

Fellow Flag & General Officers:

It's been an exceptionally busy week and we now are well into October---- time for you to RSVP now for the TFGON last Quarterly Networking Reception of this year on 23 OCT---- further details below, or for those of you who are new, full details on our website at [www.TFGON.org](http://www.TFGON.org) then click on Calendar on the LH side of the homepage. If you plan on attending, NOW is the time to RSVP by hitting reply and providing your name, rank, branch of service, and current job title and employer.

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 and events 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. TFGON's Quarterly Networking Reception 23 OCT--- "To Remind" call for RSVP's**

**2. TFGON's 3rd List of additions to the TSA PreCheck airport security program for retired military Flag & General Officers now being prepared [UPDATE]**

**3. Violent Skies: The Air War Over Vietnam Symposium: Several TFGON Members are Panelists; Registration Closes Monday, 12 OCT, Symposium Held 15-17 OCT at National Defense University**

**4. Stradley Ronon Corporate Directors and Officers Academy for Flag & General Officers now completed; adjudged a tremendous success [UPDATE]**

**5. Retired DOD ID Card Replacement Information for those cards issued 2010 and prior[UPDATE]**

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## **7. Human Genome Research and Advances Impacting on Medical Treatment and our Health**

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**1. TFGON's Quarterly Networking Reception 23 OCT--- "To Remind" call for RSVP's [UPDATE]:** We're using this newsletter to transmit this "To Remind" call for RSVP's for our final Quarterly Networking Reception of 2015 from 6-8 pm on 23 OCT at the Capitol Hill Club. If you plan on attending, please hit reply and so indicate, providing us with your name, military rank, current employer and title [for inclusion on the RSVP list], and the name of your spouse if accompanying you? Non-attendance RSVP's are not desired. Any ?'s, just hit reply and ask. Do your active duty flag and general officer friends who are nearing retirement a favor and send them an e-mail inviting them to attend. They WILL thank you for it when they get into the civilian job market.

Also, the Quarterly Networking Reception dates for 2016 have now been scheduled with the Capitol Hill Club---- now's a good time to pencil in these dates on your 2016 calendar so you can plan around them in order to attend-- -- dates and details on the website at [www.TFGON.org](http://www.TFGON.org) then click on Calendar on the LH side of the homepage.

**2. TFGON's 3rd List of additions to the TSA PreCheck airport security program for retired military Flag & General Officers now being prepared [UPDATE]:** We've now sent our 1st & 2nd lists of applicants for this new TFGON program to TSA for approval ---- both were approved by TSA in less than a week and the program is now firmly in place and well underway and working exceptionally well from the feedback we are getting from our membership. Plus new applicants for List # 3 have been coming in at a brisk pace to the degree that we plan on sending that list to TSA for approval earlier than scheduled, probably by the end of this month. If you have not yet applied for the TFGON TSA PreCheck airport security program for retired flag and general officers and want to be added to List # 3, just send us an e-mail volunteering to participate in this program and providing us with your full name [including middle name], your date of birth, your rank and branch of service, and the ID Card Number from the face of your retired DOD ID Card [a unique 10-digit number for cards issued 2011 or after and your 9-digit SSN for cards issued 2010 or before].

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alerted our membership to this event several months ago and we forwarded a message from Fellow TFGON Member Vice Admiral Bob Dunn, U.S. Navy [Ret.] outlining details. And from the responses we received, it turns out that a lot of our TFGON members flew in that Air War. The event begins next week Thursday on 15 OCT and registration closes on Monday, 12 Oct. To register and attend, go to [www.violentskies.org](http://www.violentskies.org) We've attached the program for the symposium to this message so you can see the topics, lists of speakers and panel members, etc----- many of you will recognize fellow TFGON members as a part of this program.

**4. Stradley Ronon Corporate Directors and Officers Academy for Flag & General Officers was held this week; A GREAT**

**SUCCESS [UPDATE]:** This outstanding 2-day event, almost a full year in planning, was held Tuesday & Wednesday of this week, compliments of the Stradley Ronon law firm offering this special program focused on retired/retiring military flag and general officers who are TFGON members. Stradley Ronon specializes in corporate law and matters impacting upon corporate directors and officers, and TFGON is indeed fortunate to have this program and their expertise made available to us by the firm in recognition of our 30+ years of Senior Executive Leadership in the U.S. Armed Forces. The program proved hugely popular with the TFGON membership as evidenced by the fact that it was "sold out" just 4 days after it was announced. For those of you who were unable to attend this 1st session of the Academy, we spoke with Jeff McFaddon of Stradley Ronon, who indicated that, now that this 1st session is completed and once they have implemented lessons-learned, etc., another session will be scheduled for 2016. Details to follow on that opportunity once Stradley Ronon has structured all the related details, logistics, and systemics. Very special thanks to the patriots at Stradley Ronon who made this opportunity possible for our TFGON members.

**5. Retired DOD ID Card Replacement Information for those cards issued 2010 and prior**[UPDATE]:

TFGON has been receiving a significant increase in the number of queries from our membership on this topic, so we've delved into it and are forwarded this info to you FYI and for your action if it applies to you. For TFGON members, this has special application, given we tied the Known Traveler Number required for our TSA PreCheck airport security program to this number on your retired DOD ID Card. Bottom line is

that for those of you whose ID card was issued 2010 and before, we recommend that you take the time to get your card reissued, then if you are in TFGON's TSA PreCheck Program, just let us know via e-mail of your new ID card number and we'll get that changed with TSA so you can use it as your KTN once TSA approves it. Further info on all this at the following URL:

<http://www.tricare.mil/SSN>

Note that the above URL is dated and advises to replace your ID 30 days prior to it's expiration. Our TFGON members who have already replaced their old ID Cards advise us that you do NOT need to wait until within 30 days of the card expiring----- that is outdated information and the ID Card issuing facilities will replace these old ID Cards no matter when they expire.

Additional updated Information as the URL was not working in our previous notice: There are more than 1,500 ID card centers worldwide. To find the nearest center, visit the RAPIDS site locator at <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl/appj/site?application=e1s1> Applicants must present two forms of identification and one must be an unexpired federal- or state-issued photo ID.

#### **6. To Remind: TFGON's Program to Circulate Your Resume to the TFGON**

**Membership:** We consider this program to be of exceptional high value to our membership, particularly for those transitioning from Active Duty or for those who have been retired for a few years and are looking to make an employment change. The program is free to all TFGON members and gets your resume into the hands of almost 4,000 of our fellow members who DO know what jobs are out there for retired flag and general officers. Full details on the TFGON website---- use our new abbreviated website URL: [www.TFGON.org](http://www.TFGON.org) and then click on the TFGON Job Opportunities and Resume Circulation link on the LH side of the homepage. We usually need a couple of days to prep the forwarding message and then once we hit "transmit", it's on its way to opening new opportunities for TFGON members who seek them.

#### **7. Human Genome Research and Advances Impacting on Medical Treatment and our**

**Health:** Some of us in TFGON who are feeling the impact of age and gravity have taken a high interest in 21st Century advances in Human Genome Research and DNA Analysis and the role this can play in some truly exciting medical advances that can quite frankly help those of us able to stick around on this planet long enough for the development and testing to be done and implemented. In this regard, the following are some recent Items of Interest in the area of Human Genome Research, Progress, and Information that we thought you'd find of interest:

O The National Institutes for Health have recently launched a series of public surveys seeking public opinion on how genomic information is changing our lives. In part, these surveys are structured to gauge how much the average person knows or understands, given

the recent impressive gains in genomics, about genomics research and progress and it's impact on individuals and societies in years to come. For further information and to participate in any of the surveys, go to URL [www.research.nhgri.nih.gov/SocialGenome](http://www.research.nhgri.nih.gov/SocialGenome) This URL will also link you into a broad spectrum of other NIH Human Genome research fields, various press releases and interesting research documents, and the whole broad range of human genome research and development that is going on at NIH and throughout medicine today.

○ We alerted you in the past to the availability of 4 free issues of "Genome Magazine" and want to remind you that this opportunity still stands. We've watched the magazine grow and expand over the past year and find that the articles in each issue are well-written and "not overly technical" and thus easily understood and can serve to broaden our understanding of the rapidly growing use of human genome analysis in medicine and medical treatment today---- as well as in genealogy research. To subscribe, just go to [www.genomemag.com/subscribe](http://www.genomemag.com/subscribe) It's free with no strings attached.

○ If you have an interest in your family history and DNA, we've become aware of an organization called Global Family Reunion that provides a free newsletter regarding the use of DNA analysis in genealogy and family history research. You can sign at up their website: [www.GlobalFamilyReunion.com](http://www.GlobalFamilyReunion.com) Also, if you want to purchase a DNA analysis focused on genealogy and family research, [www.Ancestry.com](http://www.Ancestry.com) offers such testing for a fee: details at [www.ancestrydna.com](http://www.ancestrydna.com) FYI, their testing is not available for purchase outside the USA.

This completes this TFGON newsletter effort for 9 OCT 2015. We're looking forward to seeing everyone at our final Quarterly Networking Reception for this year on OCT 23rd. TFGON's Board of Directors will be meeting shortly before our reception for it's annual meeting, to hold election of officers and board members, and to address such other matters as come before the board. We look forward to announcing the results of the election at the Networking Reception following.

With all good wishes,

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