

2017 Hall of Fame Honoree

Colonel Fredrick Plaumann **Class of 1977**

It seems only fitting that Vestal Hall of Fame Inductee U.S. Air Force Colonel Fredrick Plaumann began his career as a public school teacher in the Schenectady and Hudson areas of New York State. His educational background after Vestal includes a B.S. in Industrial Arts Education and a M.S. in Technology Education, both from SUNY Oswego.



After teaching for almost a decade, Rick applied and was accepted into the USAF Officer Training School. His first assignment, as Officer in Charge of the maintenance branch in the Equipment Maintenance Squadron at Cannon Air Force Base in New Mexico, was the first in a long career punctuated by commendations and service awards every step of the way. So numerous that they could fill this page alone, they include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal (with seven Oak Leaf Clusters), the Air Force Commendation Medal (with one OLC) and the Air Force Achievement Medal (with two OLC), as well as the Air Force Clements McMullen Memorial Daedalian Weapon System Maintenance Trophy.

His career has spanned the globe, with posts at Air Force bases from Alaska to Italy to South Korea, and time as an Royal Air Force Exchange Officer in Scotland. Currently, Colonel Plaumann is the Deputy Director of Logistics, Civil Engineering and Force Protection at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio.

Rick and his wife, Elizabeth, are the proud parents of two children, Catherine, a graphic artist for Wright State University in Ohio, and Michael, an Air Force pilot.