



Utah Military Academy – Camp Williams Campus

Parent Newsletter 14 May 2021

UMA Family,

Here are the items for this week. Lots still going on before the end of the year and many of the items have been updated with new info!

1. SENIORS AND PARENTS PLEASE READ!

- SENIOR WEEK:
 - We are asking for donations and a few grilling volunteers for the Senior Day Breakfast and Senior Sunset. Please sign up at:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050444A8AF2FAAFF2-senior>
 - Due to scheduling conflicts, we will not be having an event at Boondocks.
 - **Parents are welcome to attend our Senior Day Breakfast on Monday, May 24** (Cadets and parents please RSVP @ <https://seniordaybreakfast.rsvpify.com>)
 - **Tuesday is Lagoon Day.** If you purchased your Lagoon ticket, please complete and return the permission form ASAP. Those of you that already reserved your shirt or Lagoon ticket through the online form, please remember to pay your fees at the front office. Participating cadets will need to be at the school by 0800 and will return by 4pm. Cadets are required to wear their senior T-shirt and school appropriate pants (khaki slacks or cargo shorts). Lunch will not be provided, so please bring money to purchase food from vendors. Tickets had to be purchased ahead of time; you cannot purchase tickets at the door.
 - **Wednesday Senior Sunset and Cookout:** 7pm picnic on the field. Bring a blanket. Food, drinks, and games will be provided. Sunset is at 8:47pm.
 - **Thursday Field Day and Graduation Rehearsal:** 8am – 1:45pm all Flights will compete against each other in 8 events. This will include a basketball tournament, Capture the Flag, relay races, and a few more surprises. All cadets must come in PT gear, unless their Flight has an approved shirt. There will be prizes for the Flight with the most points and the most spirited Flight; 2pm graduation rehearsal at Willowcreek Middle School. **Cadets should be in their service dress for rehearsal. The rehearsal is not mandatory, but the procession will go much smoother the more cadets we have in attendance.**

- o **Friday Graduation:** 28 May at 1 pm at Willowcreek Middle School (2275 W 300 North, Lehi UT). The auditorium will accommodate up to 800 people. We do not anticipate a problem with guests with that much seating, but **please limit your party to no more than 12 people to ensure everyone has a seat.** Because it is a large gathering, we think masks will still be required, but will get further guidance based on Gov Cox's recent announcement. **GOOD NEWS! The State has revised its guidance (again) and we are not required to COVID test for graduation.**
- 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.** They are not permitted to wear their Sea Cadet or CAP uniform. They need AFJROTC or Army National Guard (for those already enlisted) jacket, pants, shirt, and shoes.

2. The **Parent Involvement Committee leadership positions** will rotate at the end of this school year. We are looking for a brand new committee with a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Our by-laws also allow for a MS Vice President if that is something you are interested in. If you want to lead the charge for changes at the school by filling one of these roles, please contact Lt Col Bunko at tbunko@utahmilitaryacademy.org

3. 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.
- Herriman City is requesting cadets to help set up and tear down chairs for the annual **Memorial Day Ceremony** at the Herriman Cemetery Monday, May 31. Cadets should meet at the cemetery at 8am for set up (tear down will be at about 9:45am). Food vouchers for the breakfast will be provided to cadets, school staff and parent volunteers working the event. Breakfast is \$10.00 for those not volunteering, but veterans and active servicemembers who preregister through the events office 801-446-8658 eat for free. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Lori Vollmer at lvollmer@herriman.org.
- The **PRCA Rodeo in Herriman** is asking for cadet volunteers to carry a large American Flag into the arena for their Veterans night event Saturday June 5. Check in is at 6:30 and the flag ceremony is expected to conclude by 7:30. There will also be a rehearsal June 1 at 6pm. Cadets AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS HIGH SCHOOL AGE AND OLDER who

participate will receive free admission to the rodeo that evening. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Maj Whitney at swhitney@utahmilitaryacademy.org.

4. New legislation passed during the 2021 session created the Opportunity Scholarship. **The Opportunity Scholarship will be available to students beginning with the high school graduating class of 2022.** Details about the application process and available programs can be accessed at opportunityscholarship.org

5. We are compiling 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!

6. **Utah Valley University is excited to share the opportunity to participate in our free ONLINE Summer Bridge 2021 college credit programs!** The Summer Bridge programs aim to increase the number of underrepresented Utah high school students who graduate in the fields of business, engineering, and science. Applicants must be 10-12th grade and have a minimum 3.0 GPA. Classes run from June 28-August 13, M-Th 9am to 2pm and the deadline to apply is May 24 at www.uvu.edu/bridge. Please contact your counselor with any questions or to discuss course options.

7. **Artificial Intelligence (AI) Camp:** Learning AI can spark students' interest in learning about math, coding, critical thinking, and science. AI is the biggest technology tidal wave in our student's lifetime. AI Camp created a National Scholarship Program for high school students and **they are offering all students full or partial scholarships.** Students who receive a partial scholarship will pay only \$29. To be able to receive the scholarship students should apply through this link www.ai-camp.org/free-lesson.

8. **Utah Warriors Game:** The Utah Warriors Rugby Team is pleased to have the Utah Military Academy as part of their Salute the Troops, Military Appreciation Night during their home game on May 29th vs the Austin Gilgronis beginning at 7:00p at Zions Bank Stadium in Herriman. Please fill out the form at the link below to request your tickets for the game. Cadets get in free (FCFS until tickets are gone) and any friends and family attending with a cadet are eligible for (\$12) discounted tickets in the UMA section.

<https://share.hsforms.com/18HfxQpDSTHaNLOA8eA92xQ4h196>. Where it asks for credit card expiration date – if your card only has month and year, please put 01 as the date.

9. **KARATE CLASSES:** The Kyu Shin Ryu Karate School <http://www.ksrkarate.com/classes.html> has offered to teach traditional karate classes at the school for a discounted price of \$60 per/month per student (reg \$100). These are all-inclusive classes, which means the monthly fee includes uniform and any test fees as the student progresses. They will take up to 12 students for the class. The karate school would be using UMA as a location, but the program is not through

UMA, thus all fees would be paid directly to the school and are not subject to waivers like a UMA school fee would be. We only want to offer this if enough students are interested in the class. Please email the commandant at tbunko@utahmilitaryacademy.org if you would be interested in this after school program being offered at UMA.

10. An awesome parent let us know COVID vaccinations are now available for 12-15 years olds if you are interested. The Health Dept confirmed they can receive the shot with parent permission/attendance and appointments can be made at this link:

<https://vaccines.nomihealth.com/utah>

11. **ASVAB results are here!** Cadets who took the ASVAB April 30 and missed the test interpretation session May 13 should go to the office to receive a copy of their results. Each cadet will receive one copy of their test results they can take home. If they are interested, a good site to help them see what their scores qualify them for in each service is <https://ratemyasvab.com>. They can also explore career options, including projected jobs and internships in Utah at www.asvabprogram.com. They will need to input an access code (found on their score sheet) to use the site. We will continue to offer the test twice a year – once in the Fall and once in the Spring – for 10-12 graders.

12. **We will be holding the Teacher/Staff appreciation the week of May 17-21.** The PIC needs help supplying food and decorating doors. If you can help out with either one or both of these, please sign up below or contact Kimberly Horinek at kkhorinek@gmail.com.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054EAFAD2FA13-staff>

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054EAFAD2FA13-teacher2>

13. As you may have seen, Governor Cox made an announcement giving schools the option to lift the mask requirement for the last week of school. **UMA will therefore not require the cadets to wear masks May 24-28.**

14. We are planning the return of Super Saturdays this summer! UMA will host two **“Leadership Camps”** for new cadets June 19 and July 17. Participating cadets will also be encouraged to bring a friend along so help spread the word! Cadets who bring a friend will be entered in a drawing for a cash prize. We will also need cadet leaders to help so please email Maj Stuart Whitney at swhitney@utahmilitaryacademy.org if you want to volunteer.

15. **RAIDERS!!!!** The UMA Raiders will continue to have practices over the summer and tryouts in mid-July. If you are interested in joining Raiders, please contact MSG Mike Graham at mgraham@utahmilitaryacademy.org.

16. **HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS:** We will hold two sessions to present **annual JROTC individual and team awards** May 17 and 18 starting at 0905. Parents are invited to attend. Please arrive at 0900 in the gym.

17. UMA-CW MUSIC DEPARTMENT: Next year, we are looking to start our very first competitive marching band and dance/flag unit. Our season starts this summer, where we will meet for rehearsals and parades. Ms. Bobadillo has already started writing the show, with original music from a composer in Texas and drill written by the Director of the Santa Clara Vanguard Drum Corps. If you haven't been in band in a while, now's your chance to get back in. Don't play an instrument, but you like dance - join our flag unit. A schedule will be going out to current cadets and parents. For more info, please email nacde@utahmilitaryacademy.org.

18. FIELD DAY 2021: Our Field Day will be held on Thursday, May 27th. All the Flights will compete against each other in 8 events. This will include a basketball tournament, Capture the Flag, relay races, and a few more surprises. All cadets must come in PT gear, unless their Flight has an approved shirt. There will be prizes for the Flight with the most points and the most spirited Flight.

19. **All lost and found items will be donated to charity today after school.**

20. Lastly, **we are closing in on the end of the school year and still have fees owed.** Please remember to check your cadet's Aspire account to see what fees are due. Thanks!

Thank you and have a great weekend!

-Your Utah Military Academy Staff