

Fellow Flag & General Officers:

Summer is behind us, our in-box is filled to overflow, and there are several timely issues that we need to share with you, so following is our latest newsletter:

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TFGONers are aware, there is an urgent need for new antibiotic R&D to fight the SUPERBUGS that have now evolved that have already killed some of our infected wounded military men and women. Given TFGON's mandate as a 501.c.19 War Veterans organization to work with the Congress on matters impacting the armed forces and military and war veterans, TFGON worked closely with the Pew Charitable Trusts in an effort to support passage of new legislation in support of this urgently

needed antibiotics R&D and those efforts were successful in the recent passage of the GAIN Act. A broad spectrum of TFGON Members were involved in these efforts---- some quite actively and others in numerous small ways, but all of which contributed to this victory on behalf of our wounded service members, and Pew is now hosting a special reception on their rooftop in Washington, DC to thank ALL of us and to celebrate this great step forward. We've included a copy of the Pew invitation to this event following. We'd like to have a strong showing from TFGON at this event to show our appreciation to the fine folks at Pew Charitable Trusts and all their work in support of our military men and women. Please RSVP to TFGON so we can assist Pew in coordinating the TFGON responses---- RSVP direct to RADMCarey@aol.com if you want to attend--- spouses are welcome to attend. Special thanks in advance to the great folks at the Pew Charitable Trusts who are hosting this event and without whom this new antibiotics R&D would not be possible.

Dear Flag & General Officers of TFGON,

The Pew Charitable Trusts requests the pleasure of your company for a rooftop celebration at our office on 901 E Street NW in downtown Washington, D.C. This "Salute to Antibiotic Innovation" will be held on September 26, 2012 from 4-6 p.m. We look forward to welcoming the active duty military and veteran stakeholders who worked with us to support the recently passed Generating Antibiotic Incentives Now (GAIN) Act. The GAIN Act will help people suffering from drug-resistant infections by stimulating the discovery of new antibiotics.

This was a major legislative victory for our nation's war-fighters. Since Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom began, service members increasingly have survived severe wounds sustained in combat, but have been left susceptible to life-threatening, hard-to-treat infections. The story of [Lance Corporal Jonathan Gadsden](#), a brave Marine who returned, wounded from battle, only to succumb to such an infection, illustrates the tragedies we hope to avert in the future.

We hope to be joined by the lead House co-sponsor of the GAIN Act, Congressman Phil Gingrey (R-GA), and the lead Senate co-sponsor, Senator Richard Blumenthal (D-CT).

2. An Invitation from TFGON Member LTGEN Jack Klimp, USMC [Ret.], President of the National Association for Uniformed Services

We've received the following message from General Klimp requesting that we forward it to the TFGON Membership, and rather than paraphrase his words, we include them verbatim as follows. If you wish to contact General Klimp in this regard, he can be reached via e-mail at jklimp@naus.org or at his office phone # listed in his message

"Fellow Flag & General Officers of TFGON: We are engaged here in Washington in a heck of a fight to protect the benefits earned by members of the uniformed services through their service and sacrifice for the nation. An example of this is the battle over healthcare for retirees and their families. For years we have been told that healthcare, especially for retirees, has been driving national defense into bankruptcy - an incredible insult to men and women who devoted their adult lives to the protection of the nation.

Last summer our members accepted a 13% increase in TRICARE Prime rates with the understanding that future increases would be tied to COLA. Shortly after that, we learned that something in excess of \$500 Million in "unused" TRICARE money had been reprogrammed for other uses. Then, the administration released its 2013 budget request which included huge new fees for TRICARE Prime coverage and new, also huge, first time ever, fees for elderly retirees covered by TRICARE for Life. So much for promises made.

As the budget worked its way through the House and Senate review process, we learned that DoD wants to reprogram another \$708 M of "unused" healthcare funding money this year. The scrutiny this request brought about subsequently revealed that the sum reprogrammed last year wasn't \$500 M, but rather, \$1.36 Billion and the year before that it was \$772 M. So, in the last three years, DoD has reprogrammed or asked to reprogram nearly \$3 B of healthcare funding.

Rather than being an anchor around the neck of DoD, healthcare turns out to be a bill payer for the department. This is just one of the fights we are engaged in. Below is a youtube link to our first NAUS Video. (It is pretty good except for the homely guy making the presentation.) It is an alert of the Assault on military, veteran, and retiree benefits going on today. I hope you will be comfortable with distributing it further. Semper Fidelis.

Jack

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FCIUM9nX13Y&feature=youtu.be>

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3. Mark Your Calendar For TFGON's Final Quarterly Networking Reception of 2012:

The year continues to "fly by" and we'll be at October 26th before we realize it,

so we ask that you mark your calendar now for TFGON's final quarterly networking reception of the year on that date at

6 p.m. Full details of our quarterly networking events are on the TFGON website, URL in my signature line below----- then click on Calendar. A reminder that it's our TFGON tradition to sing "Auld Lang Syne" as we close this gathering, since it's our last of the year and we're not together on New Year's Eve. We'll supply the words for those of us who "mumble through" on New Years Eve.

4. Please include TFGON in your year-end tax-planning as a charitable donation

Since we're preparing for our final gathering of the year, it's not too early to ask all in TFGON to consider including TFGON in your year-end tax-planning tax-deduction considerations. As all are aware, TFGON does not charge dues because the accounting systemics are such that to keep track of who's paid and who hasn't would be so expensive as to eat up the entire dues receipts. Our common-sense approach has been to conduct ALL our TFGON events on a prudent financial basis to ensure there is always money left over to go into our treasury to operate TFGON, and to conduct semi-annual voluntary fundraising drives to ensure we have sufficient funds to properly operate and manage the organization. Annual donations to TFGON are tax-deductible under the provisions of our 501.c.19 war veterans organization approval by the IRS, given that 100% of our membership meets the IRS war veterans criteria. Please include TFGON in your year-end tax planning and if you want to

send your donation early, we're ready now and the rest of this year to accept your contributions in support of TFGON. Use the PayPal/Credit Card systemic on the home page of the TFGON website [URL in the signature line below----- click on the "Support TFGON" link on the LH side of the home page] or make your check out to TFGON and mail it to TFGON HQ at 6022 Knights Ridge Way, Alexandria, VA 22310-1635. And thanks in advance for your continued support. TFGON IS having an impact and we ARE making a difference!!!

This brings us up-to-date for the immediate. Hope you can make it to the Pew event on the 26th of September and our last networking reception of the year on 26 October. Networking and comradery, support for the troops and memorialization of America's War Veterans are what TFGON is all about.

With all good wishes,

Jim Carey

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