



Utah Military Academy – Camp Williams Campus

Parent Newsletter 2 April 2021

UMA Family,

We made it to Spring Break! When the cadets come back April 12, we know the rest of the school year is going to fly by...but it's not over yet. Please remind your cadet to stay focused and on task through the end of the year. So many things to look forward to as we plan Prom and (fingers crossed) some field trips for the cadets. Hopefully a sign of more normal things to come as we move towards the next academic year.

Items for this week:

1. Our volunteers have been great this week getting our cadets within haircut standards. They will be back after Spring Break for those cadets who need a haircut. **For those who would like to take advantage of the haircuts during Team Time Wednesday and Thursday, please fill out the attached form.** You can return it to me at tbunko@utahmilitaryacademy.org or print it and have your cadet bring it to school.

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

We are suggesting a \$1 tip/donation per haircut directly to the volunteer(s) to help pay for their transportation costs and supplies.

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.

UMA 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 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

4. **JUNIOR/SENIOR PROM is April 24 from 8pm to midnight at the school.** Cadets are permitted to wear service dress or formal attire. PLEASE SEE FULL DRESS CODE BELOW THE MAIN TEXT.

Cadets can pay for their tickets now at the front office- tickets are \$10 for one or \$15 for two. Ticket sales will cut off April 13 so we have an attendance count and additional funds for the event.

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 or Cadet Kailya Emfield at 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 or Lt Col Bunko at 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

7. We will administer the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (test) APRIL 30. **The sign up deadline is TODAY.** Please contact the commandant at tbunko@utahmilitaryacademy.org 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.

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.

Tour appointments can be scheduled at any MTECH campus at 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 April 17th. If you have questions, please contact Ms Swanson at liz@utahmilitaryacademy.org

11. **American Legion Boys State** will be offered virtually this year. Registration is open now 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.**

12. **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. 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. 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.

14. COVID update: We know that since the statewide mask mandate is lifted on April 10th, there may be confusion regarding masks in schools. From Jenny Johnson, Public Information Officer, Utah Department of Health:

"The confusion comes with the language in [HB294](#) vs the school mask mandate [public health order](#). HB294 states "A public health order or health and safety requirement described in Subsection 70(3)(a) shall be terminated no later than July 1, 2021." The public health order requiring masks in schools ends on June 15, which meets this deadline. Any other public health requirements, such as required in the transmission index for example, will end on July 1 (as well as the mask requirement for gatherings of 50 or more people).

Maggie Graul, Epidemiologist UDOH, states, "It is important to note that the mask requirements for K-12 schools REMAINS IN PLACE until June 15. **Local officials, like a school board or county council, do NOT have legal authority to end the school mask requirement before this date.**"

14. The Admissions and Scholarships officer for Marion Military Institute (Marion, Alabama) <https://marionmilitary.edu/> will visit the school April 14. Any interested sophomores, juniors and seniors, please contact the commandant at tbunko@utahmilitaryacademy.org to reserve a seat at the large meeting and/or schedule a one-on-one meeting.

Thank you all and enjoy your break!

-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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