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John B. Sampson bravely joined the United States Navy when he was just a young man. He served honorably from August 1967 to February 1972 with assignments on the USS Freemont, APA 44 and at Randolph Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, as part of a joint military command. He was honorably discharged with the rank 2d Class Personnel Man (E5). Due to his dedication, courage, sacrifice and hard work, he was recognized with many awards, including an Air Force Commendation, a Navy Good Conduct medal, a National Defense Service Ribbon, and following his service, a New York State Conspicuous Service Medal.

Mr. Sampson made his mark as an accredited Veteran Service Officer for Cattaraugus County. He held this position for 22 years, during which time he developed protocol and procedures that are now used statewide. He has been active within the American Legion, holding positions at the national, department, county and post levels. In addition, Mr. Sampson has held positions within the American Legion as the National Chairman Veterans Education, Other Benefits and Homeless, National Vice Chairman Americanism, Department Chairman of the Rehabilitation Committee, Department Chairman Resolutions Committee, Dean American Legion College of New York and past Department Service Officer of the Year.

Mr. Sampson is a past-president of the NYS Veterans Service Officer Association and founder of the Cattaraugus-Allegany Joint Veterans Council volunteer van service. He serves on the Board of Directors for the World War II Museum, and is a member of Local Draft Board #90 Selective Service. In addition to being a member of the American Legion, Mr. Sampson is a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Sons of the American Legion.

Mr. Sampson has proven time and time again that the work does not end with the end of service. His dedication to his country and to the veterans who served goes above and beyond the call of duty.