

Flag & General Officers' Network 2009 Activities and Accomplishments

2009 was a very busy and productive year for The Flag & General Officers' Network, America's only War Veterans Organization for U. S. Military Flag and General Officers. To achieve and retain our War Veterans Organization status, TFGON membership is comprised 100% of war veterans who meet the IRS definition of being a war veteran. In addition, TFGON is organized and operated primarily for the following purposes, also a requirement of the IRS for qualification as a war veterans' organization:

- A. Furthering comradeship among persons who are or have been members of the U. S. Armed Forces;
- B. Honoring the memory of deceased veterans and members of the Armed Forces and aiding and comforting their survivors;
- C. Encouraging patriotism, and
- D. Aiding hospitalized, disabled, and needy war veterans and their dependents.

What follows is only a partial list of our activities and accomplishments in 2009 and there is an equally long list of programs and projects that we have been laying the groundwork for in 2010. Details follow:

1. In our purpose of aiding hospitalized, disabled, and needy war veterans and their dependents, TFGON worked with the C.O.D.E. Foundation in their efforts to fund training for wounded veterans and we attended their October kick-off breakfast event at the Newseum in Washington, DC. TFGON members also serve on the C.O.D.E. Foundation

Board of Advisors. C.O.D.E. has donated over \$100,000 to the Paralyzed Veterans of America
[www.callofdutyendowment.org]

2. In our efforts to encourage patriotism and to aid needy war veterans and their dependents, TFGON donated funding and worked with the Future Leaders for America Foundation and their Washington Scholars Fellowship Program that brings military veterans and their dependents to Washington, DC to serve in internships at federal agencies and Congressional Offices, with a view towards them qualifying to serve in a 2nd career in federal service to the USA.
[www.WashingtonScholars.org]
3. In our efforts to encourage patriotism and to honor the memory of deceased veterans and members of the Armed Forces, TFGON helped publicize and then attended the G.I. Film Festival in Washington, DC which assists in publicizing and recognizing film and documentary producers and productions that are supportive of America's military veterans. [www.GIFilmFestival.org]
4. In fulfilling the requirement of furthering comradeship among persons who are or have been members of the Armed Forces, TFGON added another 200+ military war veterans to our TFGON Membership and included them in all our war veterans programs, projects, efforts, and events. TFGON's membership is made up 100% of military war veterans of service in the U. S. Armed Forces.
[www.FlagAndGeneralOfficersNetwork.org]
5. In our efforts to further comradeship among persons who are or have been members of the Armed Forces, TFGON held four membership social events in 2009. These functions have raised funds for the operation of TFGON AND for

TFGON to use in support of ceremonies honoring deceased veterans and members of the U. S. Armed Forces and to aid and comfort their survivors. Some of those ceremonies are cited in this list.

6. In fulfilling the purpose of furthering comradeship among persons who are or have been members of the Armed Forces, TFGON continued past years support for the Military Order of the Carabao [www.carabao.org], including attendance at their annual dinner in February. Further, the decision has been made to sponsor an entire TFGON table at this event in 2010.
7. Members of TFGON attended and donated to the Wounded Warrior events at the Capitol Hill Club in Washington, DC, thereby aiding hospitalized, disabled, and needy war veterans and their dependents.
8. TFGON publicized the annual “laying of wreaths” on the graves of military veterans at Arlington National Cemetery, with several TFGON members personally participating in this event in 2009, all to honor the memory of deceased veterans and members of the U. S. Armed Forces.
9. In our efforts to encourage patriotism, TFGON has strongly supported the Alliance for Military & Overseas Voting Rights [AMOVR] [www.AMOVR.org] and the Pew Charitable Trusts, including publicizing their events and programs and working closely with them and the Department of Defense and DOD’s Federal Voting Assistance Program [FVAP] in support of military voting rights. This includes almost 100 of TFGON’s war veteran members signing a statement of support of the AMOVR efforts to improve military voting rights, all to encourage further patriotism of the members of the U. S. Armed Forces by ensuring their

opportunity to vote is made available to these troops no matter where in the world they are stationed or deployed.