operations as part of a [court-approved settlement](#) resolving FTC charges that the dealerships deceived consumers and falsified information on vehicle financing applications. In a case filed in 2018, the FTC alleged that Tate’s Auto Center of Winslow, Inc.; Tate’s Automotive, Inc.; Tate Ford-Lincoln-Mercury, Inc. (doing business as Tate’s Auto Center); Tate’s Auto Center of Gallup, Inc.; and Richard Berry, an officer of the dealerships, falsified consumers’ income and down payment information on vehicle financing applications and misrepresented important financial terms in vehicle advertisements. The case continues against Berry and relief defendant Linda Tate.

Source: FTC

Guidance Issued to Implement Presidential Memorandum Deferring Certain Employee Social Security Tax Withholding

The Department of Treasury and Internal Revenue Service recently issued guidance by [posting Notice 2020-65](#) implementing the Presidential Memorandum issued on August 8, 2020, allowing employers to defer withholding and payment of the employee's portion of the Social Security tax if the employee's wages are below a certain amount.

[Notice 2020-65](#) makes relief available for employers and generally applies to wages paid starting September 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020. The employee Social Security tax deferral may apply to payments of taxable wages to an employee that are less than \$4,000 during a bi-weekly pay period, with each pay period considered separately. No deferral is available for any payment to an employee of taxable wages of \$4,000 or above for a bi-weekly pay period.

This notice postpones the time for employers to withhold and pay employee Social Security taxes. Additional [tax relief related to the COVID-19 pandemic](#) can be found on IRS.gov.

Source: IRS

Foundation Collaborates on State Level Response to Disasters

The National Credit Union Foundation has been working closely with state credit union foundations and leagues, specifically with the California and Nevada Credit Union Leagues, Louisiana Credit Union League, and the Cornerstone Credit Union Foundation to evaluate the disaster relief needs of credit union employees and volunteers in response to the California Wildfires and Hurricane Laura.

One of the three pillars of the Foundation's work is responding and providing aid in the wake of a natural disaster. Due to the significant damage of the wildfires and Hurricane Laura, the Foundation has been connecting with the states affected to gain an understanding of their individual needs and has made available funds from the Foundation's disaster relief fund.

"We are working closely with the leagues and foundation's aforementioned to ensure that the immediate needs of credit union employees and volunteers impacted by these disasters are being met," said Hannibal L. Brumskine, CFOO at the Foundation. "From our conversations, California and Louisiana have the greatest need for financial assistance and we are able to meet that need through cash reserves currently held in the Foundation's disaster relief fund. We are working with the leagues and state foundations to get credit union employees back on their feet so they can continue serving members when they need it most."

Source: NCUF

An International Perspective on Financial Inclusion, Social Justice and Credit Union Regulatory Advocacy

A Virtual Discussion with National Credit Union Administration (NCUA-US) Chair Rodney Hood,
presented by: World Council of Credit Unions and Credit Union National Association

In this webinar, held **Monday, September 21, 1:00 p.m. CST**, Rodney Hood, Chair of the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA), which regulates credit unions in the United States, will discuss the opportunity credit unions across the world have to expand efforts related to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) and financial inclusion to promote social and racial justice.

Brian Branch, President and CEO, World Council of Credit Unions (WOCCU), and Jim Nussle, President and CEO, Credit Union National Association (CUNA), will join Chairman Hood to discuss the credit union commitment to inclusion and to social justice.

Chairman Hood will also speak to the influence that international standard setters have on regulations that affect all of us. Jim Nussle will address the critical advocacy strategy which CUNA implements in the age of COVID-19, and Brian Branch will profile the international advocacy work World Council of Credit Unions does on behalf of credit unions to reduce unnecessary regulatory burden and achieve greater financial inclusion.

Greg Neumann, Corporate Communications Manager for World Council, will moderate the event.

Schedule:

Introduction - 1:00 p.m.

Presentation by NCUA Chair Rodney Hood – 1:05 p.m. to 1:20 p.m.

Q&A Discussion with Branch, Hood and Jim Nussle – 1:20 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.

Questions from attendees – 1:45 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Our goal for the webinar is to help credit unions worldwide learn how they can get involved and stay abreast of efforts to expand DEI and financial inclusion efforts, while keeping track of the influence that international regulations have on credit unions ability to achieve diversity, equity and inclusion.

[Registration is open now!](#) Questions or comments? Contact Greg Neumann at gneumann@woccu.org.

Source: WOCCU

Articles of Interest:

- [NCUA Needs Power to Supervise Third-Party Vendors, Inspector General Says](#)
- [40,000 Facemasks Donated by National Credit Union Federation of Korea Headed to Hundreds of Credit Unions Worldwide](#)
- [Economic Inclusion Project Joins Local Partners to Assist Venezuelan Entrepreneurs, Professionals Living in Peru](#)

CUNA's Advocacy Resources:

- [This week in Washington](#)
- [CUNA Advocacy Issues - COVID-19](#)

WOCCU Advocacy Resources:

- [Telegraph](#)
- [Advocate Blog](#)

Compliance Calendar

- October 12th, 2020: Columbus Day - Federal Holiday
- October 20th, 2020: **Payday Lending, Vehicle Title, and Certain High-Cost Installment Loans (CFPB)**
- October 25th, 2020: **5300 Call Report Due to NCUA**
- November 11th, 2020: Veterans Day - Federal Holiday
- November 26th, 2020: Thanksgiving Day - Federal Holiday