

Fellow Flag & General Officers:

TFGON continues to make solid and indeed excellent progress on all fronts with all our various programs and projects designed to help Flag & General Officers. Our 2nd Annual "Stradley Academy" regarding corporate board service for retired flag and general officers, in partnership with the Stradley Law Firm and Partner Jeff McFadden there [a USNA Graduate], is now in planning for this Fall plus Stradley has added a 2nd New Breakfast Program for TFGON in order to assist Retired Flag & General Officers to better understand corporate financial documents---- see further details below. We expect BOTH of these programs to be sell-outs based upon the HUGE SUCCESS of the Stradley Academy event on Corporate Board Membership held last Fall. This edition of our newsletter is intended to bring you up to date on these programs and some of our other initiatives, and also to alert you to a number of new "items of interest"----Further details below on these and several other topics.

Miscellaneous Matters & Info.!!

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1. Special Congratulations to Fellow TFGON Member and TFGON's USMC Board of Directors Member, LTGEN Jack Klimp, USMC [Ret.] on his Election and Installation as Grand Paramount Carabao of the

Military Order of the Carabao -MOOC: TFGON salutes our Fellow Member & TFGON Board Member, LTGEN Jack Klimp, USMC [Ret.] on his election and installation as Grand Paramount Carabao, the "Leader of the Herd", at the Annual Wallow of the Carabao held on Saturday 12 FEB 2016. Given the huge attendance at the Annual Wallow, well over 1,000, this is truly a great honor for General Klimp, and many in TFGON witnessed his election and installation given the always high attendance of our members in MOOC events. For those who have not attended Carabao events in the past, the Annual Wallow is truly a grand and glorious event, featuring an enjoyable evening of humor and comradery, including the almost 2 hour "musical comedy" presentations by the Carabao Players, the USMC Band, and the USMC Drum & Bugle Corps. Membership criteria and details may be found on the MOOC website at www.carabao.org Should you join or attend the Wallow, you WILL always find a goodly number of Fellow TFGON Members in attendance. General Klimp, we salute you!!!!!! Congratulations!!!!

2. TFGON's TSA PreCheck Program Status As Of

21 FEB: UPDATE: ALL the updates received from 15 JAN to present have now been added to our next list submission to TSA and are scheduled to be submitted to TSA for approval on 1 MARCH, including any applications received between now and 29 FEB. Following are some guidelines and suggestions to use with this program:

O Be sure to include your TSA PreCheck Known Traveler Number when making your airline reservations [this is the number you gave us from the front of your DOD Retired ID Card when you applied for the program]. Also enter that number in all your airline traveler profiles and frequent flyer profiles, plus give it to your travel agent if you use one.

O When you get your boarding pass, if TSA PreCheck is not printed on it, that's the first sign that there's a glitch [we've found this is usually with the airlines who do not update their TSA databases in a timely manner as TSA does so with our list submissions within 24-48 hours]. Best resolution is to go to the ticket counter, tell them you are a TSA PreCheck Member, give them your Known Traveler Number [KTN], ask them to enter it into your reservation profile or traveler profile, and run a new boarding pass for you with TSA PreCheck on it.

O Not all airlines offer TSA PreCheck. The following are the 13 that do:

- Air Canada
- Alaska Airlines
- Allegiant Airlines
- American Airlines
- Delta Air Lines
- Hawaiian Airlines
- JetBlue Airways
- OneJet
- Southwest Airlines
- Sun Country
- United Airlines
- Virgin America
- WestJet

Those TFGONers who have not yet applied for this program and want to, can do so at anytime in the future. Just send the required information: Full Name [Last Name, First Name, Middle Name or Initial---- we recommend you use what is on your retired military ID Card and then use that same name when making your airline reservations----

that way it will all "match up]; Date of Birth, Gender, ID Card Number from the face of your Retired Military ID Card [specific 10 digit number for those ID's issued 2011 and later or 9 digit SSN for those ID's issued 2010 and prior]. We will be submitting new applicant lists to TSA for clearance every 60 days or so from now on [next on 1 MARCH]. Your only option if you have your SSN on your ID Card and don't want to use your SSN is to get a new ID Card which will have the 10 digit ID Card Number pre-printed on it. Send all TFGON TSA PreCheck application data plus any questions regarding this program to TFGONAdmin@TFGON.org and put TSA PreCheck in the Subject line.

3. Planning For Another "Stradley Academy" re: Corporate Board Service is NOW Underway for a Fall Event---- plus {TO REMIND} we have a NEW event being held 29 March in Washington, DC Now Open For Registration: All except our very newest TFGON members will remember the Stradley Academy event held last Fall at which 60+ TFGON Members attended for two days of education and advice regarding retired flag and general officer service on corporate boards of directors. A repeat of THAT Program is now in the planning stages and the Stradley Law Firm and Partner Jeff McFaddon have confirmed that it is "a go" for this Fall. In addition, based upon feedback from last years event, Stradley is hosting a special Breakfast Event this Spring to cover another key board service requirement----- the understanding of corporate financial documents. Probably THE BEST WAY to put the word out on all this is to

forward a partial copy of Jeff McFaddon's message to last year's Academy attendees [we shared this with you in the 30 JAN TFGON Newsletter], since that has all the details:

Dear D&O Academy alumni and other interested TFGON Members,

O We are pleased to announce our next D&O Academy program, a breakfast presentation from 0800 to 0900 on Tuesday, March 29 at the [Washington Hilton](#) entitled, "Six Key Aspects of Corporate Financial Statements Every Director Should Know." We have 40 slots available, and, like our program last October, the session is complimentary and offered to our TFGON partners on a first-come, first-served basis. To register, please click [\[here\]](#).

We hope to see you in March. In the meantime, if there is ever any way we can be of service, we hope you will not hesitate to contact us.

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Also, several in TFGON have asked if the materials packets from last Fall's Stradley "Corporate Board Service" Academy are available [both pre-event and post-event] and they ARE. These packets contain a true treasure-trove of information and guidance for flag/general officers seeking to serve on corporate boards. Jeff McFadden at Stradley has made arrangements to have them mailed to you at your home address if you'd like a set, so feel free to contact Maria Boncardo, Marketing Manager at Stradley's Philadelphia HQ via phone at [215-564-8112](tel:215-564-8112) or via e-mail at MBoncardo@STRADLEY.com and be sure to tell her you are a member of TFGON and provide your name, rank, branch of service and home mailing address.

VERY SPECIAL THANKS to Jeff McFaddon and the Stradley Law Firm for this continued tremendously valuable service to the retired flag and general officers of the U. S. Armed Forces. We Salute You, Sir!!!

4. U. S. World War One 100th Anniversary Centennial: U. S. Mint Announces Design Competition for WW I Commemorative Coin:

Several TFGON members serve on either the WW I 100th Anniversary Commission or it's Foundation, and ALL OF US have Family Ancestors who were a part of THE GREAT WAR and served in uniform in WW I. As our headline indicates, the U. S. Mint is now holding a competition

for the design for the World War One Commemorative Coin. Full details in their Press Release Message below which we encourage ALL TFGONers to share with friends, colleagues, family, and anyone you think would have an interest in being on their mailing list or in participating in the design competition. Also, for any TFGONer that would like to participate in the World War One 100th Anniversary Commemoration efforts in your State, there are now State organizations in all 50 states---- contact Chris Isleib, Director of Public Affairs at the WW I Centennial Commission HQ to link you up with your states point-of-contact: [301-641-4060](tel:301-641-4060) or via e-mail at chris.isleib@worldwar1centennial.org

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE



The United States Mint is pleased to share official information about the World War I Centennial 2018 Commemorative Coin Design Competition. We invite you to visit a dedicated landing page – www.usmint.gov/competition – where you can access the rules, schedule and details on how to enter when the competition opens to the public on Feb. 29, 2016.

As an organization that places value on the military and military arts, we hope you will help spread the word about this opportunity to design a commemorative coin that will pay tribute to the bravery, actions and sacrifices of Americans during the country's involvement in World War I almost 100 years ago.

The winner will not only have his or her initials on the final coin, but will also receive a \$10,000 prize.

We hope that when the competition opens, you will encourage your members, students or patrons to take part – or perhaps enter yourself. Be sure to visit this site, and follow the United States Mint on Twitter or Facebook for reminders and updates. If you'd like to be added to our email distribution, please send an email request to WorldWarOne@usmint.treas.gov.

5. Military Officers Association of America [MOAA] Board of Directors

Elections: As you have learned from prior TFGON Newsletters, we work closely with MOAA with regard to several of their programs and projects that

are of value to flag and general officers and a large number of our TFGON members are also members of MOAA.

MOAA is now soliciting applications from currently serving and retired officers to serve on MOAA's Board of Directors. They have 36 directors on their board, each of whom serve a single six year term. Every two years, in the even numbered years, they bring on a new class of 12. They are now accepting applications until March 31st. A copy of the notice that went out in MOAA's magazine, Military Officer, that contains all of the details is attached to this message. An application and additional details are available at www.moaa.org/boardapplication. Any TFGON member who is a member of MOAA and interested in applying to serve on the MOAA Board should feel free to contact our fellow TFGON Member at MOAA with any questions: MGEN Joe Lynch, JAGC, USAF [Ret.] who serves as MOAA's General Counsel: PH: [703.838.8166](tel:703.838.8166) E-Mail: joel@moaa.org

6. Walter Reed National Military Medical Center [WRNMMC] TRICARE Plus: Powerful Health Benefits for your Retirement: TFGON has recently established a close working relationship with WRNMMC, given the large number of our members that receive their primary medical care at the Executive Health Clinic there and in the numerous specialty clinics throughout the WRNMMC complex and campus. Indeed, there are times when we could conduct a TFGON Committee meeting there when several of us have appointments in the Executive Health Care Clinic at the same time and thus we are in the waiting room together. In recent weeks WRNMMC began a special emphasis program related to TRICARE Plus and the tremendous expertise for specialized care at the many medical clinics there that address almost every known medical specialty, all of which they advertised in a flyer inserted in various area military newspapers. Given that there is significant application of these programs to our TFGON members AND their families AND their numerous military friends and colleagues, TFGON contacted the Command HQ there and asked them to prepare a focused article that TFGON could circulate to our members. You can read this article by going to our TFGON website page at www.TFGON.org and clicking on the "TFGON Documents" link on the LH side of the home page, and then on the highlighted link to the article titled "TRICARE Plus Medical Care at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center". The article has full details of the several extra benefits of this program and includes a point-of-contact phone number should you have any questions or need guidance regarding how to participate.

7. California-based Business Advisory Board membership available for retired military Flag & General Officers: ADVISORY BOARD

MEMBERSHIP. Courtesy of Fellow TFGON Member, RADM Rob Wray, U. S. Navy [Ret.] who serves as TFGON's Navy Vice Chairman. OBDC is a California Bay-Area government-supported non-profit which has been providing startup capital to growing businesses for 35 years. OBDC recently established a new entity called Veteran Launch (www.veteranlaunch.org), which will focus exclusively on funding and providing assistance to veterans and veteran businesses throughout California.

Veteran Launch is building a 12-person advisory board, and seeks veterans with business experience, preferably California-based. It would be honored to have a few flag or general officers on that board. The scope of work is flexible, but not onerous. No compensation except the satisfaction of helping veterans obtain low-interest financing to grow businesses.

If you have any interest, you can learn more by contacting former Army CPT Tom Aiello tom.aiello@marchcorp.com. Please send a resume, and he'll get back to you with additional info.

TFGON's Navy Vice Chairman, Rear Admiral Rob Wray, U. S. Navy [Ret.] robert.wray@bluestarvets.us has checked them out and assures us of their legitimacy.

8. TFGON Programs & Projects Have Come From Ideas Submitted by Your Fellow TFGON Members: The genesis of our TFGON TSA PreCheck Program came from a member who wanted to know why retired flag and general officers couldn't be included in DOD's TSA PreCheck Program----- we checked with TSA and they were both helpful and cooperative in setting up our program with them and even waived the fees in recognition of our 30+ years of uniformed military service. It was a similar circumstance regarding the Pentagon Access Program, with a large number of our members asking TFGON to pursue pentagon access for retired flag and general officers without needing an escort while in the building---- the current "escort required" is a particular burr under the saddle of a vast majority of the retired flag and general officer corps and many consider it an affront to their 30+ years of honorable service when the only thing that changed when they retired was the color of their DOD ID Card. But it took our hearing from the membership for TFGON leadership to know the negative impact of these circumstances and how much TFGONers wanted them changed, so we took action to, in fact, change them. Same with training and linkages for retired flag/general officers to serve on corporate boards----- lots of TFGONers asked for these symposiums and our Stradley Academy approach with the Stradley Law Firm now provides it. **But it shouldn't end there. We need your input** on what

other frustrations and issues and policies exist that you would like to see corrected, or what new TFGON programs you would like to see that will make TFGON of growing value to you and to those who follow us as flag and general officers in the years and decades ahead. So if you have a particular issue that you would like to see TFGON address on behalf of all flag and general officers, just send us an e-mail to TFGONAdmin@TFGON.org and put TFGON New Initiative in the subject line. And if it's an area where you have expertise and linkages, please let us know if you can work on the effort with us. We'll get back to you in reply letting you know if we think we can have impact and if the effort is such that it requires TFGON board approval, we'll so advise and then run it by the board. In our opinion, THE BEST WAY for TFGON to continue to grow and expand our programs that increase value to all flag and general officers is to hear from you as to your ideas of what those programs or projects should be. TFGON "listens to our membership" and this is one more example of just that approach to our governance and operations and new initiatives.

TFGON continues in our role as THE generally accepted communications center for retired flag and general officers of all 5 branches of armed service---- this comms link bonding us all together 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 22 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. This communications ability is now a reality, and this now completes the FEB 21st Issue of our TFGON Newsletter. We hope you find the information useful and helpful to you as Military Flag & General Officers. Feel free to share this message with any fellow Flag & General Officers that you know. The more we share this information, the better informed we all will be and the more

we can be of help to each other as "Warriors Helping Warriors".

With all good wishes,

Jim Carey