



# 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!** During the month of February, the UMA held a membership drive that resulted in 33 new members joining the UMA TEAM. We would like to thank the 30 members who were able to volunteer their time to help us spread the word about all the great things that the UMA does for Veterans and the USPTO. Welcome our new members!

Zina Carithers  
Paul Dutkiewicz  
Charles Garber  
Matthew Kim  
John Lequang  
Vinh Luong  
Tara McAdoo  
Sierra Rodgers  
Ayal Sharon  
Lucy Smith  
Donald Britt

Fariba Sirjani  
Joseph Stevenson  
David Stevens  
Keith Wilson  
Arlan Arthur  
Pierre Georges  
Hector Rivera  
Candis Williams  
Tia Reynolds  
Janet Drescher  
Tomeka Oubichon

Brad Clifford  
Christian Sevilla  
Kimberly Sass  
Christopher Robinson  
Ryan Dunning  
Jacintha Martin  
Melissa Crawford  
Gina Gary  
Hope Smith  
David Chiles  
Mike Senkow

\*UMA membership drive volunteers that did not receive their coffee mug please contact Collin Nole, UMA President.

## Calendar of Events:

- Weekly Coffee Break every Tuesday in the cafeteria area nearest Madison West from 9:30-10:00.
- **March 12** – UMA Quarterly Member Meeting. (Open to all members and potential members) 11:30-1:00 in Madison South. Veteran Educational brief is being provided by OHR – Lite lunch and drinks provided.
- **March 21** – 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
- **March 29** - National Vietnam War Veterans Day – if you served during the Vietnam War and would like to be recognized please submit your name and photo via email to [UMA@USPTO.GOV](mailto:UMA@USPTO.GOV)

## 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)

We have several events planned for 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](mailto:UMA@USPTO.GOV)



**UMA Members Lead Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Classes.** UMA Members Amando Carigo (Air Force Veteran) and Michael Maharajh (Army Veteran) instruct techniques in the “gentle art” of Brazilian Jiu Jitsu (BJJ) during classes on Wednesday and Friday in the PTO Fitness Center. BJJ is a martial art, combat sport, and a self-defense system that features grappling and ground fighting. The system focuses on the idea that a smaller, weaker person can successfully defend against a bigger, stronger assailant by using leverage and proper technique to take the fight to the ground, most notably by applying joint locks and chokeholds. Please contact Amando or Michael if you would like more information.



**Battle of An Nasiriyah 15 Year Reunion.** On 23-25 March, 2018, the Marines, Sailors and Families of the Fallen members of the Battle of An Nasiriyah, Iraq "Garden of Eden" will hold a historic multi-unit 15 Year battle reunion in Fort Worth, Texas. We will celebrate our victories on the battlefield, re-unite those bonded in the cauldron of combat, honor our fallen heroes and pass forward legacies. [Click here for more information.](#)

**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.](#)

**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!

**Did You Know?** An act of Congress honoring Vietnam veterans with a day of recognition was signed into law last year. The Veterans Recognition Act of 2017 designates March 29<sup>th</sup> as National Vietnam War Veterans Day. With the Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act of 2017 signed into law, Vietnam Veterans will be commemorated annually for their service. On March 29, 1973, the last American troops left Vietnam.



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





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# **Spring 2018 Veterans and the Arts Events**



## **POETRY WRITING WORKSHOP**

Presented by the Veterans and the Arts Initiative at  
George Mason University and Armed Services Arts Partnership

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 27 FROM 1 P.M. – 4 P.M.**

Join us for an afternoon of poetry and writing.

## **POETRY WRITING WORKSHOP**

Frederick Foote, M.D. (Captain, Medical Corps, USN, Ret.)

**SATURDAY, MARCH 3 FROM 1 P.M. – 4 P.M.**

Join us for this poetry workshop led by Dr. Frederick Foote,  
a retired U.S. Navy physician with 29 years of service.



## **ECHOES OF THE GREAT WAR LECTURE**

Cheryl Regan, Exhibition Director, Library of Congress

Presented by the Hylton Center Veterans and the Arts  
Initiative and Lifelong Learning Institute, Manassas

**THURSDAY, MARCH 8 FROM 10 A.M. – 12 P.M.**

This lecture examines the making of the Library's  
WWI exhibition and explores the upheaval of world war as  
Americans confronted it— both at home and abroad.



## **MEDITATIVE DOTS ART WORKSHOP**

Martin J. Cervantez, Master Sergeant, USA (Ret.)

**SATURDAY, MARCH 17 FROM 1 P.M. – 3 P.M.**

Join us for a hands-on art activity –  
no prior art experience is necessary.

## **HEROES' VOICES NATIONAL POETRY CONTEST READING**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13 AT 7:30 P.M.**

Join us for an evening of live music and poetry that  
explores perspectives on war, peace, and the soldier's experience.

**ALL EVENTS ARE FREE. INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION AT [HYLTONCENTER.ORG/VETERANS](http://HYLTONCENTER.ORG/VETERANS).**

## **PRESENTING SPONSOR**

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**Information &  
Registration**

## **SPONSORS**

Dominion Energy, City of Manassas, J Barrows Sales Training,  
Virginia Commission for the Arts, National Endowment for the Arts



## U.S. Patent & Trademark Office Blood Drive

**Tuesday, March 6th**  
9:00AM - 3:00PM

&

**Wednesday, March 7th**  
9:00AM - 3:00PM

501 Dulany Street, Alexandria, VA  
Inova Blood Donor Services  
will be located  
between Dulany St. & Ballenger St.

### **WIN A PAIR OF TICKETS TO A WASHINGTON CAPITALS GAME**

**Donate Tuesday, 3/6/18, and you will have chance to win a pair of tickets to the Friday, 3/16/18 game, Washington Capitals vs. New York Islanders**

*(Winner contacted by email in the morning of 3/7/18, must reply by 12PM on 3/7/18 to receive the tickets, or they will be offered to another donor.)*

**Donate Wednesday, 3/7/18, and you will have chance to win a pair of tickets to the Tuesday, 3/20/18 game, Washington Capitals vs. Dallas Stars**

*(Winner contacted by email in the morning of 3/8/18, must reply by 12PM on 3/8/18 to receive the tickets, or they will be offered to another donor.)*

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Visit [inovabloodsaves.org](http://inovabloodsaves.org), click on **Donate Blood**, and use **Sponsor Code 7969**,

or call 1-866-BLOODSAVES (1-866-256-6372)



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**Please allow one hour for blood donation.**

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