

Fellow Flag & General Officers:

TFGON continues to make solid progress on all fronts and with all our various programs and projects. This newsletter is intended to bring you up to date on some of them, and also to alert you to several new "items of interest".

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 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. Expansion of TFGON's Resume Circulation Program Beyond TFGON's Membership List, To Corporate HR Departments and Executive Search Firms Seeking Flag & General Officer Candidates For Jobs----- We Need Your Inputs

2. TFGON's TSA PreCheck Program Status As Of 15 NOV: UPDATE

3. Assistance Dogs for Veterans and Children: www.Paws4people.org

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1. Expansion of TFGON's Resume Circulation Program Beyond TFGON's Membership List, To Corporate HR Departments and Executive Search Firms Seeking Flag & General Officer Candidates For Jobs----- We Need Your Inputs: We've added an "enhancement addition" to our

TFGON Member Resume Circulation Program, whereby in addition to circulating the resumes among our TFGON members, we also circulate them to Corporate Human Resources Departments and Executive Search Firms that we know seek Flag & General Officer job candidates when their client's job availability calls for Flag/General Officer level qualifications, experience, and credentials. To maximize this expansion effort, we need our fellow TFGON members participation and assistance in having each of you send us any contacts you have that would like to know about flag and general officers who are available in the civilian job market. We don't need their names, just their e-mail addresses to add to our distribution list for this effort. This is SUPER EASY to do---- just hit reply to this message, change the subject line to Corporate HR & Exec. Search Contacts, and then put the e-mail addresses in the body of the message and send it. We'll take it from there. Please take the 5 minutes or so this will take you as it will serve to GREATLY EXPAND the job search horizons of our fellow Flag & General Officers when they begin those efforts. It also makes good sense for you to forward a copy of our attached TFGON Overview Document to the HR & Exec. Search folks you send us, so they have a better understanding of TFGON and who we are and what we do. MANY THANKS in advance "for caring and sharing", since one day it may be you who is circulating your resume.

2. TFGON's TSA PreCheck Program Status As Of

15 NOV: UPDATE TFGON's 7th submission of applications for inclusion in the TFGON-TSA PreCheck airport security program for retired Flag & General Officers will be submitted on 1 DEC. This includes any updates to previous submissions where applicants received new DOD Retired ID Cards to replace 2010 or before issued ID Cards that used their SSN's rather than a specific ID Card Number. This latest submission will include all applicants that have applied since 1 NOV and all new ID Card Numbers submitted since 1 NOV. We expect full approval by TSA as we have established an excellent working relationship with them and that has been our experience with the prior 6 list submissions. For those who are new or those with corrected additions to this program, if after 1 DEC you have NOT heard from TFGON by Friday, 4 DEC you can assume that you have been approved by TSA and can begin to use your Known Traveler Number [i.e. the DOD Retired ID Card Number you provided when you applied to TFGON to participate, or your new ID Card Number if you submitted a new ID Card Number]. FYI, we are receiving continued excellent feedback from ALL in TFGON that are participating in this program, telling us that it is working well, and that our fallback when TSA PreCheck is NOT printed on your boarding pass of going to the airline ticket counter and giving them your KTN and having them print a

new boarding pass with TSA PreCheck printed on it has worked for all who needed it. Bottom Line is that this has been a GREAT PROGRAM for retired Flag & General Officers and it has worked well for all who are participating. Take the time to "spread the word" to your fellow Flag & General Officers who may not be aware of it. For those TFGON members who have not yet applied for our TSA PreCheck Program and wish to do so, just hit reply to this message, put TSA PreCheck in the subject line, and in your message, tell us you volunteer to participate in this program and include your full name, date of birth, rank and branch of military service, and the ID Card Number from your Retired DOD ID Card---- we'll do the rest.

3. Assistance Dogs for Veterans and

Children: www.Paws4people.org We've recently been made aware of an Assistance Dog Program that is helping to heal our wounded military veterans, and also children. We've listed the URL to their website above FYI, for those who have interest in such efforts and seek involvement. They have a free newsletter you can sign up for, and an archive of past newsletters that will provide a more in-depth spectrum of their programs. We're also assuming there are other such "assistance dogs" programs that are having an impact, so if there are any that you recommend, just hit reply and put Assistance Dogs in the subject line and let us know---- all we need is the URL to their website so we can share it with our fellow TFGON members.

4. TFGON's New "Overview Document" For Use in Flag & General Officer Military Transition Programs UPDATE

As we outlined in an earlier newsletter, TFGON supplies each of the five branches of the U.S. Armed Forces with the attached "Overview Document" that outlines "who we are and what we do" for use in the services retirement transition courses for Flag & General Officers. That document has now been updated to reflect TFGON's annual elections last month and to add details regarding the TSA PreCheck airport security program available through TFGON for retired flag and general officers. Feel free to download this document and share it with Flag/General Officer friends and colleagues who are on active duty as well as any others who may not yet be aware of TFGON and their being eligible for membership. Also you are encouraged to share this document with the Human Resources Department of your employer so they are aware of TFGON and know more about us and our availability to circulate position descriptions of job opportunities to our membership when those PD's seek a Flag or General Officer for the position. TFGON can reach over 3700 Flag & General Officers and NO POTENTIAL EMPLOYER nor any other organization or association has that ability. Also feel free to share this

document with any of the several military or veterans organizations you belong to, as well as the respective Academy Alumni Associations that you belong to, so they know who we are and who is eligible for membership.

5. 2015 National Veterans Day Observance Ceremony at Arlington

National Cemetery: With our TFGON Members living all across the USA and all around the world, we thought you would appreciate knowing the details on the National Veterans Day Observance Ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery last week, where MOAA's President, Fellow TFGON Member VADM Norb Ryan was CoHost and a Speaker. We are forwarding the message that was sent to TFGON by Fellow TFGON Member, Major General Joe Lynch, General Counsel of MOAA, which well describes the event and provides a C-SPAN link so you can hear VADM Ryan's remarks and see the entire ceremony:

"Jim----- I would really appreciate your passing on this information on last Wednesday's Veterans Day Ceremony at Arlington Cemetery. MOAA was the co-host with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and it was an outstanding tribute to our veterans and service members. VADM Ryan and Judy represented MOAA as the 2015 Veterans Day National Committee (VDNC) host organization and lead veteran service organization (VSO) for the National Veterans Day Observance Ceremony. VADM Ryan's brief remarks were followed by VA Secretary Bob McDonald and President Obama. Vice President Biden also attended the event. MOAA hosted the VDNC Reception immediately following the ceremony at the Women in Military Service for America Memorial, for nearly 400 guests from the VSO community.

In the C-Span link below, we've provided the mark for you to hear the MOAA introduction and VADM Ryan's remarks,. This was a great opportunity for us to focus the country's attention on the sacrifices and incredible contributions our service members and veterans make to our country. I have also attached a photograph of the event and a copy of the program.

This is the C-SPAN link – you may skip to minute 31:05 for the MOAA introduction and minute 32:20 for VADM Ryan's remarks.

<http://www.c-span.org/video/?400527-1/veterans-day-wreathlaying-ceremony>

As always, thanks to you and TFGON for your continued support of our efforts to build a strong national defense and to preserving the earned benefits of all current and former members of the armed forces. v/r //Joe

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6. TFGON Membership in National Military & Veterans Alliance

[NMVA]: For several years now, TFGON has been a member of NMVA and attends their monthly meetings in Alexandria, VA. NMVA is an Alliance of

some 32 separate military and veterans organizations representing over 3.2 million members and addresses matters related to and impacting upon the military and military veterans. More information on the NMVA website at www.NMVA.us If you belong to a military or veterans organization that is not yet a member of NMVA and would like to join, just hit reply, put NMVA in the subject line, and let us know and we can assist you in that effort.

This now completes the Nov 15th 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.

With all good wishes,

Jim Carey

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