

FLAG & GENERAL OFFICERS: Miscellaneous Updates & Info: OCT 2017

Fellow Flag & General Officers:

We need to bring you up to date on several issues, thus this short newsletter summarizing these matters:

- **Heads Up RE: TFGON Networking Reception on Friday, 27 OCT**
- **TFGON's TSA Frequent Flyer Program continues to grow as new TFGON members sign up**
- **TFGON Continuity of Leadership and Continuity of Operations Matters**
- **TFGON's Admiral McGrail Scholars Internship Program update and Summer 2017 Intern Interim and Final Reports**
- **TFGON Summer Fundraiser Most Successful in our History**
- **TFGON Members, Rear Admirals Tony Kurta and Don Loren, both US NAVY [Ret.], Receive Federal Appointments**

O Heads Up RE: TFGON Networking Reception on Friday, 27 OCT: TFGON's last Quarterly Networking Reception for 2017 takes place on Friday, 27 OCT at the Capitol Hill Club on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC. Full details on our website at www.TFGON.org then click on Calendar on the LH side of the homepage. Please mark your calendar now so you can plan around the date---- requests for RSVP's to attend will be sent later this month.

O TFGON's TSA Frequent Flyer Program continues to grow as new TFGON members sign up For those TFGON members who use this program, the vast majority of responses we receive have been super-complimentary. And where any problems are reported to us, we are pleased to report that ZERO have been the result of any TFGON errors or problems and ZERO have been the result of any TSA errors or problems and 100% of the issues have involved problems caused by the participating airlines and their own internal systemics and disconnects. And even with the airline issues, TFGON has usually been able to clear those up within 24-48 hours or

so. Full details on this program are on our TFGON website at www.TFGON.org then click on the link on the LH side of the home page about 3/4 of the way down titled "Retired Flag and General Officers Airport Security PreCheck Program". If you do not yet participate in this TFGON - TSA Program and wish to, full details on how to apply are on that TFGON website page. Reminder that you will need your TFGON website user ID and password---- User ID for all of us is tfgon and password is nogft which is tfgon spelled backwards so us older flags can remember it. We will be submitting an update to TSA of new applicants to this program on 31 OCT so you have plenty of time between now and then to apply.

O TFGON Continuity of Leadership and Continuity of Operations Matters TFGON's NAVY Vice Chairman, Rear Admiral Rob Wray, US NAVY [Ret.] continues to make progress on these matters, central to which is a completely new organizational management website approach. This effort is exceptionally detailed and is going to take quite some time, but eventually TFGON will be coming to each of you asking you to establish your own profile within that website and to establish your own User ID and Password along with several other administrative and operational matters. Rob will be putting out further information on this initiative once it gets further along, but we wanted you to be aware that it is "underway" and that it IS going to be a HUGE STEP FORWARD in TFGON's being able to have each TFGON member manage their own TFGON Profile and Data, thus eliminating that administrative tasking for TFGON HQ. More on this later from Rob once he is ready to report on progress and SITREP.

O TFGON's Admiral McGrail Scholars Internship Program update and Summer 2017 Intern Midterm and Final Reports TFGON is pleased to report another highly successful McGrail Scholars Summer Class, along with your access to each intern's MidTerm and FINAL Reports of their internship efforts and the value this has brought to these 3 truly fine military veterans. Full details on the McGrail Scholars Internship Program are on our website at www.TFGON.org then click on "Rear Admiral Chuck McGrail Scholarship Program" about 3/4 of the way down the links listing on the LH side of the home page. Any ?'s re: this program, contact our McGrail Scholars Program Director, Rear Admiral Kirk Foster, US NAVY [Ret.] at kafoster62@gmail.com

O TFGON Summer Fundraiser Most Successful in our History We are pleased to report, and in fact SUPER PLEASED that our Summer TFGON SemiAnnual Fundraising Program was our most successful ever. Very

special thanks to ALL our Fellow TFGON Members who have donated in support of our on-going operations and programs, including funding for the McGrail Scholars as well as also funding the new TFGON inter-operable website development and fulfillment. TFGON could NOT continue to offer all the job opportunities and resume circulations and the TSA PreCheck Airport Security Program and all the other things we offer flag and generalofficers that make TFGON so very unique and "all that it is". So special thanks to ALL OF YOU for making TFGON "our organization" and funding it for success!!!

O TFGON Members, Rear Admirals Tony Kurta and Don Loren, both US NAVY [Ret.] Receive Federal Appointments TFGON has been fortunate to have several of our members considered for appointment to executive level positions in the federal government. RADM [Ret.] Tony Kurta is currently "Performing the Duties of Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness" and has been nominated as Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness. Rear Admiral Don Loren has been appointed and sworn in as Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Operations, Security and Preparedness. He advises that he's been super busy of late dealing with all the V.A. issues relating to the hurricanes and the veterans facilities in Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

This brings you up to date for now.

With all good wishes,

Jim Carey

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