



## INFORMATION & DETAILS REGARDING

# THE FLAG & GENERAL OFFICERS' NETWORK

### PURPOSE

- To provide information, logistics, and systemic details regarding Flag & General Officer networking and job opportunities and a broad range of programs and projects focused on Flag/General Officers, managed and administered by fellow Flag & General Officers.

### DISCUSSION

- The Flag & General Officers' Network (TFGON) currently has over 3700 active duty, reserve, guard and retired admirals and generals as members of their network----that's over 80% of all living U. S. Military flag and general officers. The network is 22 years old, charges no dues, and funds all their activities and events through the attendees at their networking events and voluntary semi-annual donations. Full details on the TFGON website: [www.FlagAndGeneralOfficersNetwork.org](http://www.FlagAndGeneralOfficersNetwork.org) or [www.TFGON.org](http://www.TFGON.org)
- Founded in 1994 by Flag & General Officers, Operated and Administered by Flag & General Officers, and funded by Flag & General Officers **FOR** Flag & General Officers
- Only requirement for membership and participation is to have been promoted to O-7 in one of the five United States Armed Services. To apply for membership, send an e-mail indicating name, rank, branch of service, period of service, preferred e-mail address, and a sentence requesting membership to [TFGONAdmin@TFGON.org](mailto:TFGONAdmin@TFGON.org)  
Further details re: membership and participation on the TFGON website.
- Meets quarterly at a regularly scheduled networking reception event in the Washington, DC area. Annual schedule posted on the website [click on Calendar on the left hand side of the home page] so those from out of town can plan business or other travel accordingly and participate
- TFGON circulates member resumes via e-mail of any Flag or General Officer in the network to their entire membership and to selected executive search firms that have job opportunities fitting Flag & General Officers. This service is free of charge and has proven particularly effective for those Flag & General Officers retiring from their uniformed service and those already retired who are seeking to change jobs or find new opportunities in Career # 2 or # 3. Over 300 TFGON members have obtained full time employment through this system in recent years. Details at <http://flagandgeneralofficersnetwork.org/jobOps.html>

- Governance: TFGON is an IRS-approved 501.c.19 official War Veterans organization incorporated in the Commonwealth of Virginia and managed, administered, and operated by an elected Board of Directors and elected and appointed officers. The board consists of one member from each of the 5 military services plus an elected Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer as corporate officers and one Vice Chairman each from the 5 armed services. Current Board Members and Officers as of NOV 2015 are as follows:

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Feel free to contact any of the above fellow flag and general officers if you have any questions about TFGON and current programs or how to become involved. For general information queries, contact via e-mail at [TFGONAdmin@TFGON.org](mailto:TFGONAdmin@TFGON.org)

TFGON oversees and administers the Transportation Security Administration [TSA] airport security program, TSA PreCheck, for retired flag and general officers by appointment from TSA. To apply, you need to be retired from active duty or active guard or reserve service, and a member of TFGON [which provides initial screening] and then send an e-mail to [TFGONAdmin@TFGON.org](mailto:TFGONAdmin@TFGON.org) with TSA PreCheck in the subject line and providing us with your full name, military rank and branch of service, date of birth, and the ID Card Number from the face of your DOD Retired ID Card. This ID Card Number will also become your TSA PreCheck Known Traveler Number once submitted to and approved by TSA.

Full details on the above and other TFGON Programs and Projects can be found on the TFGON web site: [www.FlagAndGeneralOfficersNetwork.org](http://www.FlagAndGeneralOfficersNetwork.org)

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