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## **FLAG & GENERAL OFFICERS: Updates and Info on existing and new TFGON Programs**

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Fellow Flag & General Officers:

Time to again "bring you up to date" with several projects and programs and efforts and events, some updates and some new, that you will want to be aware of as a military flag or general officer, and that effort begins below:

- 1. TFGON Networking Reception Schedule for 2018**
- 2. TFGON TSA PreCheck Travel Program Has Been SUPER HELPFUL to our TFGONers For Over 4 Years---Sign up NOW for Free!!!**
- 3. TFGON Resume Circulation to TFGON Members Is "Key to Success" in Alerting 3800 Fellow Flag & General Officers That You Are "In The Job Market"**
- 4. TFGON Updated "Summary Overview" Document For Your Use in TFGON Recruiting**
- 5. TFGON's Admiral McGrail Scholars Internship Program SITREP**
- 6. Veterans Cemetery Initiative Allows You To Determine Your Eligibility for Burial in a Veterans Cemetery Well In Advance of that Need**
- 7. TFGON Final Year-end Fundraiser for 2017 to be announced in DEC**

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**1. TFGON Networking Reception Schedule for 2018** 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 for next year. Those dates are now contracted for and are listed below so you can pencil them in on your 2018 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 in February at our first reception of 2018 which will be formally announced and RSVP's requested as we get closer to that date.

Friday, Feb 23,  
Friday, June 29,  
Friday, Oct 26

**2. TFGON TSA PreCheck Travel Has Been SUPER HELPFUL to our TFGONers For Over 4 Years----- Sign Up Now for Free:** 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 Thursday, 30 NOV, 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 NOV, we can have you on that list submission to TSA and hopefully, good to go with the participating airlines by 1 DEC 2017. More info on all this on TFGON's website at [www.TFGON.org](http://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.

**3. TFGON Resume Circulation to Fellow 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](http://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 that you cannot tell the flag-level job seekers without knowing who is in that job market.

#### **4. TFGON "Summary Overview" Document For Your Use in TFGON Recruiting:**

We've attached this updated document which we ask ALL TFGONers to use to answer queries about TFGON as well as to share with any Flag or General Officers who are not yet members of TFGON and want details as to who we are and what we do. This document is also distributed at all the service branches Flag & General Officer Transition Briefings for those leaving active service. Please feel free to share this document with any organization who wants to know more about TFGON; also with any military flag or general officer that asks you about us.

**5. TFGON's Admiral McGrail Scholars Internship Program SITREP:** We want to remind you of the availability of your access to each Admiral McGrail Scholar Intern's MidTerm and FINAL Reports of their internship efforts and the value our McGrail Scholars Internship Program 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](http://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](mailto:kafoster62@gmail.com)

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

Several months ago, 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 having to flail their way through it after your death. In our opinion, this relatively new program makes great sense and is the type of veteran-service 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 its entirety on the TFGON website at [www.TFGON.org](http://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](mailto:TFGONAdmin@TFGON.org) with Arlington Cemetery Initiative in the subject line.

**7. TFGON Final Year-end Fundraiser for 2017 to be announced in DEC:** Very special thanks to ALL our Fellow TFGON Members who have donated in the past

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 now being structured. 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 general officers that make TFGON so very unique and "all that it is" without your funding us. So special thanks to ALL OF YOU for making TFGON "our organization" and funding it for success!!! We will be sending out our request for our final semi-annual fundraiser this coming Friday and would appreciate your continued support. This is OUR organization and WE are our only source of funding for all we do for each other.

This brings another TFGON Newsletter to a close. As you can see, 2017 has gone very Very VERY WELL for our organization. All the Officers and Directors of TFGON wish all of our fellow TFGON Members a truly fulfilling Holiday Season and 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 of the US Armed Forces. 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 favor of the USA.

With all good wishes,

Jim Carey

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