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The **Veteran's Day** presentation by Vice Admiral William Hunter Hilarides, Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command was a resounding success. Pictured here The Admiral and UMA President, Joe Hirl, examine the 'UMA Challenge Coin' that had been presented to the admiral.

It's estimated that 150 people were present and another 79 were watching on-line. The recruitment effort also paid off with up to 20 new members. Well done and thank you to all those who support the recruitment of UMA Members, and a special thank you to Sieg Chencinski for focusing the team to make it happen.

The new UMA Challenge Coins are available to all dues paying members. Contact the UMA secretary, April Blair to coordinate getting your coin if you did not pick it up at the presentation.

The **CFC is in full swing** and in the paper catalogue there is a section listing military organizations, but as was mentioned last month, BE CAREFUL. As in years past the 2013 CFC catalog shows the amount of 'administrative costs' each organization reports. Many report less than 10%; however, some including veterans' organizations are quite high. For example, this year the ARMY Heritage Center Foundation, #44284, is reporting a 44% administrative costs, the EANGUS "We Care for America" Foundation, #11859, uses 49.5% for administrative costs and a number of others report that 20% or more of funds they receive will go to administrative costs. There are many worthwhile military support organizations deserving of support, just make sure that the money you donate goes where you want it to.

"Wounded Warrior Ward" Visit – There is a team of UMA Members headed by Brent Howard that is scheduled to make a b-b-q lunch visit to Walter Reed this Tuesday Nov 18th. The visit will be over the noon hours - so a salute to those who have volunteered to go. Brent Howard secured donations for food from a local BBQ restaurant in Alexandria and plans to share their info on the Facebook page after the event. Special thanks to our UMA Vice President, Brent Howard for putting this together. Well done.

In the future, we may choose to use UMA funds to offset costs for the quarterly planned trips. How do you feel about the UMA making a quarterly commitment to provide these hospital food replacement meals for wounded warriors and their care givers who are staying in local area military hospitals?

UMA information: A question has been raised about where to find information about the USPTO UMA. See here for the current links:

<http://ptomilitaryassociation.org>

<http://www.facebook.com/USPTOMilitaryAssociation>

If you have questions or comments about anything appearing or not in the UMA Scuttlebutt please e-mail Lee.Cattell@uspto.gov, or Brent.Howard@uspto.gov with subject line Scuttlebutt. You can also stop by the lower atrium coffee group on Tuesday mornings between 0900 and 1000 to chat with us.