

Fellow Flag & General Officers:

It's been an exceptionally busy week and we are now almost into November. Several updates we need to get to you, plus a few new items as well.

TFGON's role as the generally accepted communications center for retired flag and general officers of all 5 branches of service grows with each passing month and that's GREAT, because providing an ability for us to communicate with each other was one of the original purposes for which TFGON was founded some 21 years ago. It means that now all retired flag and general officers have a comms system and medium to let ALL flag and general officers know about events and issues of mutual interest. And now it's time once again to get some new portions of that word out on a broad range of matters and events that have arrived at TFGON HQ and need to be circulated to our membership so that we are all up-to-speed on these matters. That information follows below:

1. TFGON Elections: Board of Directors & Elected Officers at Annual Meeting: 23 OCT 2015

2. TFGON's TSA PreCheck Program Status: UPDATE

3. Military Officers Association of America Again Offering Military Executive Transition Seminar on 17 NOV in Old Town Alexandria

4. Arlington National Cemetery: TFGON is Seeking a TFGON Army Member Who Had Authority Over Arlington National Cemetery In Recent Years

5. Stradley Ronon Corporate Directors & Officers Academy For Retired Flag & General Officers UPDATE

1. TFGON Elections: Board of Directors & Elected Officers at Annual Meeting----- TFGON's Annual Meeting was held Friday, 23 OCT in Washington, DC, during which the following TFGON Members were elected/re-elected to serve as our TFGON Membership:

Corporate Officers:

Chairman: Rear Admiral Jim Carey, U.S. Navy [Ret.]
Secretary: Brigadier General Ed Rodriguez,
USAF [Ret.]
Treasurer: Rear Admiral Don Loren, U.S. Navy [Ret.]

Board of Directors [by service branch]:

ARMY: Major General Jim Kelley, U.S. Army [Ret.]
USMC: Lieutenant General Jack Klimp, USMC [Ret.]
NAVY: Rear Admiral Gib Godwin, U.S. Navy [Ret.]
USAF: Brigadier General Mark Beesley, USAF [Ret.]
USCG: Rear Admiral Norm Saunders, USCG [Ret.]
At-Large: Major General Donna Barbisch,
U. S. Army [Ret.]

Vice Chairmen [by service branch]:

ARMY: Lieutenant General John Dubia, U.S. Army [Ret.]
USMC: Lieutenant General Jack Klimp, USMC [Ret.]
NAVY: Rear Admiral Rob Wray, U. S. Navy [Ret.]
USAF: Lieutenant General Ted Bowlds, USAF [Ret.]
USCG: Rear Admiral Jeff Hathaway, USCG [Ret.]

Congratulations to TFGON's elected leadership for 2016. 2015 has been a banner year for our organization and we're looking forward to another year filled with success, achievement, and accomplishment on behalf of all military flag and general officers, all of whom are war veterans of 30+ years or more of military service.

TFGON "governance" is structured so that Board of Directors Members focus on internal matters regarding TFGON policy and operation of the organization, while the Vice Chairmen of each service branch are tasked with external outreach on behalf of TFGON, to include liaison with their service secretary and staffs, service chiefs and staffs, service associations and organizations, DOD and federal agency outreach involving their service branch, and service branch transition programs involving their service flag or general officers as they transition into retirement. TFGON members should feel free to contact the board member and Vice Chairman of their service branch should they have any ?'s or seek further involvement in TFGON: all are listed on the TFGON website homepage at www.TFGON.org with their e-mail address and bio linked to their photo on the homepage. For those listings being updated, just hit reply to this message and request their e-mail address.

2. TFGON's TSA PreCheck Program Status: UPDATE

This relatively new program continues to be our most popular with new requests for participation coming in daily. For all the latest applicants, up to and including 31 OCT, and all those who obtained new DOD retired ID Cards and thus have a new ID Card number that you have sent to TFGON, those applications and updates will be submitted to TSA on Monday, 2 NOV and unless you hear from us to the contrary, you can begin using your Known Traveler Number on 5 NOV. For those of you not yet participating in this program who wish to, and who want to be included in our updated list of TFGON participants being submitted to TSA, we'll need you to apply via e-mail NLT Friday 30 OCT with your full name, date of birth, rank & branch of service, and your ID Card Number from your DOD retired ID Card [which is your SSN if your card was issued 2010 or before]---- this number once approved by TSA becomes your Known Traveler Number for the TSA PreCheck Program and needs to be given to the airline when you make your travel reservations, or added to your airline frequent flyer profile or given to your travel agent. Further info on TFGON's website [you will need your TFGON website User ID & Password]:

www.FlagAndGeneralOfficersNetwork.org/TSA/AirportSecurityPreCheck.php

Also, TSA has a "generic TSA PreCheck Q & A page you can access, but that is not specific to TFGON: <https://www.tsa.gov/tsa-precheck/frequently-asked-questions>

3. Military Officers Association of America [MOAA] Again Offering Military Executive Transition Seminar on 17 NOV in Old Town

Alexandria-----For the past several years, TFGON has been highly supportive of the Military Officers Association of America as they offer a Military Executive Transition Seminar at an executive venue in the greater Washington, D.C. area. The next seminar is scheduled for Tuesday, November 17, at the Westin in Old Town Alexandria. This one-day program is specifically focused on the needs of senior, flag and general officers and includes a facilitated discussion of resume development, self-marketing and social media strategies, culture shift from the military to the corporate environment, strategies for working with retained and contingent recruiters, interview preparation techniques, negotiating strategies and preparing for success in your new role.

Highlights of the program include a facilitated discussion with a local retained recruiter, a panel discussion featuring recently transitioned senior and flag officers and post-seminar self-marketing and financial education assistance. The seminar has earned high praise from many flag and general officers for its efficient, one-day delivery, its rich array of outside speakers and the follow-on support offered by the MOAA's career management team. Additional details are available at www.moaa.org/met

4. Arlington National Cemetery: TFGON is Seeking a TFGON Army Member Who Had Authority Over Arlington National Cemetery In Recent Years---

From time to time, we get questions from our fellow flag and general officers where they indicate they are experiencing difficulty getting answers from the cemetery staff. We'd like to locate one or more of our Army General Officer members who had Arlington National Cemetery in their Area of Responsibility in the last decade or so, in hopes that we can develop a systemic to be able to address some of our TFGON Member Questions. If you can help with this, just hit reply and let us know and we'll communicate with you further via e-mail.

5. Stradley Ronon Corporate Directors & Officers Academy For Retired Flag & General Officers UPDATE

As was indicated in earlier newsletters, TFGON invited Jeff McFadden, the Stradley Ronon Law Firm Partner who sponsored and managed their outstanding Academy for TFGON, to attend our 23 OCT Quarterly Networking Reception, and he in fact was there and was able to address our TFGON Members from the podium. We already knew the Academy was a huge success from TFGON's view, and Jeff confirmed that he and Stradley Ronon felt exactly the same. Many in the firm's senior management attended the Academy Reception on the 1st night and their feedback to Jeff was that they were highly pleased with the level of participation and caliber of our TFGON members, and they have been highly complimentary to Jeff for this superb

success. Jeff announced at our TFGON Networking Reception that the firm is already beginning to address the lessons-learned from this 1st such Academy and they are in the planning stages to offer a repeat academy in Spring, 2016. So this program is now "well in place" and the benefits and insights gained by our first TFGON participation will now be offered to the rest of TFGON's membership this coming Spring. It will still have to be on a first-come first-served basis as space is limited, and is again expected to be a sell-out, so those of you who want to attend should stay alert for our announcement, probably in January, so you can RSVP in a timely manner and be included. A very special thank you to Jeff and Stradley Ronon for this tremendous program they are providing to TFGON and our flag and general officer members who are interested in serving as corporate directors.

This completes this TFGON newsletter effort for 27 OCT 2015.

With all good wishes,

Jim Carey

Rear Admiral [Ret.] James J. Carey, National Chairman
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