



The coach of any winning sports team or the leader of any successful organization knows there are certain “go-to” individuals that make things happen. They are leaders in their own right, masters of their individual talents, yet are ever mindful of the Team and the Team’s objectives. They are well prepared, versatile, and committed to the Team’s success.



That is an apt description of the First Florida Chapter’s Treasurer, Bridget Saffold Leirvik.

A self-described “Air Force brat”, Bridget had the values of service and commitment to purpose ingrained into her early in life. Her father had a full career of service to the USAF, with duty stations in California, Delaware, South Carolina, and as far away as Guam. The father’s service was shared by the entire family in their time together at such diverse assignments.

That commitment to service and to excellence is evident in the other major areas of life. In her career as a leader at a major US bank that spans nearly three decades, Bridget has demonstrated extraordinary talents in her expertise with numbers, accounting, and management. Having begun literally on the ground floor, Bridget has mastered several management positions, underpinned by her “Can Do” attitude and devotion to the Team’s objectives.

Aside from professional success, devotion to the community has prompted commitments of Bridget’s time and service. Examples include her work as Co-Chair for Camp Blanding Headquarters Family Readiness supporting 250(+) Soldiers and their families. Family Readiness supports Service members and their families by assisting in Family Communication Campaigns, such as unit newsletters, websites, and phone trees. Soldier and Family Readiness Specialists (SFRS) assist in coordinating Family Day activities, providing informational briefings, as well as, promoting resilience, well-being and Readiness throughout the Deployment Cycle. Other great examples of the breadth of an abiding desire to serve is her work as Treasurer for the St. Johns County Middle School Soccer Association, work as Treasurer for the Bartram Trail High School Band Board, feeding those less fortunate through Dining with Dignity, as well as a weekly commitment to Fruit Cove Baptist Church as a campus greeter and golf cart captain for worshipper transport assistance.

This is your “Go-To” star when the Team needs a leader with talent, devotion, and commitment.

All of these activities that define a varied diversity of professional and community service, have been achieved in addition to her primary area of concentration: the Leirvik family. All of these achievements are a distant second to Bridget’s role as wife and mother. Nearly thirty years of marriage and two well-grounded adult children are strong indicators a purposeful life built on a firm foundation.



The First Florida Chapter is more than blessed to have such a talented and devoted leader as our Treasurer.