



UMA SCUTTLEBUTT

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The USPTO Military Association (UMA) is a USPTO affinity group and 501(c)(3) non-profit charity whose mission is to **provide fellowship, mentorship, and support** for military Veterans working at the USPTO, and to help educate others on the important contributions that Veterans have made—and continue to make—to the workforce and our nation. Membership is open to everyone and **prior military service is not required**. Contact the UMA for more information at uma@uspto.gov.

Welcome to our newest dues paying members!

- Georgeanna Stella
- Fariba Sirjani
- Donald Britt
- Joseph Stevenson
- Jim Declark
- Michael Harper
- Carmen Williams
- Tomiko Starling
- Felisa Burrell
- James Sims

A Note from the UMA President: After 90 days in office, I report to you that the health of the UMA is strong. As you see the list of events below, the 2018 board and other members have been hard at work coordinating and planning numerous events for you to enjoy. You asked for more social-events and we are delivering as promised. There are many opportunities for you to help with an event do not require a tremendous amount of your time. Reach out to one of the board members or email us at UMA@uspto.gov if you can give.

Our next quarterly meeting will held 12 June, at which time we are asking you to attend with new ideas on how we can better support our mission statement. Finally, please wear your UMA lanyard proudly. Talk to you coworkers, tell them what UMA is about. Support the mission as we “continue to serve...”

Thanks Collin D. Nole



UMA and Eagle Scout Team Up to Help Local Wounded Warrior. The UMA is teaming up with a local Eagle Scout to help [SSG Christopher Walker](#). Christopher was struck by an IED in 2012 and lost his left leg and both of his arms. The UMA purchased a welcome basket for his new home built by the Gary Sinise Foundation. He asked for help with blocking the end of a road in front of his home. Please join us on April 21st as the finishing touches are put in place. More information will be provided in the near future.

Free 2 Week Pass for the PTO Fitness Center. In honor of National Military Appreciation Month in May, the PTO Fitness Center is offering a free 2 week pass to UMA Members now through the end of May. Mention that you are a member of the UMA at the front desk and they will give you a free two week pass.

Retiree Newsletters:

- Army Echoes. [Click here.](#)
- Navy Shift Colors. [Click here.](#)
- Air Force Afterburner. [Click here.](#)
- Marine Corps Semper Fidelis. [Click here.](#)
- Coast Guard Evening Colors. [Click here.](#)

Calendar of Events:

- **Weekly Coffee Break** every Tuesday in the cafeteria area nearest Madison West from 9:30-10:00.
- **April 13 - UMA Happy Hour.** Please join your UMA family for happy hour the third Wednesday of every month from 4PM-6PM at Foster's Grille. UMA will provide appetizers and drinks to our members and any new members that sign up at happy hour. POC is Michael Arguello, 571-270-7876
- **April 19** – A local representative of the Gary Sinise Foundation has invited UMA members to attend the **Veterans Night performance of “Our Town.”** Admission is free for Veterans. Please see flyer for details. [Click here to RSVP.](#)
- **April 21-** Come watch as the UMA teams up with a local Eagle Scout to help SSG Christopher Walker.
- **Tuesdays in May** – Join us for our **National Military Appreciation Month Letter Writing Campaign** every week during our Tuesday coffees. POC is Robin Hylton.
- **May 3 – National Day of Prayer Breakfast** from 8 – 9 a.m. with guest speaker, Shirley Dominick, President and Founder of Serve Our Willing Warriors. This is a non-denominational event and all are welcome. Breakfast will be provided. Please RSVP in advance.
- **May 5 – UMA Day at the Ball Park** when the Nationals host the Phillies. UMA dues paying members get a \$10 discount on up to two tickets.
- **May 8 – UMA Military Spouse Appreciation Day Celebration.** Join us for cake and conversation as we honor Military Spouses during our weekly coffee. POC Kim Bilas.
- **May 16 – UMA Happy Hour.** Please join your UMA family for happy hour the third Wednesday of every month from 4-6 p.m. at Foster's Grille. UMA will provide appetizers and drinks to our members and any new members that sign up at happy hour. POC is Michael Arguello.
- **May 21** – Greet 100 Veterans from **Never Forgotten Honor Flight** at Reagan National Airport (More information to follow).
- **May 24** - Please join us for the **Memorial Day Walk of Remembrance** starting at the upper Madison Atrium and culminating at the Alexandria National Cemetery. Roman Gray will display some of his military artwork in the Upper Atrium prior to the walk. POC is Joe Hirl.

Army Registries. The Army Historical Society has a registry to recognize and honor active duty Soldiers and Veterans, civilians who worked with or for the Army, and animals that served a role during conflicts. Anyone who served honorably in or for the U.S. Army deserves to have his or her name and service history placed on record at the Museum. If you served or supported the Army, [click here to join the Army Registries.](#)

Disabled Veteran Leave Entitlement. Under the Wounded Warriors Federal Leave Act of 2015 (Public Law 114-75, November 5, 2015), an employee hired on or after November 5, 2016, who is a veteran with a service-connected disability rating of 30 percent or more from the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) of the Department of Veterans Affairs is entitled to up to 104 hours of disabled veteran leave for the purposes of undergoing medical treatment for such disability. [Click here for more details.](#)

Volunteers Needed:

Any member interested in working in the UMA social media department please contact us via email UMA@USPTO.GOV

We have several events planned for National Military Appreciation Month in May. If you would like to work on that committee, we are in need of your support. Please contact us via email UMA@USPTO.GOV

Did You Know? In 1999, Congress approved a [resolution](#) designating May as National Military Appreciation Month which “requests that the President issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to recognize and honor the dedication and commitment of the members of the United States Armed Forces and to observe the month with appropriate ceremonies and activities.”

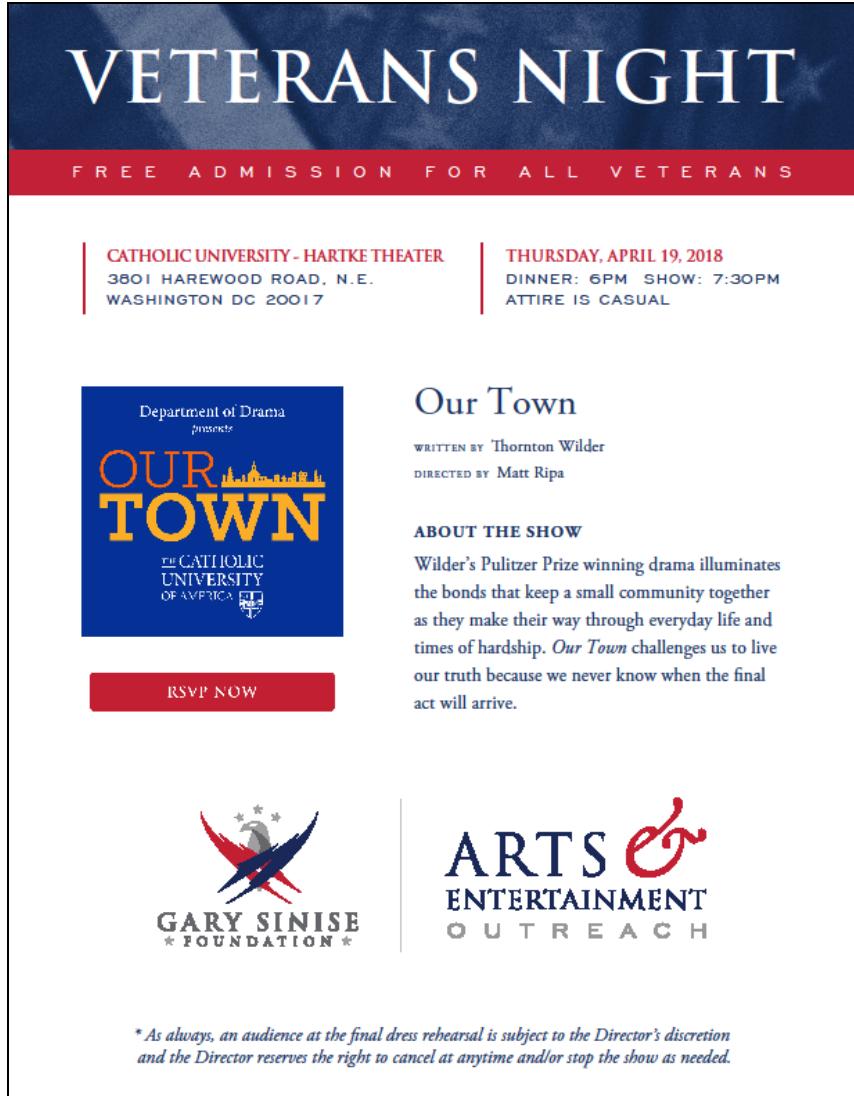
Do You Know a Speaker? We are always looking for amazing guest speakers to come in and meet with us. If you know someone who may be a great speaker, let us know!



Have a story you want to share? Family members you want to note being deployed? Any special announcements to share (retirement, births, career achievements, etc.)? If you have an event, charity or community service you would like to share with other UMA members – let us know? This is YOUR Scuttlebutt. So please let us know how we may help communicate what's going on in YOUR world.

UMA memberships is open to USPTO employees, contractors and general public. Prior military service is not required. If you know someone interested in joining, please visit our [website](#) for the membership forms.

The Scuttlebutt may include stories, links and references not directly connected to the USPTO Military Association, but which may be of interest to our Veteran community. If you have questions or comments about anything appearing (or not) in the UMA Scuttlebutt, please contact us at uma@uspto.gov.



A vertical poster for "VETERANS NIGHT". The top half has a dark blue background with a faint American flag. The title "VETERANS NIGHT" is in large white serif capital letters. Below it, a red horizontal bar contains the text "FREE ADMISSION FOR ALL VETERANS" in white. The bottom half has a white background. On the left, there's a logo for "OUR TOWN" by Thornton Wilder, featuring a blue background with a yellow town skyline and the text "Department of Drama presents OUR TOWN THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA". To the right of the logo is a red button labeled "RSVP NOW". On the right side, there's information about the event: "CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY - HARTKE THEATER 3801 HAREWOOD ROAD, N.E. WASHINGTON DC 20017", "THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 2018 DINNER: 6PM SHOW: 7:30PM ATTIRE IS CASUAL", and a section titled "Our Town" with details about the play. At the bottom, logos for "GARY SINISE FOUNDATION" and "ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT OUTREACH" are shown. A small note at the very bottom states: "As always, an audience at the final dress rehearsal is subject to the Director's discretion and the Director reserves the right to cancel at anytime and/or stop the show as needed."

VETERANS NIGHT

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WASHINGTON DC 20017

THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 2018
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Our Town

WRITTEN BY Thornton Wilder
DIRECTED BY Matt Rippa

ABOUT THE SHOW

Wilder's Pulitzer Prize winning drama illuminates the bonds that keep a small community together as they make their way through everyday life and times of hardship. *Our Town* challenges us to live our truth because we never know when the final act will arrive.

GARY SINISE FOUNDATION

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT OUTREACH

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