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# Huntington Wealth, Regional Banking Executive Dunlap to Retire in 2017

## Thirty-Seven Year Huntington Senior Executive Jim Dunlap's Ongoing Role Will Facilitate the Company's Integration With the Merger and Conversion of FirstMerit

COLUMBUS, OH -- (Marketwired) -- 06/01/16 -- James E. "Jim" Dunlap has announced his intention to retire from Huntington Bancshares Incorporated (NASDAQ: HBAN) ([www.huntington.com](http://www.huntington.com)) effective within 2017.

Dunlap is continuing in his current role as Senior Executive Vice President, Director of Regional Banking and The Huntington Private Client Group as the company prepares for the acquisition of FirstMerit Corporation, expected within the third quarter. He will play a leadership role in the effective integration of the combined company in connection with the anticipated consolidation during the first quarter.

"I cherish my nearly four decades at Huntington," said Dunlap, who in addition to his current role has served as commercial banking director, West Michigan region president, Florida operations president and Northwest Ohio operations president, as well as currently serving as the company's senior executive for the state of Michigan and interim East Michigan region president. Under Dunlap's leadership, The Huntington Private Client Group was recently recognized by financial research group Greenwich Associates as one of the top banks in the country for client likelihood to recommend its wealth and investment services.

"I have built my career with the company and am proud of my accomplishments helping it grow to this point," Dunlap said. "I am confident it will be in capable hands moving forward so that now is an ideal time for me to plan for my pending retirement. I look forward to continuing to enthusiastically lead the bank at this important juncture."

"Jim has been an invaluable partner to me over the years and, as an integral member of our executive leadership team, has been a significant contributor to Huntington's strategies and growth," said Steve Steinour, Huntington's chairman, president and CEO. "He is a respected leader in the company, as well as in the communities we serve. We're very grateful for his outstanding leadership and his commitment to Huntington. I am personally grateful that he has chosen to help our transition to become a top 20 bank."

Dunlap will continue his existing board service terms, including Chairman of the West Michigan Policy Forum, board member of Business Leaders for Michigan and executive committee member for Michigan's The Right Place, Inc.

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1,500 ATMs across six Midwestern states. Founded in 1866, The Huntington National Bank and its affiliates provide consumer, small business, commercial, treasury management, wealth management, brokerage, trust, and insurance services. Huntington also provides auto dealer, equipment finance, national settlement and capital market services that extend beyond its core states. Visit [huntington.com](http://huntington.com) for more information.

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