

George Lemon Biography



George was one of Stark State College's earliest graduates; where he received his degree in electrical engineering technology. He continued his education at Malone University and graduated with a degree in Business.

George is a well-known community leader, with a reputation for getting involved, getting things done and bringing people together for positive change. This aspect of George's character is reflected in the leadership role and involvement he played with major community institutions and organizations, such as Stark State College, the Canton Museum of Art, the United Way of Greater Stark County, Goodwill Industries of Greater Cleveland & East Central Ohio, the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Aultman Health Foundation, the Greater Stark County Urban League, the Pro Football Hall of Fame and the Stark County Minority Business Association.

George's leadership skills were honed during his 23 year career in the U.S. Army and National Guard. He graduated from Fort Benning, Ga. Officer's Candidate School as a 2nd Lt., completed Armor Officer's Advance Course at Fort Knox Kentucky, the Engineer Officer Advance Course and Helicopter Flight Training at Fort Rucker, Alabama. He commanded an Armored Cavalry Unit and a Helicopter Flight Unit at Akron/Canton Airport. As a commissioned armor officer, engineer officer, intelligence officer and a senior helicopter pilot with more than 3600 hours of flight time in the UH-1 Huey and OH 58 Kiowa aircraft he retired from military service at the rank of Major.

George spent 25 years with AMETEK, a Fortune 500 company, where he held various positions, including Vice President of Sales. He founded and served as the President of Technical Products Group, Inc., a company that provided sales and marketing support to manufacturing companies.

In 2003 he was selected as Stark State College's Alumni of the year. In 2005, George received the United Way of Stark County's prestigious "Gold Key Award". In 2010 he was presented with the Ohio Association of Community Colleges' Distinguished Alumnus Award which highlighted his contributions toward the improvement of the community; his professional achievement; and volunteer service. In 2014 for his active leadership, community involvement, champion the cause for board and staff diversity and volunteerism George was spotlighted in Who's Who in Cleveland and Canton - Stark County as "Cleveland's Living Legends".

George served on United Way's Executive Board of Directors and was a member of the COMPASS Community Partnership Committee where he chaired the Economics Subcommittee. He served as Chairman of The Board of Directors, Goodwill Industries of Greater Cleveland and East Central Ohio and was very instrumental in helping to create and develop the multi-million Community Campus at Goodwill.

His board activity and membership at the Canton Museum of Art was instrumental in bringing nationally known African artists Bing Davis and Dean Mitchell exhibits to Canton, Ohio. These outstanding exhibits were great cultural and educational successes.

George was elected and served as the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce Chairman of the Board of Directors, the General Chairman of the Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Festival, the President of the Aultman Foundation Board and the President of the Stark State College Foundation Board.