



Utah Military Academy – Camp Williams Campus

Parent Newsletter 16 April 2021

UMA Family,

Welcome back! I hope everyone enjoyed a nice Spring Break and is ready to close out the year strong. Only seven more weeks of school! We can't thank you enough for your support and encouragement so far this year. We are in the home stretch now and still so many things to look forward to in the coming weeks.

Items for this week:

1. Our volunteers have been a great help getting our cadets within haircut standards. They plan to be here each week for 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 tbunko@utahmilitaryacademy.org or print it and have your cadet bring it to school. We have a running list of cadets so if you fill out the form once, you don't need to fill it out every time.

<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 have final approval on our venue! Graduation will be 28 May at 1 pm at **Willowcreek Middle School (2275 W 300 North, Lehi UT)**. The auditorium will accommodate up to 800 people so we do not anticipate having to limit the number of guests per cadet; however, masks will be required.

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. **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.

In order for the cadets to participate safely, the state requires all cadets who attend to be COVID tested within 48 hours of the event. They can be tested off site or at the school. 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.,). We will not be doing any testing the day of the dance!

3. 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

4. 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

5. We will administer the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (test) APRIL 30. **If your cadet is registered to take the test, please encourage him/her to study.** 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>

6. **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 support 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.

7. 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.

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

9. **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.**

10. **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.**

11. If your cadet needs to be COVID tested and was not previously registered in RedCap, the state has updated the link for Utah Military Academy. If you need to register your cadet, please use this link: <https://redcap.link/utah.gov-UtahMilitaryAcademy>. We will no longer be testing for cadets participating in Team Time. Only those cadets who are on competition teams (Raiders, Soccer, Track & Field, etc.,) need to be tested every two weeks between now and the end of the year. This link should also be used for anyone who wasn't registered and needs to be tested for Prom.

12. We are starting to compile a list of **cadet volunteers who would like to be included in parades and other events over the summer**. When we have an event or request, we will only reach out to cadets/families on this list. If you would like to be on the list of those contacted when these opportunities come up, please send an email with your name and summer contact info to the commandant at tbunko@utahmilitaryacademy.org. We are so looking forward to participating in some community events this summer!

13. More good news....our Marauders letter jacket design is finalized! Jackets are available for purchase at this link: <https://www.lettercustom.com/product/utah-military-academy-letter-jackets/>. The good folks at Letter Custom have agreed to allow our cadets to use their own letters instead of ordering them through their store. Cadets will have to mail the letters to their shop at:

Attn: Luke Biesinger
7308 North Pawnee Road
Eagle Mountain, UT 84005

14. The National Kindness Speech Contest is now accepting entries. Students ages 6-18 can write, record and submit their own kindness speech for a chance to win \$500 and be featured on ThinkKindness.org. Not only is it a great exercise to practice their public speaking skills, but their speech may reach thousands around the world. Deadline to submit entries is April 22. Details are at <https://thinkkindness.org/national-kindness-speech/>

That's all for this week. Thank you so much for everything you do!

-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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