



# 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!

- Nadine Herbert
- Kenny Taveras
- Timothy Graves
- Brandon Duck
- Emily Larocque
- Scott Bauman
- Isaac Peterson
- Raymond Williamson
- J. Ian Dible
- Karen Keys
- Elizabeth Anne O'Brien
- Robin Gaiters
- Lorraine Williams

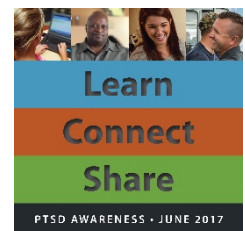


- Jon Abboud
- Dorene Matheis
- Sean Vincent
- Kyle Vallecillo
- Rachel Damelin
- Ted Toussaint
- Elizabeth Magargel
- Razu Miah
- Tracei Hale-Lee
- Weihua Fan
- Katrina Francis
- Cassandra Lee Kelley

**\*This Saturday\* National Invention Convention and Entrepreneurship Expo (NICEE):** NICEE will be held at the USPTO on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and the organizers are in need of volunteers. NICEE is an annual celebration of grade K-12 inventors and entrepreneurs from across the United States and they are looking for 25-30 volunteers to help judge their competition on Saturday, June 3, 2017 at USPTO Alexandria Campus. If you or others would like to join our Commissioner for Patents, Drew Hirshfeld in supporting K-12 student's inventive and entrepreneurial spirit, or for more information, please check out their [website](#).

**LGBT Pride Month Event:** UMA, along with FEW and LambdaPTO will be hosting a joint LGBT Pride Month event on Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> from 12-1p.m. in the Knox Conference Center. Opening remarks will be provided by Mr. Fred Steckler followed by the guest speaker, retired Lieutenant Colonel Dr. Tosha Parker-Meredith. Refreshments will be available after the event. Please click [here](#) for WebEx link. Event Number: 311 278 981, Event Password 123456.

**June is PTSD Awareness Month.** Most people have some stress-related symptoms after a traumatic event. If those symptoms don't fade after a month, it might be post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). Starting in 2010, Congress named June 27<sup>th</sup> PTSD Awareness Day (S. Res. 455). In 2014, the Senate designated the full month of June for National PTSD Awareness (S. Res. 481). Approximately 7-8% of the U.S. population has PTSD and between 11-30% of Veterans (varies by service era/conflict) will experience PTSD. Please visit the [VA's National Center for PTSD site](#) for more information.



**PTSD Event:** The UMA will have information available in the Madison lower atrium on Thursday, June 22 from 11-1 pm. Information will be available from the USDVA Alexandria Vet Clinic, EAP, Might Oaks Warrior Program, Semper Fi K-9, and Loudoun Therapeutic Riding. If you have any questions or need more information please contact Tanya Hellams or Nasir Ahmed.

**Scholarship:** The UMA Board has approved two \$500 scholarships for the 2017-2018 school year. The deadline for submitting an application is July 15, 2017. Any current UMA Full Member in good standing may personally apply for, or

may submit an application for a scholarship for themselves, one child, step-child, or legally adopted child. A UMA Full Member in good standing is defined as a current government employee of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office who is current on their membership dues to the UMA at the time of application. Scholarships will be granted for full time educational programs offered by accredited college, university or vocational/ technical schools but not for correspondence or Internet courses. [Scholarship rules and the application form can be found on the UMA website](#) or contact us at [UMA@uspto.gov](mailto:UMA@uspto.gov) if you have any questions.

**UMA Quarterly Meeting.** Join us for the quarterly meeting on June 29<sup>th</sup> from 10-11 a.m. in the Remsen Conference Center. Our guest speaker will be USMC Veteran and Veteran Advocate, Wade Spann. Lunch will be provided immediately following the event.

**Memorial Day Tribute.** Thanks to the hard work and dedication everyone who made the Memorial Day Tribute a successful, yet somber and reflective event. In case you missed it, the event was highlighted on the [WAA blog](#), the [USPTO Weekly](#), and the [USPTO Photo of the Week](#).



**Army Birthday:** Two hundred forty-two years ago, our nation's leaders established the Continental Army. Please join us as the UMA celebrates the U.S. Army's 242<sup>nd</sup> birthday on Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with our monthly board meeting. We will watch a short video, followed by a cake cutting.

**UMA Happy Hour** – Join us for a little downtime on Wednesday, June 21st 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.

**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)

**Navy vs. Air Force Football Tickets:** Please join us for the Navy vs. Air Force football game on Saturday, October 7th, (time TBD) at the Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium in Annapolis, MD. We currently have 30 tickets and priority goes to dues-paying UMA members. The tickets are \$55 each and are located on the Navy side. If you are interested in attending, please contact Dean Dominique at [dean.dominique@uspto.gov](mailto:dean.dominique@uspto.gov).



**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 priority goes to dues-paying UMA members. 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).

**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!



**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!

**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](#).

**Did You Know?** On June 14, 1775, the Continental Congress approved the creation of the Continental Army. The new force was made of some 22,000 militiamen already gathered outside Boston, plus about 5,000 in New York. The following day, June 15th, the Congress named Virginian George Washington as commander-in-chief of the Continental Army.

#### **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.
- June
  - June 13<sup>th</sup> is the Army Birthday Celebration and Monthly Board Meeting from noon-1p.m. in Jefferson 10D45.
  - June 14<sup>th</sup> is the U.S. Army Birthday and Flag Day.
  - June 21<sup>st</sup> is the UMA Happy Hour at Foster's Grille from 4-6 p.m.
  - June 22<sup>nd</sup> is the UMA Sponsored PTSD Event on from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. in the Madison Lower Atrium. Veteran resources will be available from various organizations, to include the VA.
  - June 29<sup>th</sup> is the UMA Quarterly meeting from 10-11 a.m. in the Remsen Conference Center with Veteran Advocate Wade Spann. Lunch to follow.
- July
  - UMA Scholarship deadline. The deadline for submitting an application is July 15, 2017.
  - VA Disability brief by MOAA. Date, time and location TBD.
- August
  - August 4<sup>th</sup> is the U.S. Coast Guard Birthday
  - August 16<sup>th</sup> is National Airborne Day

#### **Veteran-Related Events:**

- June
  - June 5<sup>th</sup> is the Semper K9 Golf Classic. A fundraising event to benefit Semper K9 Assistance Dogs 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the Forest Green Golf Club in Triangle VA. [Click here](#) for more details.
  - June 5<sup>th</sup> is the Serve Our Willing Warrior (SOWW) 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Poker Run. [Click here](#) for more details.
  - June 9<sup>th</sup> Is the 242<sup>nd</sup> AUSA Army Birthday Ball. [Click here](#) for more details.
- If you know of any other Veteran-related events, please send an email [uma@uspto.gov](mailto:uma@uspto.gov).

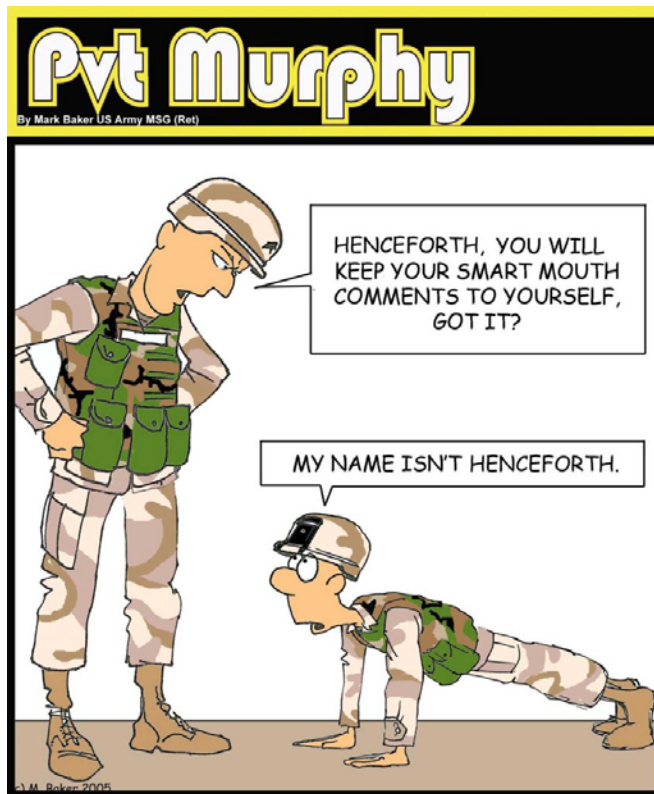
#### **ICYMI (latest posts to the UMA Website):**

- [Veteran Hiring at the USPTO](#)
- [UMA Announces 2017 Annual Scholarship!](#)
- [UMA Highlight: Dina AL-Qubtan](#)
- [Military Spouse Appreciation Day](#)
- [Wreaths Across America / UMA 3rd Annual Service and Recognition Video](#)
- [Pre-Need Burial Eligibility Determination – National Cemetery Administration](#)



**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)
- Fritzgerald 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).

## Joint UMA \* FEW \* LambdaPTO Event For LGBT Pride Month

United States Patent & Trademark Office (USPTO)  
Wednesday, June 7th, 2017  
from Noon to 1:00 P.M. at the Knox Conference Center

Opening and Introduction by  
**Fred Steckler, Chief Administrative Officer, USPTO**

Mr. Steckler began his career as a shipboard officer in the U.S. Navy and was a member of the commissioning crew of the USS Vandegrift (FFG-48). He later served as Second Company Officer and then Executive Assistant to The Commandant of Midshipmen at the United States Naval Academy. He is responsible for the delivery of all administrative service support functions for USPTO including human capital strategy, human resource management, telework policy and programs, facilities management, safety and security, transportation, asset and records management.

Guest Speaker  
**Lieutenant Colonel & Dr. Tosha Parker-Meredith**

After serving almost 25 years in the United States Army and Air Force Reserves, Dr. Parker-Meredith retired in 2012 as a lieutenant Colonel. She holds a Doctorate of Business Administration and an Honorary Doctorate of Divinity Degree from the American Fellowship Church along with several graduate level degrees. Dr. Parker-Meredith owns and successfully manages her own real estate company, conducts motivational speaking around the world, runs a financial literacy training foundation, and is the self-published author of four books.

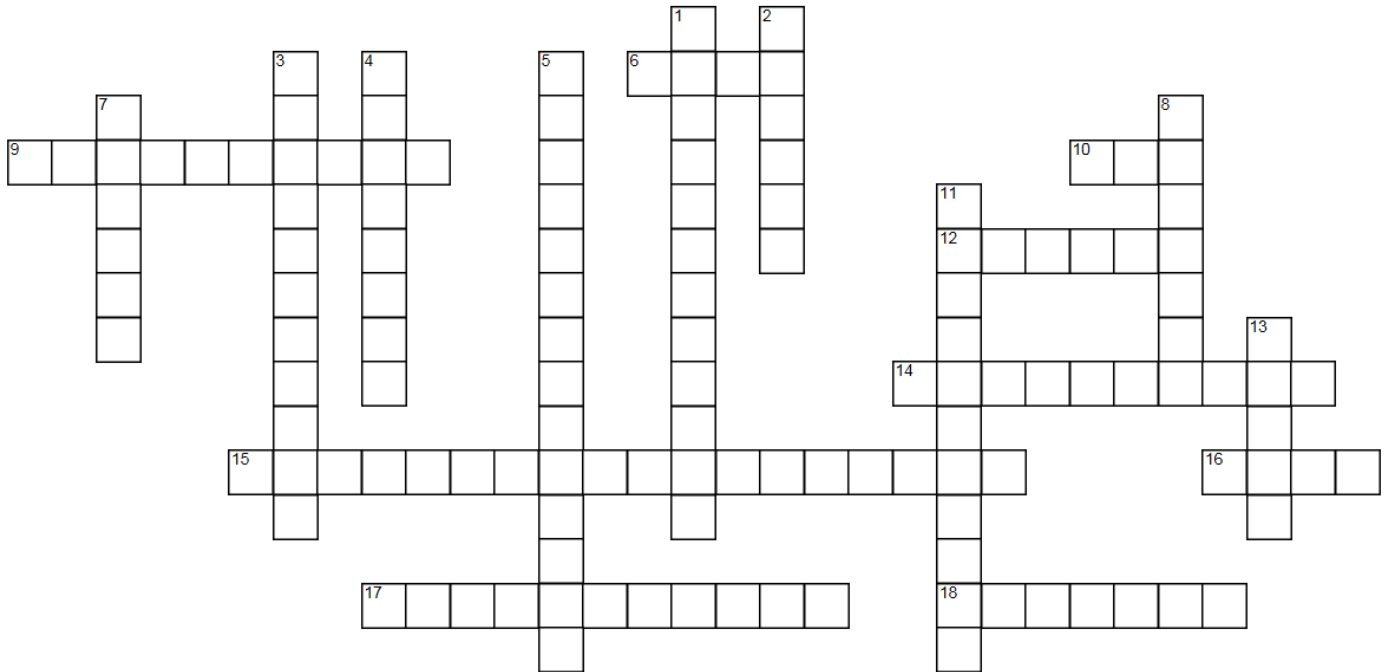
Refreshments available after event.

**Special Screening of the documentary "Gender Revolution"**

Tuesday, June 27th, 2017  
from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. at the Randolph Conference Center



## UMA Crossword Puzzle



### ACROSS

- 6 Born on June 14, 1775
- 9 Born on August 4, 1790 (two words)
- 10 Works for a living (acronym)
- 12 Marine term that can mean just about anything
- 14 Slang for a backstabber.
- 15 June is ... (one acronym and two words)
- 16 Born on October 13, 1775
- 17 Current UMA President (two words)
- 18 Born on November 10, 1775

### DOWN

- 1 Navy Veteran and Executive Sponsor of the UMA (two words)
- 2 Navy and Coast Guard term used to acknowledge receipt of a command or order
- 3 Means rumor or gossip. In old days was a cask that had openings in the side, fitted with a spigot; also rumor, from the fact that Sailors used to congregate here to gossip
- 4 Born on September 18, 1947 (two words)
- 5 The sound an A-10 Thunderbolt II aka "Warthog" makes when projecting freedom
- 7 Black and gold tab you wish you had
- 8 First UMA President (two words)
- 11 Current Commander in Chief (two words)
- 13 Army term than can mean just about anything