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Colonel Michael Plummer served in the Army for over 31 years, in various assignments throughout the US and overseas. Most notably, he served in the Vietnam War, as Chief of Staff for the 82nd Airborne in Ft. Bragg North Carolina, and oversaw 15,000 soldiers as Assistant Division Commander at Ft. Drum. As part of a planning cell tasked with finding a home for a new light infantry division, Plummer played an important role in bringing the 10th Mountain Division to Northern NY. He retired from the Army in 1991, he received a number of accolades for his service, including the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal and the National Defense Service Medal.

Colonel Plummer continues to give back to veterans, current soldiers and the community in a number of ways through the “Adopt-a-Platoon” program, a project that encourages people to “adopt” platoons during deployments. He helped make the program a national endeavor by promoting it in Jefferson County.

His continuing efforts on behalf of veterans and his community has earned him honors, including the Association of the Army’s National Biddle Medal, and Watertown’s Shapiro Award.