

Fellow Flag & General Officers:

It's been a busy several weeks as we now near the end of August, what with the requirement to get our 1st TSA PreCheck Application List for retired flag and general officers filed with TSA [done as of 1500Friday, 21 AUG] and getting the invitation to the Corporate Directors & Officers Academy Program of 6-7 OCT finalized and sent to the TFGON membership [also done as of 8-17 and almost sold out already]. Now it's time to get the word out on a broad range of other matters 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. Honda Bill re: CPI As It Impacts on Military Retirement [and other federal retirement programs]

2. United Nations Youth Assembly Annual Program at UN HQ in New York City each August

3. Rear Admiral [Ret.] Robin Graf message re: Senior Female Military Officers Post-Active Duty job search and program in support of those efforts

4. VADM Ed Straw OP-ED re: Blue Water Navy Legislation

5. Update on TFGON's partnership program with the Transportation Security Agency regarding the TSA PreCheck Program for Retired Flag & General Officers

6. TIDES Technology Demonstration at National Defense University 6-9 OCT

1. Honda Bill re: CPI As It Impacts on Military Retirement [and other federal retirement programs]:

See details in the URL below so you are aware as to how this will impact you and your family:

[Bill Introduced to Calculate More Accurate Cost of Living Adjustments for Federal Retirement Benefits](#)

If passed, the legislation would require Social Security and many federal retirement programs to use the Consumer Price Index for the Elderly (CPI-E) to calculate COLAs so that seniors' benefits are not diminished over time. The website URL also provides for a free sign-up for e-mail notifications

about other matters that may impact upon any federal retirement you may have [military, federal agency, Social Security, etc.]

2. United Nations Youth Assembly Annual Program at UN HQ in New York City each August: All of us have had some involvement or working relationship with the United Nations during our uniformed service, and we're reasonably sure there are some of us that are less than enamored with the U.N. which is 25% funded by the USA yet the USA is voted down time and again by nations that pay next to nothing in support of the UN budget. That said, it IS the one world body where all nations come together to deliberate and hopefully resolve matters before they become shooting conflicts, so it's a good idea to remain involved to ensure we know all that is happening at the UN. In this regard, there is an annual United Nations program for the young men and women of all nations, held at the UN HQ in New York City every AUG and attended by some 40+ nations throughout the world. And "full disclosure", TFGON is aware of it because my foundation [Rear Admiral James J. Carey Foundation] has participated every year for the past 5 years by sending a delegation of some of America's "best & brightest" young college-age Juniors & Seniors. The program takes place for only 4 days in AUG: Weds-Saturday, and while those attending surely do not become budding-diplomats in that short period of time, they DO leave with a better understanding of what the UN is all about AND the foundation has found that for those young men and women seeking future careers in international relations or international diplomacy or international commerce, this short program is a GREAT line item and exceptional door-opener on their resume. Full details including annual reports and photos of the delegations from 2011 - 2014 are available at this URL:

www.AdmiralCareyFoundation.org/?page_id=690

So why are we telling you all this? Because for the 2016 UNYA Delegation, the foundation is opening attendance up to the sons & daughters, grandsons & granddaughters, and nieces & nephews of TFGON members who wish to sponsor their attendance. Basic costs are approx. \$1100 for attendance, housing, and meals for the 4 days at UN HQ, with each delegate funding their own transportation to and from New York City. The 2015 Delegation Annual Report is expected to be completed and posted NLT the end of September, along with the photos of this year's delegation. We expect to send addl. information to all once the 2016 Delegation details begin to be finalized. Any ?'s before then can be directed to the Head of Delegation, Mr. George Platsis: george@platsis.com or the Delegation Sponsor, Rear Admiral

Carey: RADMCarey@aol.com or the Delegation Mentor and Senior Advisor, COL [Ret.] Robert Bateman: rjpbateman@gmail.com The application forms to apply to be a member of the Delegation may be found at this URL: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ajjcfunya> Feel free to share this information with your sons & daughters, grandsons & granddaughters, nieces & nephews who may have interest in this unique program as it relates to their longer term career plans.

3. Rear Admiral [Ret.] Robin Graf message re: Senior Female Military Officers post-Active Duty job search and a unique program in support of those efforts: Fellow TFGON Member Rear Admiral [Ret.] Robin Graf sent us the following message, which well explains what looks to be an excellent program for assisting military women who are transitioning from active duty to civilian life. Full details in Robin's e-mail message and the application form for their September event in Arlington, VA is attached hereto:

"I have recently come into contact with an organization called "Mission: Getting to Next" which is a career transition program recognized as an essential first step for women in leadership and senior executive positions in the private, public, not-for-profit and military sectors. Here is a link to their LinkedIn page. <https://www.linkedin.com/company/mission-getting-to-next> and website: www.mgtn.org The below is copied from their website:

"For the first time in American history, women in the military are retiring in unprecedented numbers, due to both the 35th anniversary of the first female graduates from military academies and the end of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Simultaneously and also at numbers never before experienced in history, women own businesses as entrepreneurs, sit in the C-suite of Fortune 500 companies, serve on Boards and have an active presence in today's American workforce. For both sectors, during times of career transition, a range of challenges come into play often creating obstacles to ones "NEXT" career move. Sometimes the career options feel too wide open and often they feel too limited, based on ones narrow view of what's possible. MISSION: GETTING TO NEXT harnesses the collective leadership of both civilian and military women and uses the interaction as a catalyst for self-exploration and change. Drawing on her experience over the past 40 years of working with executive level women across the globe, Carole Hyatt has created this breakthrough workshop with these two groups of vibrant, unstoppable women who have so much to share and learn from each other. The goal of MGTN is to help women seamlessly transition into new leadership opportunities and professionally contribute to a stronger and more sustainable American

economy. To date, the response to MGTN has surpassed expectations."

M-GTN is hosting a Workshop/Symposium 18-20 September in Arlington, VA. The conference fee of \$750.00 is waived/underwritten by the sponsor, for all military women. I have heard great things about this workshop and recommend it highly to any women who are either in the window to transition out of the military or have recently transitioned. Attached is a registration form for the workshop as well as an email invitation.

The workshop, which is mixed with half military and half executive level civilian women, is designed to allow executive women to explore opportunities and discover their options for their next career. This is a great way to meet other senior military women and hear from our corporate counterparts on successes and failures. It is a small group of about 25-30 women so the atmosphere easily fosters open dialog and an exchange of ideas."

Feel free to forward this information to military women you know who are either transitioning now from active duty, or did so recently, so they can make sure the word is getting into the hands of all to whom it applies.

4. VADM Ed Straw OP-ED re: Blue Water Navy Legislation TFGON alerted our membership last month to the Blue Water Navy Legislation regarding Agent Orange related illnesses from service in Vietnam. Fellow TFGON Member Vice Admiral Ed Straw has now written an OP-ED that addresses further details on this situation, and since many TFGON members served in blue-water assignments during Vietnam and are now experiencing a broad range of cancers and other Agent Orange related illnesses, we're sure you will want to read Admiral Straw's OP-ED which is attached to this e-mail message.

5. Update on TFGON's partnership program with the Transportation Security Agency regarding the TSA PreCheck Program for Retired Flag & General Officers:

This program has turned out to be TFGON's most successful program since our founding in 1984. Response and requests to be included have been more than triple any other TFGON program and our 1st list of applicants has already been sent to TSA for vetting and approval. Once we hear back from TSA, we will communicate further re: "next steps". And List # 2 of applicants-- -- since our 1st submission---- is already being utilized to include applicants that missed the 1st List and want to apply. If you are one of those, just send us your full name as LAST name, First name, Middle name; Date of Birth as

Month/Day/Year, the DOD retired ID Card number on the face of your retired ID card, which if your card was issued 2011 or after will be a 10 digit number on the face of the card---- If you retired before 2011, that # is your 9 digit SSN and can be used, or if you don't want to use your SSN, your only option is to get a new DOD retired ID Card. Also we need your gender and military rank and a statement that you voluntarily request to participate in this program. This process is ongoing and TFGON will be submitting updated lists to TSA every 60 days or so from this point forward. There have been numerous questions as to whether spouses are included and TSA has asked us to hold off on that issue for now. When we get further guidance from TSA on this, we will promalgate it via e-mail.

6. TIDES Technology Demonstration at National Defense University 6-9

OCT: As many TFGON Members will recall, we have alerted you to the annual TIDES Technology Demonstration which will again be held at Fort McNair on the grounds of National Defense University. The theme for this year's TIDES Technology Demonstration is

"Building Resilience: Preparing for Natural and Man-Made

Disasters". The demo will take place 6-9 October at Fort Lesley J. McNair in Washington, D.C, and while we realize that 6-7 OCT are the dates for TFGON's "Stradley Law Firm Corporate Directors & Officers Academy", this still leaves 8 & 9 OCT for those participants to attend both, and for those who are here from out of town to attend the Stradley event, it's then easy to extend for one day to attend the TIDES Demonstrations. And as a reminder the event is free and open to the general public. Full details below in the TIDES invitation, including key URL's to register and for Q & A sites. We hope to see you there.

Building Resilience: Preparing for Natural and Man-Made Disasters

Dear James ,

We are excited to announce the theme for this year's TIDES Technology Demonstration: "**Building Resilience: Preparing for Natural and Man-Made Disasters**". The demo will take place 6-9 October at Fort Lesley J. McNair in Washington, D.C. As a reminder the event is free and open to the general public.

The TIDES demonstration will feature low-cost technology solutions across ten

infrastructure areas: 1) power, 2) shelter, 3) water, 4) integrated combustion and solar cooking, 5) cooling/heating, 6) lighting, 7) sanitation, 8) information & communications technologies (ICT), 9) life support, and 10) logistics. [Click here](#) to see who's exhibiting.

In addition to the technology demonstration, TIDES will host a daily lunchtime speaker series and facilitated discussions in the morning and afternoon. A detailed agenda will be posted soon. Please take a look at a special on TIDES from Voice of America's Carolyn Turner, as she covers our efforts in the fields of [power](#), [shelter](#), [water](#), and [solar cookers](#).

REGISTER TODAY!

For more information on what TIDES does and what the 2015 Demo will be like please click the links below. If you would like to exhibit at the TIDES Demo please remember to register as an [EXHIBITOR](#) (*Note: Exhibitor registration closes on September 23rd 2015*)

[TIDES Frequently Asked Questions](#)
[Demo Frequently Asked Questions](#)

If you have questions about the event please contact me at [202-685-7284](tel:202-685-7284) or via email Star.tides.net@gmail.com. Look forward to seeing you in October!

Please feel free to share this announcement!



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This now "clears our desk" of the several issues that we needed to make sure you are aware of. As you can see, there is lots happening and this multi-topic newsletter is the only methodology we have to get you the information without crowding your incoming e-mail basket fuller than you want it to be. Feel free to forward it to any Flag or General Officer that you know so they are aware of all that TFGON is involved with. Hope you enjoy the rest of the summer. Don't forget to mark your calendar NOW for our final TFGON Quarterly Networking Reception of this year on Friday, 23 OCT!!

With all good wishes,

Jim Carey