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**Lt. Gen. (ret) George K. Muellner to Receive SAMPE's Prestigious  
George Lubin Memorial Award at SAMPE 2003/Dayton**

**Covina, CA** – George Schmitt, Co-General Chairman of the SAMPE 2003 Technical Conference, and John Hoggatt, Chairman of **SAMPE's George Lubin Memorial Award** Committee, announced the election of Lt. Gen. (ret) George K. Muellner as the recipient of the 2003 award. The award will be presented at SAMPE's 2003 Dayton Technical Conference that will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Dayton, OH from September 28 through October 2, 2003.

The George Lubin Memorial Award recognizes individuals who have meritoriously fostered the advancement of material and process (M&P) technology and enhanced the attainment of the M&P objectives of the Society. The award is given in honor of George Lubin (1913-1984) who was a "technological giant" in the plastics industry as an innovator, educator, author, international consultant and lecturer. The award has been presented to internationally renowned individuals working in the M&P areas.

SAMPE will present the George Lubin Memorial Award to **Lt. Gen. (ret) George K. Muellner** for his leadership and advocacy of advanced materials and cost-effective processing that resulted in their incorporation into advanced military systems. His career with the US Air Force included serving as the Director of the Joint Strike Force (JSF) program. Since his retirement he has served in positions as the Boeing Company's President of its Phantom Works and as Senior Vice President for Air Force Systems at the Boeing Company Integrated Defense Systems. He has been recognized for the advancement of new materials and processes that contributed to advanced systems capabilities in the F-35 JSF, the Bird of Prey demonstrator, the F-22 fighter, UAVs and other defense systems. SAMPE will bestow the honor at the banquet being held at the US Air Force Museum during the conference.

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