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A United States Army Sergeant from January 1966 to September 1968, Kenneth Taylor proudly served our nation in Vietnam. When Sergeant Taylor retired from active service, his sense of duty and dedication to his country and fellow servicemen and women never waned. During his time in uniform and the years since, Sergeant Taylor has exhibited unparalleled leadership and service.

During his admirable career as a Vietnam era soldier, Sergeant Taylor served as team leader of six-man long range reconnaissance patrols (LLRP) in Vietnam. The extremely dangerous missions performed by these units elicited strategic information that saved American lives and provided combat advantages for our forces. Sergeant Taylor's courageous service earned him the Combat Infantry Badge, Vietnam Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, and Air Medal.

Upon his retirement from active military service, Sergeant Taylor returned to his hometown of Franklin where he continued to serve in a leadership role. He is a dedicated 45 year member of American Legion Post 1689, serving in various ranking positions of responsibility. He has also served as a member of the Vietnam Veterans of America since 1979 and became a member of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) in 2005.

Sergeant Taylor's longstanding commitment to these veterans organizations highlights how deeply he cares about the men and women who have served our nation. The breadth and depth of his contributions epitomize what "continuing to serve" has come to mean. His contributions here at home range from sending care packages to Afghanistan to maintaining veterans' cemeteries. Sergeant Taylor's service also includes fundraising for the New York

State Veterans' Home at Oxford and assisting with the physical relocation of its resident veterans to the new facility.