



# 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 new UMA Members!

- Joshua Sanders
- Nelson Yang
- Phyllis Mitchell
- Maurice Sutton
- Rodney Henry
- Penny Wilks
- Tu Hoang



**Hurricane Harvey Charities.** If you're looking for a charity to support in the wake of Hurricane Harvey please check out the listing by Charity Navigator of highly-rated organizations responding in the aftermath of this storm and providing assistance to the people and communities affected by it. [Click here for more information.](#)

Mariyah Chaudhry from OHR is also collecting supplies to send to a family friend in Houston impacted by Harvey. Please contact Mariyah at 571-272-1889 or [Mariyah.Chaudhry@USPTO.GOV](mailto:Mariyah.Chaudhry@USPTO.GOV) if you would like to donate baby supplies or other items needed to help rebuild a life for this family.

**Meet the Author.** Please join us on Tuesday September 5<sup>th</sup> from 10-11 a.m. in the Randolph Conference Center as Dean Dominique discusses his book, "One Hell of a War: Patton's 317<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division in WWII." *War History Online* stated that it was "one of the most enjoyable WWII books to date." The event will be followed by lunch during which copies of the book will be available for \$20. All proceeds from the sale of the book will be donated to [Mighty Oaks Warrior Programs](#). [Click here](#) to learn more about "One Hell of a War."

**Free Pocket Constitutions for Constitution Day!** Please join the USPTO Military Association on Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. as we celebrate Constitution Day by handing out free pocket-sized copies of "The Constitution of the United States" in the lower Madison Atrium. Constitution Day commemorates the signing of the U.S. Constitution by thirty-nine delegates to the Constitutional Convention who met for the last time to sign the U.S. Constitution on September 17, 1787. It also known as Citizenship Day as it recognizes all those who have become U.S. Citizens by birth or naturalization.

**Air Force Birthday.** Please join us as we celebrate the Air Force's birthday during our weekly coffee on September 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Join the 2018 Board of Directors!** In accordance with the UMA Charter & Bylaws, beginning October 1<sup>st</sup> the UMA will begin seeking nominations to fill the Board of Directors for 2018. The Board of Directors consists of the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and up to nine Representatives-at-large. Any dues-paying member is eligible. Detailed instructions will be provided on our website.

**UMA Annual Awards.** Beginning October 1<sup>st</sup>, the UMA will begin seeking nominations for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual UMA Award Ceremony. Information will be posted on our website.

**Shop at the Exchanges online!** Beginning on Veterans Day, honorably discharged Veterans will be able to shop on all online exchanges. [Click here to get verified.](#)

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**UMA Happy Hour** – Join us for a little downtime on Wednesday, August 16<sup>th</sup> from 4 -6 p.m. at Foster's Grille. This is a great way to crack open a cold one with old friends, and to meet new ones. This is a recurring event scheduled for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month from 4-6 p.m. at Foster's Grille. Hope to see you there! POC is Michael Arguello.

**Leave Donation Request.** Karna Cooper is begin treated for cancer. Due to the severity of her condition she has many on-going treatments, follow-up doctor visits, and debilitating effects. Karna's leave balances have been severely depleted as a result and is in need of donated leave. "If you have any leave you can donate to me, I would greatly appreciate it, If not I understand and appreciate your consideration of my request". If you would like to donate, please complete the [CD-505](#) (supervisor signature not required) and send it to the VLTP mailbox at [VLTP@uspto.gov](mailto:VLTP@uspto.gov). Please contact Barbara Veney if you have any questions with the donor leave request form.



**UMA Annual Scholarship winners announced!** Thank you to everyone who applied for the UMA's 2017 Scholarship. Fred Steckler attended the UMA monthly meeting and pulled two names from a bowl. We are happy to announce Kayla Hylton (daughter of UMA member Robin Hylton) and Terra Thomas (UMA member and student) were selected! Please join the UMA Board in congratulating Kayla and Terra on their \$500 UMA Scholarships. We wish them, and your loved ones, all the best and much success in their 2017-2018 school year. Stay tuned for more UMA Scholarships in 2018.



Terra Thomas

Kayla Hylton

**Armed Forces Retirement Home Volunteers needed!** We have an awesome volunteer opportunity to work with the Armed Forces Retirement Home in Washington DC. The retirement home is an independent agency in the Executive Branch of the US government. The home houses retired and former members of the Armed Forces, as outlined in US Code 10, Subchapter 411. The home falls under the purview of the Secretary of Defense. Residents reside in both Washington, DC and Gulfport, Mississippi. Additional information can be found at <https://www.afrh.gov/>

The AFRH hosts several social events a year, and this September, there is a wonderful event planned, that could serve as an excellent opportunity for us to get involved with veterans in our local area.

Here are the event details:

Event Name: Funfest Fairgrounds

Date: Friday 9/22/17

Time: 9:30am – 2pm

Location: Scott Patio at the Retirement Home

Volunteers Needed: 15-20

Volunteer Duties: Escort healthcare residents to and from the event; escort residents around to the different venues; assist with serving lunch; assist with operating various games/petting zoo stations; socialize with the residents. Because the volunteers will be moving about and occupied with several tasks, it is recommended that children under the age of 10 not participate.

If you are interested, please contact Yvette Clarke at 571 272-9817, or Amber Ostrup at 571 272-7984 by Tuesday, 19 Sep 17. Time used for this event cannot be claimed on your timesheet. Depending on number of volunteers, it is suggested we carpool to maximize on available parking.

**Guten Tag (good day) fellow UMA members!** Do you have an interest in German language, literature, or culture? Were you stationed in Germany? Do you frequently run across German language references and would like to know how to find more? Would you like to improve, learn, or re-learn German, including pre-WWII handwriting and typeset? Any interest in business, engineering/scientific, or patent German? Do you have old letters or recipes you can't read? Do you have a relative who served in the German military in WWI or WWII? Planning a trip to Germany or other German speaking country? Do you like Fussball (German soccer Bundesliga)? Do you listen to Bach, Beethoven, Mendelssohn Bartholdy, Wagner, Strauss? Is there anything beyond beer, bratwurst, sauerkraut, and Oktoberfest? If any of these interest you, or something else strikes your fancy, please let me know. I would like to start a virtual Kaffeeklatsch or Stammtisch (in other words, a German Club or interest section in the UMA) where we can meet regularly via WEBEX and work on our German, personal and professional. All USPTO rules apply, no other time is available. Mit freundlichen Gruessen, Fritz Fleming, Primary Patent Examiner, AU2836, 571-272-4145, [fritz.fleming@uspto.gov](mailto:fritz.fleming@uspto.gov).

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**Army vs. Navy Football Tickets:** Please join us for the Army vs. Navy Football Game on Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia, PA. We have purchased 30 tickets and expect them in sometime in early November. The tickets are \$135 each and are located on the Army side. If you are interested in attending, please contact Dean Dominique at [dean.dominique@uspto.gov](mailto:dean.dominique@uspto.gov).

**Replacement Medals and Awards:** Did you know that the military services may provide replacement medals at no cost? [Click here for more information.](#)

**Cold War Recognition Certificate:** If you served in the military or worked for the U.S. Government at any time during the Cold War era, Sept. 2, 1945 through Dec. 26, 1991, then you are eligible for the Cold War Recognition Certificate. [Click here for more information.](#)

**DD-214s are now online.** The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) now has a [website](#) for Veterans to gain access to their DD-214s online. Alternate website is [here](#).

**UMA Discount:** Need help with your USAJOBS resume and/or interview skills? [MyGovJob.org](http://MyGovJob.org) is offering a flat 20% discount on any of its services for Veterans and UMA Members with the discount code USPTOVET.

**Reward Program.** Sign up a friend and receive the UMA coffee mug! The UMA Board of Directors voted to expand the reward program. More information to follow!

**Volunteers Needed!** We are in need of volunteers to support and/or lead events for the UMA. [Click here](#) to look at our available volunteer opportunities or contact us at [uma@uspto.gov](mailto:uma@uspto.gov)

**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!

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**Did You Know?** Retired Air Force Colonel Buzz Aldrin attended the US Military Academy at West Point, graduating third in his class with a BS in mechanical engineering. He then joined the Air Force where he flew F86 Sabre Jets in 66 combat missions in Korea, to include the shooting down of two enemy aircraft, and was decorated with the Distinguished Flying Cross.

#### **UMA Calendar of Events:**

- Weekly Coffee Break every Tuesday ***in the cafeteria area closest to Madison West*** from 9:30-10:00.
- Monthly Board of Directors Meeting (second Tuesday of the month from 12:00-1:00). POC Amber Ostrup.
- September
  - September 5<sup>th</sup> – Dean Dominique shares insight from his book, One Hell of a War
  - September 11<sup>th</sup> – Moment of silence for those lives lost on 9/11
  - September 12<sup>th</sup> – Coffee break to honor 9/11 victims, their families and all that served in response
  - September 15<sup>th</sup> - National POW/MIA Recognition Day
  - September 18<sup>th</sup> – Air Force Birthday
  - September 19<sup>th</sup> – Coffee break to celebrate the Air Force Birthday
  - September 19<sup>th</sup> – UMA will hand out free pocket Constitutions from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m
  - September 22<sup>nd</sup> - Armed Forces Retirement Home Volunteer opportunity
  - September 26<sup>th</sup> – Coffee break to honor Gold Star Mother's Day
- October
  - October 1 – UMA begins accepting nominations for 2017 Board of Directors and Annual Awards
  - October 10 – Coffee break to celebrate the Navy Birthday
  - October 13 – Navy Birthday



## Veteran-Related Events:

- September
  - September 11 Memorial Events 2017 in Washington DC. [Click here](#) for a listing of 9/11 Memorial Events around DC.
  - September 4-11 – 9/11 Ride for the Fallen Memorial. The ride is a non-competitive 8 days, 582.84 miles to pay tribute to the Victims and First Responders who perished during the 9/11 terrorist attacks and to Honor the members of the Law Enforcement community and the Military Members who have paid the ultimate price preserving our freedom since the attack. [Click here for details.](#)
  - September 9 - The History of the Vietnam War & The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Guided Tour at the Smithsonian National Museum of American History. [Click here for details.](#)
  - September 9 – National Day of Service and Remembrance. To commemorate #911Day, volunteers will participate in a transitional housing beautification project for women veterans. [Click here for details.](#)
  - September 11 – Team Red, White, & Blue DC 9/11 Moving Tribute 2017. Join the Washington, D.C. Chapter of Team Red, White & Blue as we pay tribute to the victims and heroes of September 11th, 2001. [Click here for details.](#)
- October
  - October 5 – Inaugural Commemoration of National Day of Honor for American Veterans Disabled for Life starting at 11 a.m. at the American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial in DC. [Click here for details.](#)
- If you know of any other Veteran-related events, please send an email [uma@uspto.gov](mailto:uma@uspto.gov).

## The Face of Battle: Americans at War, 9/11 to Now

National Portrait Gallery - First floor  
April 7, 2017 - January 28, 2018

Since September 11, 2001, the United States has been engaged in multiple wars, varying in intensity, locale, and consequence. After fifteen years, this warfare has become normalized into our social and cultural landscape; it is ongoing, yet somehow out of sight, invisible.

[\*The Face of Battle: Americans at War, 9/11 to Now\*](#) explores and assesses the human costs of ongoing wars through portraiture. The exhibition title is drawn from John Keegan's classic military history, which reorients our view of war from questions of strategy and tactics to its personal and individual toll. Featuring fifty-six works by six artists, the exhibition includes photographs by Ashley Gilbertson, Tim Hetherington, Louie Palu, and Stacy Pearsall; site-specific installation of drawings by Emily Prince; and paintings, sculpture, and time-based media by Vincent Valdez.

With this poignant exhibition, the National Portrait Gallery will put a face on recent wars through the work of artists who have pictured the experience of common soldiers. *The Face of Battle* will also bring to public attention the latest formal developments in the field of portraiture as practiced by a diverse and talented group of artists. The exhibition will place the focus on the identity and experiences of ordinary soldiers who fought and continue to fight for our nation.



**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? We are here to serve YOU! This is YOUR Scuttlebutt. So please let us know how we may help communicate what's going on in YOUR world.

## Veteran Humor:



## The 2017 UMA Board of Directors:

### Officers

- President: Amber Ostrup
- Vice President: Catherine Ferreira
- Treasurer: Dean Dominique
- Secretary: Melissa Wiley

### Representatives-at-large

- Michael Arguello
- Asghar Bilgrami
- Mark Booker (Historian)
- Sieg Chencincki
- Paul Kloberg
- Anhtuan Nguyen
- Kenneth Norman
- Clifton Randolph
- Olivia Wise
- James Miller (Texas Regional Office)
- Fitzgerald Butac (Silicon Valley Regional Office)
- Vacant (Rocky Mountain Regional Office)
- Vacant (Midwest Regional Office)

**How are we doing?** [Click here](#) to take the 10 question survey and let us know how we're doing.

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).

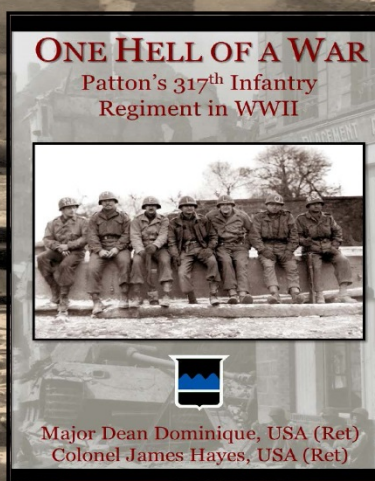
"One of the most enjoyable WWII books to date." - War History Online

# Meet The Author **DEAN DOMINIQUE**

Former Paratrooper and Army Ranger



Available at  
**amazon**



Dominique will discuss his book, "One Hell of a War,"  
the true story of the 317<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment in World War II.

**Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>**

**10-11 a.m. in Randolph Conference Center**

**Lunch will be provided from 11 a.m.- Noon**

Copies of the book will be available for \$20

All proceeds will be donated to Serve Our Willing Warriors

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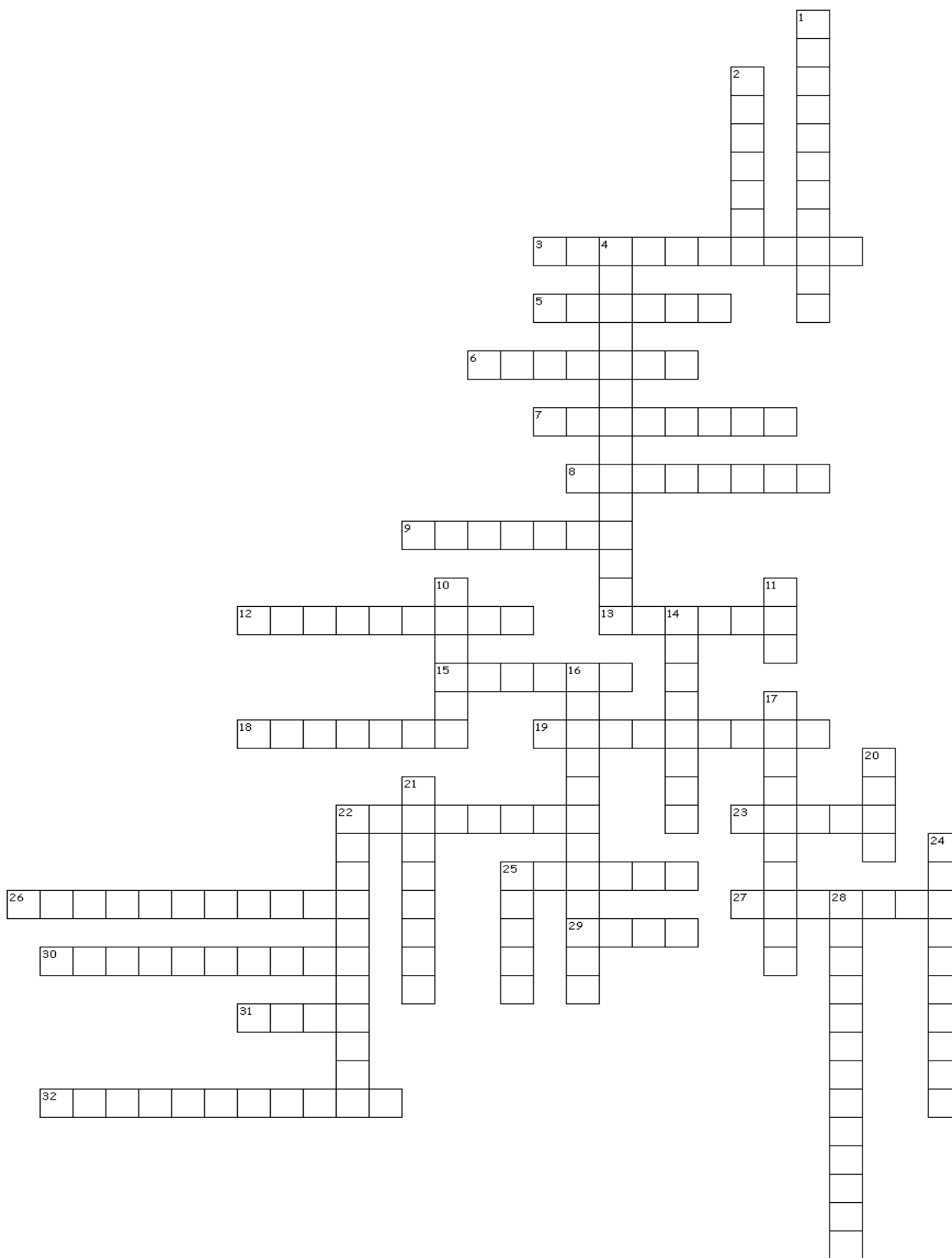
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Or visit the website at [www.WoundedWarriorPublications.com](http://www.WoundedWarriorPublications.com)



# UMA Crossword Puzzle

## Air Force Edition





**Across**

3. The unit First Sergeant. (2 words)
5. A basic tactical unit in the Air Force.
6. A flight suit.
7. Nickname for F-16 Fighting Falcon or any other fast, pointy-nosed, single-engine fighter aircraft. (2 words)
8. BX-administered store where beer, wine & liquor is sold at a discounted price with no sales tax. (2 words)
9. Nickname of the A-10 Thunderbolt II
12. Derivative of "Fool Proof." (2 words)
13. A highly underestimated, mission critical position held most often by newly reported Lieutenants in a flying squadron.
15. Portable surface to air missile.
18. Nickname for the AC130 Gunship.
19. Praise for a good job. (2 words)
22. A unit consisting of two or more flights.
23. Proper term of address for Chief Master Sergeant.
25. An enemy aircraft.
26. The lowest enlisted rank in the Air Force. AKA Slick Sleeves. (2 words)
27. An Airman's buddy.
29. Nickname for the C-5 Galaxy.
30. Refers to pulling the wedges used to prevent a stationary aircraft from moving while parked on the flightline. (2 words)
31. Nickname for the B-1 Lancer.
32. Cargo aircraft or a crew member of a cargo aircraft. (2 words)

**Down**

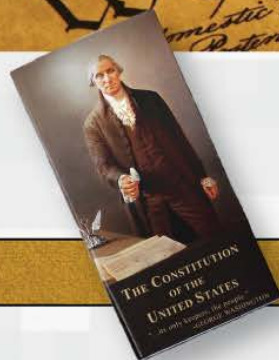
1. Walking outside the designated personnel areas (marked in red) on the flightline or not using designated entry and exit control areas. Will result in your face pressed to the ground with a boot on your back and an M-4 pointed at your neck. (2 words)
2. U.S. Air Force Official Motto. (2 words)
4. Before basic trainees get their first uniform issue (aka "slicksleeves"), they're usually walking around in the civvies in which they first arrived. (2 words)
10. Air Force Academy Graduate.
11. The Air Force Academy.
14. A branch of the military services known for direct action and a casual approach to problem-solving. Sleeping under clean sheets is an essential component of the lifestyle. (2 words)
16. The original Dirtbag Airman, an example Air Force instructors use to train Airmen how not to do the wrong things in hypothetical situations. (2 words)
17. Where the planes are parked. (2 words)
20. Nickname for Boeing B-52 Stratofortress.
21. To eject. Also "Grab the handles". Also "Give the plane back to the taxpayers". (2 words)
22. Nickname for an Airman Basic owing to the absence of rank insignia on an individual's sleeve. (2 words)
24. Out of ammo.
25. An unidentified flying aircraft.
28. Non flyer. (2 words)

Answers will be published in next month's Scuttlebutt.





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**FREE Pocket Constitution**  
courtesy of UMA

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