

# HOMETOWN HEROES...

## *A Salute to the Veterans of Forsyth County*



### Saluting Donald Sams ...

Vietnam veteran Donald Sams returned from war and put his training as a combat infantry medic into practice as a physician's assistant, serving soldiers and civilians alike.

A native of Charleston, S.C., Sams comes from a family of medical professionals and soldiers. He attended The Citadel and the Medical University of South Carolina, where he became a licensed physician's assistant. He has practiced in South Carolina and across North Georgia for more than 35 years. Sams now practices in Dr. Bob G Lanier's office in Cumming.

Sams was wounded in Vietnam in 1966 and completed his tour of duty in 1968. He is a recipient of the Combat Medical Badge, the Combat Infantry Badge, the Vietnam Service Medal, the National Defense Medal and the Presidential Unit award for the 1st Cavalry Division (Air Mobile).

Sams and his wife Dianne have four daughters and sons-in-law and five grandchildren. Sams is the Commander of American Legion Post 82 in Ellijay and is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6570 in Blue Ridge and the Vietnam Veterans of America Post 0970 in Dawsonville. He remains active in a host of veterans activities, educational and community groups and is a true

**"Hometown Hero."**

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