

Fellow Flag & General Officers:

We're off to a GREAT start in 2016 and TFGON continues to make solid and indeed excellent progress on all fronts with all our various programs and projects. Our first Quarterly Networking Reception of the New Year is now in the history books and the new room at the Capitol Hill Club proved quieter than our past locations there, so progress has already been made in that regard. Our 2nd Annual "Stradley Academy" regarding corporate board membership for retired flag and general officers, in partnership with the Stradley Law Firm and Partner Jeff McFadden there, is now in planning for this Fall plus Stradley has added a 2nd New 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 several new "items of interest"----Further details below on these and several other topics.

Miscellaneous Matters & Info.!!

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1. This being an election year, here's an "Election Countdown Timer" to Help Remind You of How Much Time Till Election Day: Given the almost non-stop news media coverage of our national elections, still over 9+ months away, we thought you might appreciate the following URL which has a countdown clock that shows the days, hours, minutes, and seconds till election day [Baseline is Kansas, where their countdown clock is running]. They also have other interesting applications that may be useful to you, including calendars for any year, etc.! Enjoy. And please, let's all of us set a good example and register to vote. We've included the DOD message below on service members registering to vote so you can see how they address the subject.

<http://www.timeanddate.com/countdown/to?iso=20161108T07>

2. Women in Military Service to America [WIMSA] Request to TFGON for Assistance: TFGON member RADM Bob Duncan, USCG (Ret.) has notified us that the Women in Military Service to America (WIMSA), on whose Foundation Board he sits, is observing a major milestone in its history. The long-time president and driving force for establishing their memorial and building the organization to the much admired memorial and educational body that it is today, Brigadier General Wilma Vaught USAF(Ret.), has transitioned to President Emeritus status and handed the reins to former Vice Chairman and new President Dee McWilliams, Major General, USA(ret.) [also a TFGON Member]. BG Vaught's singular accomplishments will be recognized and celebrated at an appropriate event in March and TFGON's membership will be notified as those details are finalized.

WIMSA is taking this opportunity to "take a sounding" and ensure that their future actions are well-aligned with their strategic plan and maximize their potential for serving as the focal point for the Nation to celebrate and honor the long and distinguished history of womens' military service to America.

They would welcome TFGON's assistance! Recognizing the great talent resident in TFGON, WIMSA would like to invite TFGON Members voluntary contributions of expertise in areas of engineering assessment (assessing WIMSA's 'reserve plan' needs as the memorial structure ages), personnel assessment (best use and number of employees, organization of talented volunteers), specific curatorial skills (collections management, exhibit preparations, loaner arrangements), messaging skills (PR, representation, etc.) and general assistance in areas of TFGONers personal interest and expertise. All are welcome. Your professional or business associates help would also be appreciated. If you are able to assist in this effort in support of WIMSA, please contact RADM Bob Duncan directly at radmrfd@aol.com

3. Planning For Another "Stradley Academy" re: Corporate Board Service is NOW Underway for a Fall Event---- plus we have a NEW event to be held this March Open For Registration Now: 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 has agreed to host 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 copy of Jeff McFaddon's message to last year's Academy attendees, since that has all the details:

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

Happy New Year! We trust that your holidays were relaxing and enjoyable, and pass along our best wishes for a prosperous and fulfilling 2016. To that end, we would like to call to your attention two items of note:

- We are passing along three articles of interest as an initial wave in a continuing series of board service updates following our two-day program last October. **TFGON Note: FYI, we are NOT forwarding these articles as the file becomes too large and we ran into too many message bouncebacks when we tried to transmit this newsletter to the TFGON membership!!!!**
- 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.

Very respectfully,

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Also, several in TFGON have asked if the materials packets from last Fall's Stradley 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 McFadden 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 Commission Announces FINAL Design Selection for WW I National Memorial in Washington, DC: Several TFGON members serve on either this 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 Commission has now selected the winning design for the World War One NATIONAL Memorial to be constructed in Pershing Park in Washington, DC. Full details in their DISPATCH Message below:

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CENTENNIAL COMMISSION

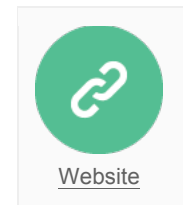


January 26, 2016

U.S. WORLD WAR I CENTENNIAL COMMISSION SELECTS "THE WEIGHT OF SACRIFICE" FOR WASHINGTON DC MEMORIAL

LEAD DESIGNER IS A 25 YEAR-OLD ARCHITECT-IN-TRAINING

Joseph Weishaar, an architect-in-training currently located in Chicago, IL



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WASHINGTON, DC: The U.S. World War I Centennial Commission today selected "THE WEIGHT OF SACRIFICE" as the design concept for the new national World War I Memorial at Pershing Park in Washington.

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"THE WEIGHT OF SACRIFICE" was selected from a group of five Finalists, and culminates an open, international design competition that has run since May, 2015. The Commission's decision endorses the recommendation of the design competition's independent jury.

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"We were thrilled by the quality and creativity by all the submissions in this competition," stated Commissioner Edwin Fountain, who directed the competition. "This selected design concept reflects a high level of professional achievement".

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Imagery of "THE WEIGHT OF SACRIFICE", and of the other four Finalists, can be found here www.ww1cc.org/selection

The design concept was submitted by Joseph Weishaar, an architect-in-training currently located in Chicago, IL, and collaborating artist, veteran sculptor Sabin Howard of New York, NY. Mr. Weishaar received his professional architecture degree from the University of Arkansas in 2013.

Mr. Weishar's full professional team, necessary to implement the design concept, includes the Baltimore architectural firm GWWO, Inc.; landscape architect Phoebe Lickwar; and engineering consultants Henry Adams LLC, Keast & Hood and VBH.

Regarding the World War I Memorial, Commission Chair Robert Dalessandro stated "Those five million Americans who served in uniform during World War I literally changed the world. This new landmark in our nation's capital will be a worthy expression of their great legacy".

The location for the new World War I Memorial is Pershing Park, in downtown Washington, DC, bounded by Pennsylvania Avenue and 14th and 15th Streets NW. The park is located one block from the White House, adjacent to the Willard Hotel and the District of Columbia's Wilson Building.

This site was designated by Congress in 2014. The Centennial Commission is a Congressional Commission set up in 2013 to ensure a suitable observation in the United States of the centennial of World War I.

"THE WEIGHT OF SACRIFICE" will continue to develop as a design, with help from the Centennial Commission, the National Park Service, the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts, the National Capital Planning Commission, the Washington, D.C. Office of Historic Preservation, the General Services Administration, and other stakeholders. Ultimately, the design will need to meet a number of criteria related to site considerations, environmental impact, historical preservation, sustainability, and cost.

The Centennial Commission's goal for creating the memorial is to begin construction by November 2017, and dedicate the completed memorial in November 2018. Estimated cost is \$30-35 million, which will come entirely from private donation.

To help build this Memorial to the memory of those who served, please [donate now](#).

To learn more about the U.S. World War One Centennial Commission, its education programs, and its commemorative events, go to www.ww1cc.org

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5. 2016 National Elections: Military Service Members Should Register and Request Absentee

Ballots Now---- DOD Message

As we indicated above in the item on the 2016 National Elections Countdown Clock, we would forward the DOD Message regarding DOD's advisory to military service members that NOW is the time to ensure they are registered to vote and request their absentee ballots. We feel it's important to share this message with TFGON because ALL Flag & General Officers remain involved and in contact with serving service members and organizations and can help DOD to spread this message far and wide to all services and all levels of each branch of service. That DOD Message follows:

You are subscribed to DoD News, Defense Media Activity for U.S. Department of Defense. This information has recently been updated, and is now available.

[Service Members Should Register and Request Absentee Ballots Now](#)

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DoD News, Defense Media Activity

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25, 2016 — Defense Department personnel and their families who plan to vote by absentee ballot in the upcoming presidential primaries and the general election in November should complete a registration application and request their ballots now, according to a Federal Voting Assistance Program release.

To register and request ballots, complete the Federal Post Card Application using the FPCA online assistant to fill out the form or pick up a hard-copy version from your voting assistance officer or nearest U.S. Embassy or consular office.

FVAP officials suggest completing a new application annually and with every move, or at least 90 days prior to the election.

State primary election dates are listed on the Federal Voting Assistance Program's website, with registration information in a drop-down menu at the top left side of the home page.

To find your state's election website for specific information on candidates, elections, contact information and links to your local election office, visit the Federal Voting Assistance Program contact page.

For more information on the Federal Voting Assistance Program or help with the absentee voting process, visit the program's website

or call [703-588-1584](tel:703-588-1584), toll free at 800-438-VOTE or via DSN at 425-1584. Help also is available by sending an email to vote@fvap.gov.

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6. Fellow TFGON Member, Major General & Author David T. Zabecki, U. S. Army [Ret.], Awarded Society for Military History 2016 Distinguished Book Award for Reference for his 4-Series Encyclopedia Publication: "Germany at War: 400 Years of Military History": TFGON Salutes our Fellow Member, Major General [Ret.] Dave Zabecki on his being selected by The Society for Military History for it's 2016 Distinguished Book Award for Reference for his four-volume encyclopedia entitled "Germany at War: 400 Years of Military History". Dave now lives in Germany and was just recently notified of this high honor. TFGON is proud to have him as a long-time TFGON member and now, a recognized distinguished author. WELL DONE, Dave. We in TFGON Salute You for this high recognition and honor. Dave advises that the four-volume set is available from the publisher: ABC-Clío, and is also available through Amazon, but he advises "It's NOT cheap!!!!".

TFGON continues in our role as THE generally accepted communications center for retired flag and general officers of all 5 branches of 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 JAN 30th 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 Fellow Warriors.

With all good wishes,

Jim Carey

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