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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 new members!

- Mark Radtke
- Walter Lamb
- Matthew Dieruf
- Kenneth Cunningham

UMA Veteran Job Fair. The job fair was an outstanding success where the UMA was able to link up Veterans with job opportunities in the government and private sector. Thanks to all who participated and helped make it a success!



UMA Quarterly Meeting. Thanks to everyone who attended our September Quarterly Meeting. Mr. Robert Webb gave us a very informative brief about the Armed Forces Retirement Homes.



Air Force Birthday. Thanks to Sieg Chencinski for providing a great history of the U.S. Air Force as well as the tasty birthday cake!



Free Pocket Constitutions for Constitution Day!

Thanks to Nasir Ahmed for once again leading the effort to hand out pocket constitutions on Constitution Day, and also a hearty thank you to everyone who volunteered to help. Director Iancu noted our event in his blog. He wrote in his [blog](#), “Of course, while at the USPTO we are a bit partial to Article 1, Section 8, Clause 8, we know the entirety of the U.S. Constitution is a remarkable document, as the USPTO Military Association reminded us when passing out pocket-sized copies of the Constitution on our Alexandria campus this week. I hope that wherever you are or whatever you are doing, you find a way to celebrate the amazing freedoms and protections provided by our Constitution.”

Join the 2019 Board of Directors! In accordance with the UMA Charter & Bylaws, beginning October 1st the UMA will begin seeking nominations to fill the Board of Directors for 2019. 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.

UMA Annual Awards. Beginning October 1st, the UMA will begin seeking nominations for our 3rd Annual UMA Award Ceremony. Detailed instructions will be provided.

Veterans Day Photo Gallery.



UMA, in collaboration with the Office of the Chief Communications Officer (OCCO), is asking for your participation in an upcoming Veterans Day Keepsake Project. This effort began last year and we are looking for at least six additional volunteers to be featured in a large-scale gallery exhibition. More details on that will be shared in the coming weeks. We want to be inclusive of all branches. We are already well-represented by the Army and are currently looking for Air Force, Navy, Coast Guard, Marines, and Merchant Marine. To participate, you must have original keepsakes or artifacts that tie directly to your or a loved one's service that fit into your hands. They should be representative of your personal significance of service and relate to some sort of a milestone. The deadline to communicate your interest is Friday October 5th. Photo sessions will be scheduled the following week at HQ and will take approximately 15-20 minutes in Madison West. If you're interested, please contact the producer and photographer of this project, Jay Premack at jay.premack@uspto.gov.

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:

- October
 - October 9 – UMA Board Meeting
 - October 10 – Coffee break to celebrate the Navy Birthday
 - October 13 – Navy Birthday
 - November 13 – UMA Board Meeting
- November (National Military Family Month)
 - November 8 – USPTO Veterans Day Event & NIHF Veterans Day Exhibit Unveiling
 - November 10 – Marine Corps Birthday
 - November 11 – Veterans Day

Tuesdays: UMA Coffee break. Join us 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 the event. For more information, [contact Michael Arguello.](#)

Shop at the Exchanges online! Honorably discharged Veterans can now shop on all online exchanges. [Click here to get verified.](#)

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.](#)

Vet Tix. Vet Tix is a charity that provides tickets to all branches of currently-serving Military and Veterans. Vet Tix secures tickets to sporting events, concerts, performing arts, educational and family activities across the nation. VetTixers request tickets to events that interest them, then pay a small delivery fee to receive their free tickets. [Click here for more information.](#)

Azalea Charities has over 200 bibs for the Marine Corps Marathon on Sunday, October 28th, 2018. If you're interested, check out their website at www.azaleacharities.org.



Did You Know? The Veterans Day National Ceremony is held each year on November 11th at Arlington National Cemetery. The ceremony commences precisely at 11:00 a.m. with a wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknowns and continues inside the Memorial Amphitheater with a parade of colors by veterans' organizations and remarks from dignitaries. The ceremony is intended to honor and thank all who served in the United States Armed Forces.

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.

**DRIVING VA BENEFITS
AND SERVICES HOME**



Dover International Speedway
October 5-7 | Dover, DE

During the race weekend, stop by the Mobile Vet Center in the midway area. VA will be on site all weekend and can answer your questions, share information, and help you access your VA benefits.



**December 8th at 7pm
600 Dulaney St, Alexandria, VA
Madison Auditorium**



**\$30 Players - \$20 Non-Players
Cash Bar - Beer and Wine Only
\$500 in Funny Money**

**Black Jack - Roulette - Craps - Money Wheel - Raffle
Appetizers Included
Live DJ and Dancing**

**Silent Auction - NFL and Military Items
Proceeds benefit Serving Our Willing Warriors**

Purchase Tickets at www.PTOMilitaryAssociation.org/Chips-For-Charity





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2018/2019 VETERANS AND THE ARTS INITIATIVE

Dominion Energy Veterans Guitar Workshop Series

with Glen McCarthy, George Mason University Instructor
FALL 2018: Tuesdays, Sept. 4–Nov. 6 **SPRING 2019:** Tuesdays, Mar. 5–May 7

LEVEL I WORKSHOP: 7–7:45 P.M.

LEVEL II WORKSHOP: 8–8:45 P.M.

Have you always wanted to try the guitar, or are you looking for tips to improve your technique? Musicians of all skill levels are invited to bring their own guitar or try one of ours in this ten-week series of workshops with Glen McCarthy, guitar instructor at the Mason Community Arts Academy and at George Mason University, who has shared his expertise with the community during Veterans Day events at the Hylton Center.

**FREE to Veterans, Servicemembers, | Workshops are also open to the
their families, and military caregivers | general public for a \$250 fee**

SPECIAL OFFER: 2018 WINTER JAMS

Tuesdays, Jan. 15, 29; Feb. 12 from 7–7:45 p.m.

Jam with Glen McCarthy and refresh your guitar skills to get ready for the Dominion Energy Veterans Guitar Workshop Series. Previous Guitar Workshop students and newcomers alike are welcome.

Stop by and bring a friend! Free and open to the public.



A special thank you to Music for Life and
to Mason Community Arts Academy

Information & Registration

The 2nd Annual Chad Dukes

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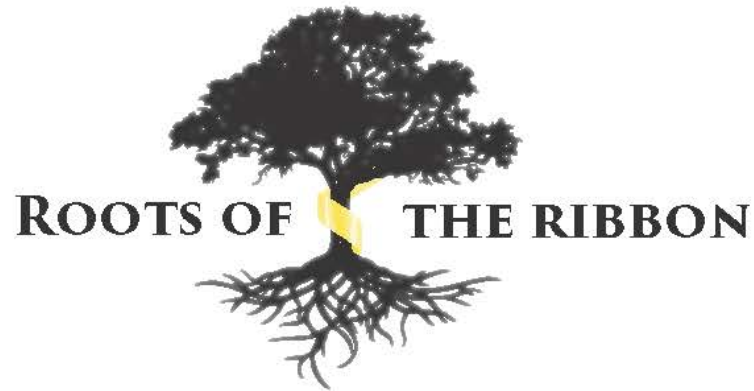
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YELLOW RIBBON FUND'S 10TH ANNUAL GALA

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**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2018
COLUMBIA COUNTRY CLUB
7:00 P.M.**

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Sgt. Matt Eversmann

Hero of *Black Hawk Down* and the Battle of Mogadishu

Dinner & Dancing

Live Music by the 19th Street Band

Silent & Live Auctions

RSVP by October 25

Black tie optional