



## Utah Military Academy – Camp Williams Campus

Parent Newsletter 26 March 2021

UMA Family,

Thank you to everyone who came to the parent meeting last week. We appreciate you all taking time out of your schedule to meet with us. It was good to hear your feedback and ideas for the school. It was also great to hear your enthusiasm for the future of UMA and your willingness to help. As a school, we can't ask for more than that from our parent partners!

You should have received an email about services for Joey Lorton. Several cadets have asked if they can wear their uniform. Cadets are absolutely welcome to wear their uniform, but it is not required. Blues are preferred if they have them, but they can also wear ABUs to show unity as a school community for Joey and his family.

Items for this week:

1. We have a small crew of volunteers who have offered to do haircuts at the school during Team Time. Our goal is for this to bring all of the cadets within standards and alleviate any financial burden on families. **For those who would like to take advantage of the haircuts during Team Time, please fill out the attached form.** You can return it to me at [tbunko@utahmilitaryacademy.org](mailto:tbunko@utahmilitaryacademy.org) or print it and have your cadet bring it to school. We will continue to offer haircuts each week as long as we have volunteers willing to help. We are suggesting a \$1 tip/donation per haircut directly to the volunteer(s) to help pay for their transportation costs and supplies.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1F8UNJMv64JSjf5ZeUq6OF-xbBOANCBsr/view?usp=sharing>

2. **GRADUATION NEWS:** We are working through final details to confirm our graduation venue...required insurance documents, etc., but we did get good news. If everything goes forward with this venue, Alpine School District has lifted its capacity restrictions so we will have no problem accommodating seniors and their guests. Our hope is to finalize a contract soon with **Willowcreek Middle School (2275 W 300 North, Lehi UT)** whose auditorium will seat approximately 800 people.

The school will be open for business the morning of the 28th, so graduation will be early in the afternoon.

Once we have a firm contract, including the time, we will send an update.

**By our count we still have about 15 seniors who have not yet made an appointment to get their uniform fitted.** If your cadet does not have blues for graduation, please contact MSG Graham at [mgraham@utahmilitaryacademy.org](mailto:mgraham@utahmilitaryacademy.org) to schedule a fitting. **Seniors who do not have their dress blues will not participate in the graduation ceremony.**

3. We are still looking for volunteers to lead and assist with our **Civil Air Patrol** program. This program not only opens up multiple opportunities for our cadets, but lowers our flight hour cost significantly! If you can help, please contact Maj Stuart Whitney at [swhitney@utahmilitaryacademy.org](mailto:swhitney@utahmilitaryacademy.org)

4. The SBO and Wing Staff leadership will host a **JUNIOR/SENIOR PROM April 24 from 8pm to midnight**. Cadets are planning now for their “Starry Night” and are excited for this event! Cadets are permitted to wear service dress or formal attire.

Ticket sales will cut off April 13 so we have an attendance count and additional funds for the event.

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**In order for the cadets to participate safely, we are requiring all cadets who attend to be COVID tested. They can be tested off site or at the school. Per new state guidelines for large gatherings, cadets must be tested within 48 hours of the event so we will be offering COVID tests April 22.** If your cadet is bringing a prom date who does not attend UMA – and they are registered in RedCap through another school -- their date can be tested at UMA as an “alternate location.” If their date is not registered, they need to be tested at an offsite location (Walgreens, etc.,).

If you would like to make a donation or help with prom, please contact Ms Bobadillo at [nacde@utahmilitaryacademy.org](mailto:nacde@utahmilitaryacademy.org) or Cadet Kailya Emfield at [s.kemfield@utahmilitaryacademy.org](mailto:s.kemfield@utahmilitaryacademy.org).

5. The **Parent Involvement Committee leadership positions** will rotate at the end of this school year. If you want to lead the charge for changes at the school by filling one of these roles, please contact the PIC at [cwpic@Utahmilitaryacademy.org](mailto:cwpic@Utahmilitaryacademy.org) or Lt Col Bunko at [tbunko@utahmilitaryacademy.org](mailto:tbunko@utahmilitaryacademy.org)

6. We are currently planning for next academic year’s **PLEBE WEEK**. If there is something you would have wanted the school to include in last year’s Plebe Week – including parent night - please let us know so we can improve the experience for our incoming parents and cadets. Send your thoughts/ideas to Lt Col Bunko at [tbunko@utahmilitaryacademy.org](mailto:tbunko@utahmilitaryacademy.org)

7. We will administer the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (test) APRIL 30. **The sign up deadline is April 2.** Please contact the commandant at [tbunko@utahmilitaryacademy](mailto:tbunko@utahmilitaryacademy) if you want to take the ASVAB so we can get an accurate count for proctors, seating, etc.,

Please encourage your cadet to study prior to the exam. Even if they have no interest in joining the military, the test can be a good indicator of aptitude and interest in various careers. There are free study materials at:

<https://www.asvabpracticetests.com/asvab-free-online-study-guide/>

<https://www.npsk12.com/cms/lib/VA02208074/Centricity/Domain/4432/ASVAB%20Study%20Guide.pdf>

<https://www.march2success.com/>

<https://uniontestprep.com/asvab>

8. CADET VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The VFW reached out for help with their **Memorial Day Weekend poppy drive Saturday May 29**. They were unable to do these in a lot of places last year so it's good to see this event come back for 2021. Proceeds from the drive fund a variety of veterans charities and service programs and partially supports the VFW National Home for Children. The VFW will be giving all the cadets who volunteer a dog tag of their choice and the cadet who does the best at each store will be given a coin. If you and/or your cadet would like to help, please contact Kate Sautter at [ksautter@utahmilitaryacademy.org](mailto:ksautter@utahmilitaryacademy.org).

We need two cadets (12 total) for the following shifts and locations:

-Lindon Walmart: two shifts 10am -2pm & 2pm-6pm

-American Fork Walmart: two shifts 10am-2pm & 2pm-6pm

-Pleasant Grove Macey's: two shifts 10am -2pm & 2pm-6pm.

9. MTECH's registration date is **April 20, 2021 at 8:00am for the fall semester**. This registration date is for all defined entry classes (Automotive, Digital Marketing & Analytics, Pharmacy, CNA, EMT, Dental, Culinary, etc.) All other OE/OE Programs (Medical Assistant, IT, etc.) will register a month before the class begins.

Also, in person tours are open again! This is a great opportunity for cadets to see labs and classrooms, and see if MTECH is a good fit for them. Tour appointments can be scheduled at any MTECH campus at [mtec.edu/tours](http://mtec.edu/tours). If an in-person tour appointment doesn't work for you, you can also make an appointment to speak with an MTECH recruiter over the phone at the same link.

10. The next **credit recovery** (seniors only) is on April 17th. If you have questions, please contact Ms Swanson at [liz@utahmilitaryacademy.org](mailto:liz@utahmilitaryacademy.org)

11. Valley Forge Military Academy in Pennsylvania has **2-year Army commissioning scholarships** available. This is a full ride scholarship! If you are a senior still looking for a way to pay for college or a junior still exploring your options, please contact Ms Swanson [liz@utahmilitaryacademy.org](mailto:liz@utahmilitaryacademy.org) or Ms Whitmer [ewhitmer@utahmilitaryacademy.org](mailto:ewhitmer@utahmilitaryacademy.org) for more information.

12. **American Legion Boys State** will be offered virtually this year. Registration opens March 1st and will close on May 15th. You must be a junior with a minimum 2.0 GPA. Go to: <https://utahboysstate.org> to learn specific details of the program. Cadets can earn 3 Political Science credits from Weber State. These are transferable to most Utah colleges. **Please see your counselor for further information.**

13. **American Legion Girls State** will be offered virtually this year to junior girls. Girls who were selected last year when it was cancelled are invited to attend this year in addition to those girls selected from the junior class this year. Applications open up February 15th. Cadets can earn 3 Political Science credits from Weber State. These are transferable to most Utah colleges. **Please see your counselor for further information.**

14. Next week is **HOPE WEEK!** Our cadets have planned multiple activities throughout the week to increase resiliency, build morale and provide meaningful reflection. The first event is the **“March out of the Darkness” walk Monday March 29**. Cadets and staff will meet at the Lehi station at 0620 and walk as a group from the station to the school. Cadets who wish to participate should wear their regular Monday school uniform, but be sure to dress warmly (layers, jackets, gloves, etc.,).

Cadets and staff who drive to the station will be able to ride the bus on the regular morning pick up schedule in order to retrieve their vehicle. If you miss the morning bus, you will have to wait until the after school bus run to retrieve your vehicle.

**Cadets who do not wish to or cannot participate should plan to arrive at school at the regular time.**

Other events for the week:

**Tuesday:** Anti-Stress Day – yoga and meditation class in the gym during Team Time.

**Wednesday:** Movie in the Gym – we will be showing “Inside Out” at the school gym after school. There will be concessions available and admission is free.

**Thursday:** Flight/Formation team competitions.

**Friday:** School Carnival immediately after school.

15. A reminder that cadets should be picked immediately after school, Team Time or Sports practices as applicable. School ends at 3:00 M-Th and 1:45 Friday. Team Time/Study Halls are

held T/W/Th and end at 4:15. Sports practices are generally over by 4:30 M-Th and by 3:00 Friday. If you're not sure of when to pick up your cadet after sports practices, please coordinate with your cadet's coach.

16. **COVID update:** As vaccinations become more readily available we have updated guidance from the state on COVID testing requirements. Current guidance is that you are exempt from COVID testing indefinitely TWO WEEKS AFTER RECEIVING THE SECOND COVID vaccination.

We have received several questions about the mask mandate and as of now state guidance is we will continue to wear masks in school.

That's all for this week! Thanks for everything you do and enjoy your weekend,

-Your Utah Military Academy Staff

**Attch: Junior Senior Prom Dress Code**

## PROM DRESS CODE

### Men's Attire (Tux or Service Dress)

- Must be cleaned, pressed
- No color requirement, but it should be a tux not a business suit

\* if not from UMA, date must still conform to the dress code



### **Women's Attire (Modest formal gown or Service Dress)**

- **Must be cleaned, pressed**
- **Floor length**
- **Open back may come no more than to the midpoint of the back**
- **Start of slit may come no more than 3" above the knee**
- **Spaghetti straps are allowed **with a shawl****
- **Halter style or off shoulder may be worn**
- **No strapless gowns**
- **Modest cleavage**
- **No 2 pieces**
- **No stilettos (they will damage the floor and can cause injury)**

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