
FLAG & GENERAL OFFICERS: TFGON Newsletter: Miscellaneous Matters & Info: 7 March

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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 ALL Flag & General Officers.

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. We are fully aware that ALL Items are not of universal interest to all of us, so we suggest you look at the "Index Listing" below, see which are of specific interest to you, and then scroll down to that Item # to read the details.

Miscellaneous Matters & Info.!!

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1. TFGON Medal of Honor Recipients and the new Medal of Honor Museum:

Several of our TFGON members have recently received a mailing from the new Medal of Honor Museum to be built in Charleston, SC [Patriots Point]. TFGON

has been in comms with the museum leadership and their foundation, the Chairman of which is Major General Jim Livingston, USMC [Ret.], a TFGON member and Medal of Honor recipient. Another TFGON member AND Medal of Honor recipient is Major General Patrick Brady, U. S. Army [Ret.], who serves as Chairman of the Museum Steering Committee. You can view their Medal of Honor citations by going to www.MOHMuseum.org and then clicking on Recipients at the top of the home page, then click on Living Recipients and then on their name to go to their listing with their photo and a copy of their Medal of Honor Citation.

The National Medal of Honor Museum mission is to be a place that will preserve and present the stories of the nation's Medal of Honor recipients, and use those stories to inspire new generations to place service above self. Detailed information can be found on their website at www.mohmuseum.org On the home page, you also will find a link to a three-minute virtual tour of the new museum and education center, narrated by Gary Sinise, a member of their board and their national spokesman. Fellow TFGON Member LTGEN Carol Mutter, USMC [Ret.] is also a member of the Museum Foundation Board of Directors, as is Former Secretary of State George Schultz, who some of our TFGON members worked with when he was serving in the Reagan Administration.

The Museum and their foundation seeks TFGON's assistance and any help our network might be able to offer as they work to ensure the museum opens in time for as many of the surviving Medal recipients as possible to have an opportunity to experience it, and so the country's youth can benefit from the exhibits and programs to be presented. They would especially appreciate any corporate introductions that TFGON members might be able to facilitate to individuals who would be able to make a significant difference in their fund raising efforts----- if you'd like to assist in this effort, just send an e-mail to TFGONAdmin@TFGON.org and put Medal of Honor Museum in the subject line, and let us know how you'd like to help and we'll link you up with the right person there. Also, if we have others in TFGON who are Medal of Honor recipients, we'd like to know who you are so we can add you to our Medal of Honor List. Just hit reply and let us know by putting MOH Recipient in the subject line and we'll take it from there.

2. TFGON's TSA PreCheck Program Status As Of

7 MARCH: UPDATE: We have submitted another Master List update with the folks at TSA PreCheck and they have advised that it has been received and approved. So this now adds everyone that applied from 1 FEB through 4 MARCH and you are good to go to begin using this special program for retired flag and general officers. Program details for TFGON members are on our website at the following URL:

<http://FlagAndGeneralOfficersNetwork.org/TSA/AirportSecurityPreCheck.php>

Any ?'s, just hit reply, put TSA PreCheck in the subject line, and ask.

3. Easter Seals Honoring Two Fellow Military General Officers Plus

Northrop Grumman Corporation: The Easter Seals Advocacy Awards this year will be held on April 19th at the Washington Convention Center, **honoring Major General Carl H. McNair Jr., U. S. Army [Ret.] and General Mark A. Welsh III, U. S. Air Force Chief of Staff, along with the Northrop Grumman Corporation.** We are alerting you to this years event given it's extraordinary strong support for the U. S. Armed Forces and Easter Seals unique programs where veterans and military families are integrated into the communities they fought to protect, plus Easter Seals innovative employment programs for veterans, wounded warriors, and military family members. TFGON was alerted to this year's event by a Member of the Easter Seal Executive Committee, Mr. Lou Cordia. We share his message below with each of you in case you or your family would like to attend [Heads Up: a bit more than the price of a local movie] as well as additional information regarding military and military spouse involvement and the URL for the event should your company wish to support it through sponsorship at one of the various levels:

"I am writing to invite you to The Easter Seals Advocacy Awards on Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at the Washington Convention Center. I know you are busy with your work, your family, volunteering and contributing to charitable organizations, and/or supporting active duty service members and veterans; and I want to thank you for all you do. I would be remiss however if I did not let you know about this great event.

The Easter Seals cause is worthy – the funds raised will benefit their programs and services here in DC, Virginia and Maryland that help military families and others with special needs be independent, included and contributing to society. You may think of Easter Seals as I did – children in braces from polio – but that's not what they do now. Easter Seals serves individuals from 6 weeks to 106 years old with child development, therapy, adult day services, and caregiver respite support to ensure people with disabilities and special needs and their families thrive in our community. I have been especially intrigued by their unique programs where veterans and military families are integrated into the community they fought to protect and their innovative employment program for veterans, wounded warriors, and military family members. To help them, I have been honored to join their Executive Committee.

This year's Honorees are two American Patriots who have dedicated their lives to our country and community – **Major General Carl H. McNair, Jr., U.S. Army (Ret.) and General Mark A. Welsh III, U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff,** and a great company that has helped our military defend our country – **Northrop Grumman Corporation.**

An amazing group of spouses are helping with this year's event. The Ambassadors

Committee includes:

- **Debbie Allyn**, Spouse, **Gen. Daniel B. Allyn**, 35th Vice Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army
- **Ann Campbell**, Spouse, **Gen. John Campbell**, Commander, NATO International Security Assistance Force and U.S. Forces in Afghanistan
- **Holly Dailey**, Spouse, **SGM Daniel A. Dailey**, 15th Sgt. Major of the U.S. Army
- **Ellyn Dunford**, Spouse, **Gen. Joseph F. Dunford, Jr.**, 19th Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff
- **Dawn Goldfein**, Spouse, **Gen. David L. Goldfein**, 38th Vice Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force
- **Lynda Lee Lunday**, Spouse, **RDML Kevin E. Lunday**, Director of Exercises and Training
- **Hollyanne Milley**, Spouse, **Gen. Mark A. Milley**, 39th Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army
- **Deborah Mullen**, Spouse, **Adm. Michael Mullen (Ret.)**, 17th Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff
- **Debbie Paxton**, Spouse, **Gen. John M. Paxton, Jr.**, 33rd Assistant Commandant of U.S. Marine Corps
- **Suzie Schwartz**, Vice President, Military Spouse, Victory Media Spouse of **Gen. Norton Schwartz (Ret.)**, 19th Chief of Staff for U.S. Air Force and President & CEO Business Executives for National Security
- **Mary Winnefeld**, Spouse, **Adm. James Winnefeld, Jr. (Ret.)**, 9th Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

I ask you, your family or your business to **please consider cosponsoring or buying tickets to this event**

. **Also please feel free to forward this email to fellow supporters of our military men and women**, who are currently serving or have served, and their families. Or **please let me know of others you recommend who might be interested**; and we will contact them.

Please take a quick look at this link to the [Advocacy Awards Information Packet](#) as you consider ways to support and enjoy this event.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at [703/627-8763](tel:7036278763) or Lou@Cordia.com or Kamika Hind at [301/920-9702](tel:3019209702) or KHind@ESeal.org "

4. TFGON Website Highlights: Old & New: We hear from many of you regularly regarding the wealth of information on the TFGON website----- many thanks for your comments and ideas and compliments. Our focus is to have the website be a 24/7/365 readily-available resource to ALL TFGON members with program listings, documents, the newsletter archive, the photo postings from our quarterly networking receptions, the Member's Directory, etc. etc. available anytime, day or night. ALL individual pages are available through the "Links List" on the Left Hand side of the home page, including the following:

Newsletter Archive:

<http://FlagAndGeneralOfficersNetwork.org/newsletters.html>

TFGON Quarterly Networking Reception Photos:

<http://FlagAndGeneralOfficersNetwork.org/photos.html>

TSA PreCheck Program [See Above Item # 2 for URL]

[Password protected]

Resume Circulation Program:

<http://FlagAndGeneralOfficersNetwork.org/jobOps.html>

Admiral McGrail Scholars Intern Program:

<http://FlagAndGeneralOfficersNetwork.org/mcgrail.html>

TFGON Members Directory: [Password Protected]

http://FlagAndGeneralOfficersNetwork.org/survey_data/index.php

Note: If you are unable to find the User ID and Password that you need to open the Password Protected website pages [it was sent to you in your Welcome Aboard Membership Message]. just hit reply, put TFGON User ID & Password in the subject line, and hit send and we'll get it to you by return e-mail!!!

5. Stradley Corporate Board Service Breakfast Event "Understanding Corporate Financial Documents" being held 29 March in Washington, DC: Register NOW {TO REMIND}: Probably THE BEST WAY to put the word out on all this is to forward a partial copy of Jeff McFadden's message to last year's Stradley Corporate Board Service Academy attendees [we shared this with you in our last TFGON Newsletter], since that has all the details:

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

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 their continued tremendously valuable service to the retired flag and general officers of the U. S. Armed Forces. We Salute You, Sir!!!

6. TFGON Programs & Projects Come From Ideas Submitted by You & Your Fellow TFGON Members

{Repeat of this Item Due to Great Response} We're repeating this Item from our last newsletter because it has resulted in some GREAT INPUTS and comments and ideas for TFGON to take a look at. As we said in our last newsletter, 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 policies and issues and "administrivia" 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 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 ALL 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 MARCH 7th 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

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