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### **Bruce Boughton Returns to First Citizens as Manager of Sayre Elmira Street and Gillett Offices**

MANSFIELD, PA (February 2015)... Jeff Carr, SVP, Chief Retail Banking Officer, has announced that Bruce Boughton has returned from his deployment to Afghanistan, and will manage First Citizens Sayre Elmira Street and Gillett offices. As manager, Bruce will be responsible for building small business relationships within his market and the Elmira area while satisfying the loan and deposit growth objectives of his offices.

Bruce joined First Citizens in 2011 as a lender in the Sayre Lockhart Street office, and in 2013, was promoted to Loan Operations Manager, where he worked until his deployment to RC-East, Afghanistan. During his deployment, Bruce was ranked First Sergeant of the 388<sup>th</sup> Route Clearance Company. Prior to deploying, he spent time at Fort Bliss, TX Texas, Fort Irwin, CA, and Southern Florida conducting training and other necessary tasks to prepare his company. The primary role of a Route Clearance Company is to conduct missions along Main Supply Routes to ensure there are no IEDs or other devices that would restrict freedom of movement along the route thus ensure the safety of US, Coalition and Afghan forces during combat and retrograde operations.

When asked what he felt the greatest accomplishment of his tour, Bruce responded, "I went and did the job at hand to the best of my ability and at the end was able to bring everyone home alive."

This was not Bruce's first deployment. He was also deployed in 2004 to Iraq, 2007 to Fort Dix, and in 2008 to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. He has been a member of the US Army Reserves for 23 years and has held a number of roles to include a mechanic, combat engineer, Drill Instructor, Combat Trainer, Military Transition Advisor, Senior Training Advisor to the Facility Security Forces, and most recently as First Sergeant.

Prior to joining First Citizens, Bruce worked at Beneficial / HSBC as a Branch Sales Manager for fifteen years. He earned a certificate in Business Administration from Elmira Business Institute, and earned an AAS Accounting degree from Corning Community College.

"We are grateful for Bruce's service and are happy that he has returned safely," stated Jeff Carr, SVP, Chief Retail Banking Officer. "Bruce's leadership skills, combined with his proven track record of exceeding customer expectations, will result in the successful expansion into the Elmira market. We are fortunate to have such a talented individual lead our efforts in that area."

Bruce resides in Horseheads with his wife Sherri, and their children, Mikayla and William.

First Citizens Community Bank is headquartered in Mansfield, Pennsylvania and currently operates 18 offices in Tioga, Bradford and Potter Counties in PA, and Alleghany County, NY, as well as loan processing offices in Lock Haven and Dallas. For more information on First Citizens Community Bank, visit [www.firstcitizensbank.com](http://www.firstcitizensbank.com) or find them on Facebook.

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