
FLAG & GENERAL OFFICERS: JAN 25 Newsletter: RE: Miscellaneous Matters & Info.

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Fellow Flag & General Officers:

Time to again catch you up with several projects and programs and efforts and events that you will want to be aware of as a flag or general officer, and that effort begins below:

- 1. More TFGON Members Selected For Top Level Positions in our Government**
- 2. National Association of Corporate Directors Annual "Battlefield to Boardroom" Program for Flag & General Officers Seeking to Serve on Corporate Boards**
- 3. TFGON SemiAnnual Fundraiser to Support TFGON OPS for 2017 Was MOST SUCCESSFUL in TFGON History**
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- 5. TFGON TSA PreCheck Travel Has Been SUPER HELPFUL to our TFGONers For Over 2 Years Now**
- 6. MOAA Military Executive Transition Seminar Scheduled for 9 FEB in Arlington, VA**
- 7. TFGON Resume Circulation to TFGON Members Is "Key to Success" in Alerting 3800 Fellow Flag & General Officers That You Are "In The Job Market"**
- 8. New Veterans Cemetery Initiative Allows You To Determine Your Eligibility for Burial in a Veterans Cemetery Well In Advance of that Need**

1. More TFGON Members Selected For Top Level Positions in our Government

We alerted you last month when we were made aware that our fellow TFGON Member, LTGEN Mike Flynn, US ARMY [Ret.] was appointed by the President as National Security Advisor. And we are pleased to now alert you that two other TFGON Members have been selected for senior positions at the Department of Defense. Rear Admiral Kevin Sweeney, US NAVY [Ret.] has been named as SECDEF's Chief of Staff and Rear Admiral Craig Faller, US NAVY, who had been serving as Navy's Chief of Legislative Affairs, has been named Senior Military Assistant to SECDEF. TFGON extends our warmest congratulations and best wishes to these new high-level appointments and wish both Admirals the very best as they give of their talents and

expertise in the best interests of the national security and defense of our beloved America.

2. National Association of Corporate Directors [NACD] Annual "Battlefield to Boardroom" Program for Flag & General Officers Seeking to Serve on Corporate Boards The time once again is upon us when NACD offers their annual program, titled "From Battlefield to Boardroom", that provides information and guidance for military flag and general officers who seek to serve on corporate boards of directors. This event will be held from FEB 22-24 at the Park Hyatt Hotel in Washington, DC. NACD describes this program as "an exclusive board development program designed to prepare retired and soon-to-rotate military flag and general officers to serve in the boardroom. Join NACD and your peers for an evening of networking and cocktails, followed by two days of programming. The [agenda](#) [click on agenda for details] will focus on topics ranging from boardroom basics to more complex issues of strategy, oversight and stakeholder management. Attendees will interact with directors and corporate governance professionals who have years of hands-on experience as well as access to mentorship and networking opportunities with experienced flag and general officers-turned-board members." This program is presented by NACD and is sponsored by CACI, KPMG, and USAA. Further full details re: costs and how to request an invitation to attend are at the agenda link above and on the NACD website at www.nacdonline.org/battlefieldtoboardroom/

3. TFGON SemiAnnual Fundraiser to Support TFGON OPS for 2017 Was MOST SUCCESSFUL in TFGON History To quote Jackie Gleason of TV Fame of years ago "You're the Greatest". Our latest fundraiser was absolutely our most successful with more donors than ever before and the average donation being in excess of \$100 per donor. As I told our TFGON Board, we must be doing things right because the support of the members continues to grow and grow and grow. Special thanks to all of you who donated last month---- your support will provide TFGON with the financial ability to continue our current aggressive programs schedule and to undertake new and beneficial programs in the best interests of military flag and general officers: active duty, guard & reserve, and retired. Special thanks for your support and for caring about your fellow flag and general officers. We are all in this effort together and thanks to you, we keep growing and succeeding and prospering which benefits all of us.

4. TFGON Networking Reception Schedule for 2017 Negotiations have now been completed with our TFGON Networking Reception Site at the Capitol Hill Club in Washington, DC with regard to our Networking Receptions this year. Those dates are now contracted for and are listed below so you can add them to your 2017 schedule. All are on a Friday evening and all provide for the fee to attend to remain at \$25----- alternate days of the week and alternate locations that we have checked out would require raising the attendance fee to \$50 - \$75 per person and without the advantage of having the metro being right across the street and thus eliminating the hassles of parking on Capitol Hill [or anywhere else in Washington]. We look forward to seeing everyone next month at our first reception of 2017 which will be announced and RSVP's requested as we get closer to that date.

Feb 24,
June 23,
Oct 27

5. TFGON TSA PreCheck Travel Has Been SUPER HELPFUL to our TFGONers For Over 2 Years Now: We continue to get highly complimentary messages from our TFGON Membership on this Special TFGON Program to help retired flag and general officers avoid the more restrictive TSA airport security lines and not have to remove their shoes and belts and laptops. We'll be submitting another update to TSA on Tuesday, 31 JAN, so if you want to be included, send an e-mail to TFGONAdmin@TFGON.org with TSA PreCheck in the subject line, and the following info in the body of your message:

Your name as it is shown on your retired DOD ID Card
Your date of birth in this format: Month, Day, Year
Your Rank and Branch of Military Service
Your DOD Retired ID CARD number, which is the 10 digit number on the face of the card---- if your card was issued 2010 or prior, it's your 9 digit SSN.

If you get this info to us by 30 JAN, we can have you on the 31 JAN submission and hopefully, good to go with the participating airlines by 2 FEB 2017. More info on all this on TFGON's website at www.TFGON.org then click on the link on the LH side of the home page about 3/4th of the way down. You will need the generic user id and password to enter this site: User ID is tfgon and password is nogft which is tfgon spelled backwards.

6. MOAA Military Executive Transition Seminar Scheduled for 9 FEB in Arlington, VA TFGON continues to be supportive of those MOAA Programs that bring value to military flag and general officers, and their Military Executive Transition Seminar does exactly that. MOAA is in its fifth year of offering the Military Executive Transition Seminar to transitioning senior, general and flag officers in the greater Washington, D.C. area, and their first 2017 seminar is scheduled for February 9 at the headquarters of the Corporate Executive Board in Arlington, Virginia. The seminar has earned high marks for its efficient content delivery (one day) and the rich array of guest speakers. Follow-on one-on-one career coaching is also offered to MOAA members from their very experienced career management consulting team – which earned ASAE Summit Awards in 2012 and 2015 for superlative transition support to the military community.

This one-day program is specifically focused on the needs of senior 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 executive recruiter and a panel discussion featuring recently transitioned senior, flag and general officers. Additional

details are available at www.moaa.org/met Also feel free to contact MOAA's Vice President for Council/Chapter and Member Support, Navy CAPT Jim Carman, direct with any ?'s: [800.234.6622](tel:800.234.6622), ext. 107; direct: [703.838-8107](tel:703.838-8107) or via e-mail at jimc@moaa.org

7. TFGON Resume Circulation to TFGON Members Is "Key to Success" in Alerting 3800 Fellow Flag & General Officers That You Are "In The Job Market"

Echoing the old ballpark expression "you cannot tell the players without a program", the same is true for military flag and general officers in a job search mode, whether it be while transitioning from active duty to retirement or while changing jobs for those who have been in the civilian job market for a few years. Bottom line is that one of the keys to your successful job search is to make sure friends and colleagues know that you are in that effort, and without a doubt THE BEST WAY to do that is to have TFGON circulate your resume to our 3800 flag and general officer members who, given their incredible breadth and depth of involvement in the entire job market that seeks flag or general officer experience and credentials, is without equal in knowing where the flag-level jobs are. Thus they need to know who is available and in a job search mode and unless you circulate your resume to them, they have no other way of knowing. The process is easy, and is fully described on our website at www.TFGON.org and clicking on the link on the LH side of the home page titled "TFGON Job Opportunities and Resume Circulation". Just read that info. and then send us your resume as an e-mail attachment to TFGONAdmin@TFGON.org with TFGON Resume Circulation in the subject line. We'll get back to you with any questions and with further guidance as to how to make this happen. Bottom line: you can't tell the players without a program and the same is true with you cannot tell the flag-level job seekers without knowing who is in that job market.

8. New Veterans Cemetery Initiative Allows You To Determine Your Eligibility for Burial in a Veterans Cemetery Well In Advance of that Need

Last month the V.A. issued a press release outlining how those seeking eventual burial in a veterans cemetery can now determine their eligibility well in advance instead of the dice roll of your family only being able to learn about it after your death. In our opinion, this new programs makes great sense and is the type of veteran-sensitive action that deserves our applause. The 1st paragraph of their Press Release follows: "WASHINGTON – The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) today announced it now provides eligibility determinations for interment in a VA national cemetery prior to the time of need. Through the Pre-Need Determination of Eligibility Program, upon request, individuals can learn if they are eligible for burial or memorialization in a VA national cemetery." Further details and how to apply are in their Press Release which we have posted in it's entirety on the TFGON website at www.TFGON.org then click on "VA Cemeteries Pre-Need Eligibility Procedures" just above the photos link on the LH side of the home page. Be aware that this process is NOT available for Arlington National Cemetery and TFGON is already pursuing this same availability for Arlington and we'll keep you posted as to our progress on that effort. Any TFGON members with a relationship with the officials that manage Arlington, please let us know if you can help with this initiative----

e-mail us at TFGONAdmin@TFGON.org with Arlington Cemetery Initiative in the subject line.

This brings another TFGON Newsletter to a close. As you can see, 2017 has started out very Very VERY WELL for our organization. All the Officers and Directors of TFGON wish all of our fellow TFGON Members a continued super successful New Year as we continue to work together on matters of importance to those of us in the flag and general officer corps. Our membership continues to grow and we are having solid success in all we undertake. None of this would be possible without our elected Officers and Board of Directors, who serve you pro bono and give of their time and treasure to OUR ORGANIZATION. We have much to be thankful for, just as thanks is owed to each of you and every other man and woman in uniform or veteran status who has given of themselves in order to keep our nation strong and free. America remains THE BEST HOPE for the entire planet, perhaps best documented by the millions from other countries who seek to come here while all here seek to remain here. People tend to vote with their feet, and in the case of the USA, that vote is 100% in our favor.

With all good wishes,

Jim Carey

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