



# 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](mailto:uma@uspto.gov).

## Welcome to our newest dues paying members!

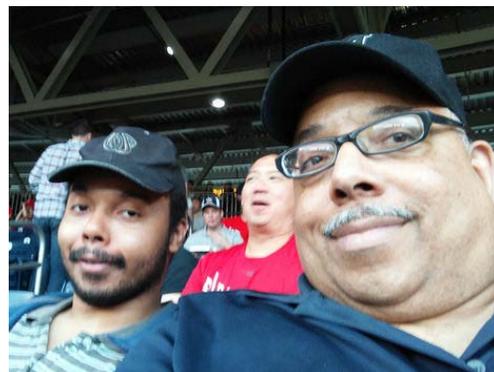
- Abigail Hymel
- Joseph Matal
- William Kronzer
- Louis Mercado
- Jay Radke
- Ken Cunningham
- Philippa Olsen

**Military Appreciation Day Events.** Thanks to everyone who helped to make the Military Appreciation Day Events successful.

**UMA Military Appreciation Letter Writing Campaign.** During Military Appreciation month, UMA led the effort to show appreciation to those who serve the nation in uniform and at home. In partnership with the Caribbean Intellectual Property Association (CIPA), UMA and CIPA members and the USPTO community wrote notes of encouragement and thanks during Tuesday coffee breaks, Community Day 2018, and the Office of International Patent Cooperation (OIPC) open house. Thanks to all who took the time to write a message to a service member, service member’s family or a Veteran. We will be sending 150 note cards to service members, service members’ families or veterans to show our support for their sacrifice and service. Special thanks to Susan McCormick-Ewoldt, who handmade several patriotic-themed note cards. We look forward to providing similar words of gratitude and support to our military veterans in November. A special thanks to Robin Hylton for leading the letter writing campaign. Stay tuned for more details.

**National Day of Prayer.** The first annual UMA National Day of Prayer Breakfast was a resounding success. Thanks to Candice Dow for her wonderful invocation and thanks to Kim Bilas for all of her help. In case you missed it, guest speaker [Shirley Dominick](#), a retired Air Force officer and the president and founder of [Serve Our Willing Warriors \(SOWW\)](#), spoke about how her faith led her to establish a local non-profit charity that provides a one-week, cost-free stay for wounded, ill, and injured service members at a retreat in Haymarket.

**UMA Day at the Ball Park.** Although the Nats lost to the Phillies, a good time was had by all during the *Cinco de Mayo Day at the Ball Park*. The game also included a Star Wars socks giveaway and lots of Star Wars cosplay.



**UMA Military Spouse Appreciation Day Celebration.** Thanks to Kim Bilas for sharing her story as a Military Spouse and Mother. As most military spouses do, she will be leaving us soon to follow her husband to an assignment in Germany.



**Never Forgotten Honor Flight.** The UMA helped greet 98 veterans at the Never Forgotten Honor Flight at Reagan National Airport. It was a wonderful and heartwarming experience.



**Memorial Day Walk of Thankful Recognition.** Thanks to Joe Hirl and everyone who made the annual Walk of Thankful Recognition a success. Special thanks to Director Andrei Iancu for his remarks.



**ICYMI.** Roman Gray displayed some of his military artwork in the Madison Upper Atrium prior to the walk.



**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:

- **Tuesdays: UMA Coffee break**  
Join UMA members for coffee every Tuesday from 9:30 –10 a.m. ET, in the cafeteria seating area closest to the Madison West Building.
- **UMA Happy Hour.** Join UMA members for a happy hour the third Wednesday of every month, from 4 – 6 p.m. ET at Foster's Grille. The UMA will provide appetizers and drinks for current members and any new members who sign up for the event. For more information, [contact Michael Arguello](#).
- **Army Birthday Celebration.** Two hundred forty-three years ago, our Nation's leaders established the Continental Army. Please join us on Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 1:30 p.m. in the Randolph Conference Center to celebrate the U.S. Army's 243rd birthday with special guest, Mr. Charles Bowery, the Executive Director of the U.S. Army Center of Military History. Mr. Bowery will give a short speech followed by the Secretary of the Army's message. We will then have the ceremonial Army birthday cake cutting with Mr. Bowery as the guest of honor.
- **National Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Awareness Month Event.** June is National Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Awareness Month. Please join the UMA, ResponsAbility and PTOS in our June PTSD Awareness event on Wednesday, June 13th from 11a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Madison building lower level atrium (concourse level). This event will be a vendor fair type event where Loudoun Therapeutic Riding and several others will have a table to present their services to attendees. The event is open to the public.

**Anhtuan T. Nguyen.** UMA Member and Army Reservist LTC (P) Anhtuan T. Nguyen arrived safely for his deployment as the OIC for DLA Disposition Services in Afghanistan. He says he is doing well and life is better than he expected it to be.



**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](mailto:UMA@USPTO.GOV)

**Did You Know?** Posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) can occur after someone goes through a traumatic event like combat, assault, or disaster. Most people have some stress reactions after a trauma. If the reactions don't go away over time or disrupt your life, you may have PTSD.

**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.

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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](mailto:uma@uspto.gov).



# PTSD

## Grab your lunch and join USPTO affinity groups **UMA, PTOS, and ResponsAbility**

as we learn about different programs that help families and individuals deal with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)

**June 13, Madison Atrium, 11am-1pm**

Associations participating in this event:

*USDVA Alexandria Vet Clinic, EAP, NAMI-Northern VA, K-9 Caring Project, Semper Fi K-9, and info from Loudoun Therapeutic Riding*



June is  
PTSD Awareness Month





# Spring 2018 Veterans and the Arts Initiative

Heroes' Voices National Veterans Poetry Contest Reading



Join us for an unforgettable evening of live music and inspiring poetry! Explore many perspectives on war, peace, and military experience through this performance, which is a culminating event of the Heroes' Voices National Veterans Poetry Contest. This is a cooperative venture between Heroes' Voices in San Francisco, CA and George Mason University in Manassas, VA. Free and open to the public.

**Wednesday, June 13 at 7:30 p.m.**

**MORE INFORMATION**

*USPTO-CIPA invites you to its annual  
Caribbean Heritage Month*



This year's theme is

**The History of Carnival Music: A Caribbean Perspective**

Wednesday, June 6th, 2018, 12:00 – 1:30 PM

Global Intellectual Property Academy (GIPA), MDE Bldg, Room 2A74



Featured speaker is:

**Mr. Hollis "Flash" Lashley**

Cultural activist, writer, published poet, performer,  
part-time percussionist and radio host.

Caribbean style lunch from 1:30PM to 2:00PM. Food will be served in the Jefferson Conference Center, First floor .

Jerk chicken, Veggie curry, Curry chicken meal	\$10	Rum Cake	\$2
Pattie (Veggie, Beef, Chicken) & Coco-bread combo	\$5	Water	\$1
Pattie (Veggie, Beef, Chicken)	\$3		

Pre-order via email at CIPA [@uspto.gov](mailto:CIPA@uspto.gov) and PayPal—no later than 5 pm on Thursday, **May 31, 2018** by contacting Marie Georges Henry at Ext. 0-3226.

[Join us for another special event:](#)

**"From Metal to Music"**

Come enjoy a live Steel Pan Band Performance followed by a workshop to learn how to play the steel pan drums.

**When:** Tuesday, June 26th, 2018, 5:00—7:00 PM

**Where:** Outdoor patio area betn the USPTO Cafeteria and the Knox Bldg.

**How:** Sign up for lessons at [CIPA@uspto.gov](mailto:CIPA@uspto.gov).

Non-CIPA members – \$5 Lesson Fee. Complimentary wine while supplies last. All are welcome!

