

Fellow Flag & General Officers:

It's been a busy several weeks and we now are into September---- mark your calendar now for the TFGON last Quarterly Networking Reception of this year on 23 OCT---- further details to come in early OCT, or for those of you who are new, full details on our website at www.TFGON.org then click on Calendar on the LH side of the homepage.

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 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. MOAA Warrior Family Symposium Sept 9th

2. TSA PreCheck Program Update---- TFGON Retired Flag & General Officer participation will equal or exceed DOD subscription percentage by the end of this year:

3. Stradley Ronon Law Firm Symposium "Corporate Directors & Officers Academy" for TFGON Members update---program totally sold out in 4 days

4. TFGON Corporate Liaison Listing---- USAA added

5. TFGON Annual Board of Directors Meeting: 23 OCT Prior To The 23 OCT Quarterly Networking Reception

1. MOAA Warrior Family Symposium Sept 9th: TFGON received the following message from Fellow TFGON Members MGEN Joe Lynch and VADM Norb Ryan of MOAA re: their upcoming MOAA Warrior Family Symposium next week, 9 SEPT and their "special invitation" to all TFGON

Members. Full details in their message below and in the invitation, including information on how to register to attend. Special thanks to MGEN Lynch and VADM Ryan for continuing to remember and include their fellow TFGON

Members:

"Jim –Not sure if we have discussed this year's event, but Norb Ryan and I want to reiterate the following invitation to all TFGON members for the 2015 MOAA Warrior Family Symposium on September 9th at the Reagan Building. There is no charge to attend the event and lunch is provided. MOAA and our sponsors are underwriting all costs associated with attending the event:

The 2015 Warrior-Family Symposium (WFS), cosponsored by the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) and Wounded Warrior Project (WWP), will delve into a more focused look at government and non-government organizations aligning to take action to improve the overall mental wellness of the nation's service members and veterans and their families.

The symposium will focus on two basic questions surrounding the issue of warrior-family mental wellness:

- How has the government moved the needle forward in improving the well-being and care of the nation's service members and veterans and their families and caregivers?

- How and what do we collectively, as a nation, need to do to further deliver quality mental health care for warrior-family needs within the next five years?

Please join us for this unique opportunity. Guest speakers will include Sen. Johnny Isakson (R-Ga.) and The Honorable Robert A. McDonald, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. For more information, including a full program agenda, and to register, visit www.moaa.org/wfs2015.

ATTENDANCE BY DOD PERSONNEL

Please be advised that the Department of Defense (DoD) no longer provides "blanket" Widely Attended Gathering (WAG) determinations for external events. It is our belief that the Warrior-Family Symposium qualifies as a widely attended gathering pursuant to 5 CFR 2635.204(g). This determination is not a DoD endorsement of the event. However, this means that DoD personnel may accept our invitation if their agency determines that their presence at the Warrior-Family Symposium is in the interests of their agency. To ensure compliance with the federal executive branch ethics rules, we suggest that DoD personnel consult with their supervisor or ethics advisor.

ATTENDANCE BY POLITICAL APPOINTEES

Recognizing that Executive Order 13490 of January 20, 2009 prohibits political appointees from accepting gifts from lobbyists or lobbying organizations pursuant to the widely attended gathering exception to federal gift rules, please note that since the MOAA Charitable Foundation Inc., is not a lobbying organization, political appointees are eligible to accept our invitation under the widely attended gathering exception.

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2. TSA PreCheck Program Update---- TFGON Retired Flag & General Officer participation will equal or exceed DOD subscription percentage by the end of this year This program is now well underway and TSA has

advised TFGON that our 1st list of volunteers has cleared the first hurdle for processing, which is to survive all the computer screens and checks that the TSA PreCheck Program has to deal with in making sure our inputs are in the proper format to "work" with the several government agencies that do the security vetting of those on our list PLUS the eleven airlines that participate in the PreCheck program and THEIR computer systems. This latter point is "key" since it is the airlines issuance of a boarding pass with the words "TSA PreCheck" on that boarding pass that provides the key to our members being able to use the PreCheck security line at the airport and thus avoid the "take off your belt, take off your coat, take off your shoes, take out your laptop" hassles. We're hopeful that we'll have approval of our list in the next week or two so that we can advise all of you that have applied in time to be on that 1st list as to when you can begin to use the TSA PreCheck system. As confirmation of the tremendous success of this new program, TSA advises us that we are only a few percentage points below the usage levels of the DOD active duty program and if our applications continue at their current level, TFGON will surpass the DOD participation percentage before the end of this calendar year. So we're on a roll and it's obvious that this program is something retired flag and general officers have wanted for several years now.

Which leads us to the need for an all-hands effort to get the word out to the 1/4 of retired flag and general officers that are not yet TFGON members about this new program so that if they wish to participate, they can join TFGON and do so. We also need all of us to reach out to those active duty flag and general officers who will soon be retiring and thus will lose their active duty TSA PreCheck availability--- they need to know that they can continue to have use of PreCheck by joining TFGON and then applying for the retired flag and general officers PreCheck program in their last month of active duty in order to have it available in retirement. Further, for those of you who deal regularly with the several flag or general officer management offices of the 5 service branches in your various roles and linkages, please take the time to let them know about TFGON's being assigned by TSA to administer this program for retired flag and general officers and refer them to RADMCarey@aol.com if they have any questions. Many of these offices are now getting calls and messages from retired flag and general officers asking how they can participate in this program, and most of these offices are as yet unaware that all they need do is refer these retired flag and general officers to TFGON at RADMCarey@aol.com

So lets all do these fellow Flag & General Officers a favor and reach out to them so they know about all this. Many thanks in advance for taking the time to do so.

3. Stradley Ronon Law Firm Symposium "Corporate Directors & Officers Academy" for TFGON Members update---program totally sold out in 4

days We've never had a TFGON program fill up so fast, which surely confirms the high interest of our TFGON members in the subjects of this symposium. Special thanks again to Stradley Ronon for meeting in advance with some of our TFGON members who have attended other same-focus symposiums to factor in their suggestions for improvements and subject matter that should be covered. That coupled with the Stradley Ronon expertise in the fields of law related to corporate directors and officers and how best for retired flag and general officers to be considered for such service is what will make this symposium for retired flag and general officers especially effective. For those of you who applied but didn't do so in time to make the "sold out cutoff", the plan is for Stradley Ronon to provide further sessions along these lines once the 1st symposium is held and behind us, lessons learned can be applied, and Stradley can make any changes needed in the symposium content. So just as soon as this 1st event is held in October, planning will begin for the next event and just as soon as we have a date for that from Stradley, we will communicate it to you.

4. TFGON Corporate Liaison Listing---- USAA added

You can access the Corporate Liaison Listing Section of the TFGON website utilizing the following URL:

www.flagandgeneralofficersnetwork.org/corpLiason.html Please note the recent update to our Corporate Liaison website page for USAA, listing TFGON Member VADM John Bird, U.S. Navy [Ret.] who some may remember from when he attended TFGON's Quarterly Networking Reception while transitioning from active duty---- shortly thereafter he was hired by USAA as their Senior Vice President for Military Affairs and moved to San Antonio, TX and USAA's Corporate HQ. This Corporate & Organizations Liaison Listing can be of high value to all TFGONers when you are looking to link up with a fellow flag/general officer to find answers re: a particular company or organization, plus it can also be of high value to those who serve as the liaison for their company. If your company or organization is not listed in TFGON's list, feel free to volunteer to so serve, and thus become "the 1st point of contact" for your company with all TFGON members.

5. TFGON Annual Board of Directors Meeting: 23 OCT Prior To The 23 OCT Quarterly Networking Reception: TFGON ByLaws require that our Board of Directors convene an annual board meeting once each year to conduct elections for expiring board member and officer terms of office. If any of you have ideas regarding new programs that you would like to see TFGON involved with or contemplating, you should contact the board member representing your branch of military service---- all are posted on the TFGON website home page at www.TFGON.org on the RH side of the home page, including their Bio or resume, photo, and e-mail address for ease of contact. They are YOUR elected representatives for the organization---- let them know about any ideas you have that TFGON might take under consideration. One that we're regularly asked to "take on" is the requirement for retired Flag & General Officers to have an "escort" when they visit the Pentagon, but we just have not had the time to do it. But if any member of TFGON had oversight or involvement with Pentagon security while assigned there and "knows the players", please let us know as this is obviously a MAJOR AGGRAVATION to all TFGON members who still need to attend meetings at the Pentagon.

This now brings you up to date as to the above issues and events. Feel free to forward this message to any flag or general officer you may know who is not a TFGON member, and thus will be unaware of any of these programs or announcements that TFGON members regularly receive. The only way for them to "fix that" is to join. Any ?'s, always feel free to hit reply and ask. 2015 has truly been an exceptional year for TFGON.

With all good wishes,

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