



Lieutenant General George Sammet, Jr.
1 February 1977 - 17 May 1977

George Sammet, Jr., was born in Chicago, Illinois, on 18 September 1919. He graduated from University of Illinois in 1940 and received a reserve commission in the artillery through the ROTC program. Called to active duty in February 1942, he was assigned to the 359th Field Artillery Battalion of the 95th Infantry Division in July. Upon deactivation of the division in October 1945, he was released from active duty. He received a Regular Army commission in 1946.

Lieutenant General Sammet's involvement with materiel procurement began while he was assigned to the Turkish Artillery School as a director of instruction from 1955 - 1957. During this time, he initiated a study to determine the reasons for the multitude of problems encountered with the employment of military vehicles in that part of the world. As a result of this study, Sammet came to be recognized as an authority on military transportation. In 1957, he was given command of the 7th Artillery Battalion (1st Infantry Division), where he remained until July 1959.

In July 1959, Sammet began a series of assignments in the Army's Office, Chief of Research and Development that steadily increased in scope and complexity. In 1962, he was part of the planning group under General Frank S. Besson, Jr., who put the initial AMC command concept together.

Following a tour of Korea and additional assignments in the Army's Office, Chief of Research and Development, Sammet was promoted to brigadier general in August 1967. On 1 September 1967, he became Deputy Director of Development at the Army Materiel Command. He was promoted to major general in November 1970 after having serving in two assignments in Korea and another assignment in the Army's Office, Chief of Research and Development as Director of Plans and Programs. Shortly thereafter, on 1 January 1971, General Sammet was named the Army's Deputy Chief of Staff for Research and Development.

On 23 October 1973, General Sammet returned to AMC as the Deputy Commanding General for Materiel Acquisition. He was promoted to lieutenant general on 3 October 1975, at which time he became the Deputy Commanding General for Materiel Development. On 1 February 1977, General Sammet was named Commander of the U.S. Army Materiel Development and Readiness Command (formerly AMC), the post from which he retired on 17 May 1977.

During his career, he received several awards and decorations, including the Bronze Star Medal (Valor), the Air Medal, the Army Commendation Ribbon with one Oak Leaf Cluster, the Legion of Merit with two Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Purple Heart. He was also inducted into the Ordnance Hall of Fame in 1994. General Sammet died on 18 January 2012.