



Utah Military Academy – Camp Williams Campus

Parent Newsletter 10 Sept 2021

UMA Family,

Thanks so much to everyone who came out for the parent involvement committee meetings last night! It was great to see so many engaged parents this year and so many who were brainstorming great ideas to help the school and the cadets! We are looking forward to working with you all. For those who offered to help with uniforms, please contact MSgt Mike Bunko at mbunko@utahmilitaryacademy.org.

This week's items:

1. ATHLETICS

Cross Country:

Schedule for cross country meets:

Sept 11 @ Liahona (2464 W 450 S, Pleasant Grove)

Sept 18 @ Vanguard Academy (2650 S. Decker Lake Lane, West Valley)

Tentative: Sept 25 @ Uintah River High School (998 E 7500 S, Fort Duchesne)

Oct 2 @ City Academy (555 E 7500 S, SLC)

Oct 9 @ Paradigm (11577 S 3600 W, South Jordan)

Oct 16 @ AAI (5410 S. Jordan Parkway, South Jordan)

Oct 30 State Championship @ Spectrum (867 S 800 W, Pleasant Grove)

Please contact James Taylor (jtaylor@utahmilitaryacademy.org) or Mike Bunko (mbunko@utahmilitaryacademy.org) with questions.

Girls Volleyball: This team is now closed. If you have questions about the season or need further information, please email the coach at kiravanreusen@gmail.com

Girls Soccer: Please contact SGT Tanner tlaub@utahmilitaryacademy.org for information about girls soccer. She is permitting all grades, boys and girls, to practice; however games are for

official team members only. Practices are Monday - Thursday 4:30 – 6pm. Cadets need to have their own Cleats, Shin Guards, and Water Bottle at every practice.

First game: Wednesday, September 15th @1630 @ Merit Academy

Conditioning: Team Time Tuesday on the Soccer Field; Thursday in the Weight Room

Boys Volleyball: Boys volleyball is being moved to the Spring due to an issue with the SSA. Please contact CPT Tidwell mtidwell@utahmilitaryacademy.org with questions.

Baseball: Baseball practice is held M/W/Th and games are T/Fr at 4pm at Patriot Park. Baseball questions should be directed to MSG Graham at mgraham@utahmilitaryacademy.org.

Basketball: The boys basketball team has open gym sessions on Monday and Wednesday from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm. These are open to grades 7-12. If you have any basketball questions, email Coach Taylor jtaylor@utahmilitaryacademy.org or follow the team's Instagram @umacwbasketball.

Conditioning: M/T/W during Team Time

Wrestling: MANDATORY MEETING for all High School boys and girls who are interested in wrestling. The meeting will be Sept 15 at the range during team time. Coach Lycett will be discussing grades, what is needed to try out for the team, and will answer any questions cadet have.

2. **The Team Time** labelled “Military Skills” will have a different topic and instructor every Tuesday. Cadets can participate in any one or all of these. The activities are listed (and you can also volunteer) at this link. We will continue to update these throughout the year:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1yp06UPD-Eybz9CYqC6FfyfyfuuyPmrUgA/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=108770188794733916450&rtpof=true&sd=true>

3. Our first **Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)** is scheduled Nov 4 at 0815! The ASVAB is not only used to explore what military careers cadets are qualified for, but it is also an excellent test to determine strengths for college majors and civilian careers as well. This test is mandatory for all 11th grade cadets and optional but highly encouraged for sophomores and seniors. Once the test is complete, we will schedule a test interpretation at the school. The test interpreters are incredibly good at walking cadets through their scores, state job projections and potential growth careers, as well as guiding cadets toward a college or program that best fits their goals.

Please encourage your cadet to study! 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>

4. The Utah Healing Field (<https://www.healingfield.org/utah/>) organization is looking for volunteers to help tear down flags for their 9/11 commemoration. Volunteers will meet at the Sandy City Promenade Monday, Sept 13, 2021 – 5:30-8:00 PM. Sign up at this link:

<https://signup.com/go/ynKCEAO>

If you have questions, please contact Karen Paris at theekarenparis@gmail.com

5. Sept 14 we will have two Vietnam veterans visit the school to speak to cadets from 0915-1015. We will also livestream the assembly via our new NFHS network equipment. There is a subscription fee for this service, but it also gives you access to all of our sporting events.

<https://www.nfhsnetwork.com/subscribe/retail>

6. **SAVE THE DATE! The first Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Sept 16.** Look for emails/information soon from your cadets' teachers.

7. Upcoming school closures: **THERE IS NO SCHOOL SEPT 17.**

8. An **ARMY NATIONAL GUARD RECRUITER** will be at the school Sept 21 at 0925 and will meet with interested juniors and seniors during flight and formation. If you would like to be included in this meeting, please email the commandant at tbunko@utahmilitaryacademy.org.

9. **UNIVERSAL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE** <https://www.uti.edu/> will visit the school Sep 23. UTI specializes in vocational programs such as automotive, motorcycle, diesel, marine, collision repair, welding, etc., If you would like to meet with the admissions advisor, please contact the commandant at tbunko@utahmilitaryacademy.org.

10. A **NAVY RECRUITER** will be at the school Sep 27 at 0925 and will meet with interested High School cadets. If you would like to meet with him, please email the commandant at tbunko@utahmilitaryacademy.org

11. We will be administering the **Air Force Fitness Test Friday October 1** after school (2pm) for all seniors applying for an ROTC scholarship. This test includes a 1.5m run and as many pushups/situps as you can do in one minute each. Please email Lt Col Bunko at tbunko@utahmilitaryacademy.org if you plan to take the test.

12. We will be administering the **Military Service Academy Cadet Fitness Assessment (CFA) Friday Oct 8** after school (2pm) for all seniors applying to an appointment to a service academy. All service academies use the same assessment, which includes a basketball throw, pull-ups/flexed arm hang/shuttle run/situps/pushups/one mile run. Instructions for the CFA can be found here:

<https://www.gainserviceacademyadmission.com/candidate-fitness-assessment-score-calculator/> and there is additional information on each academy's admissions site.

13. Speaking of fitness tests... we will conduct a **running clinic at the school Sept 21**. This would be a great opportunity for any cadet all grades who even THINK they might want to apply for an Academy or ROTC scholarship in the future. They all require running!

14. **Jordon River Service Day Tomorrow:** if you would like to volunteer to help restore the Jordon River, there will be a service day tomorrow commemorating the 20th anniversary of 9/11. Volunteers should meet at Willow Pond Park at 8am. They are asking for volunteers to bring rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows, cordless edgers, cordless blowers, work gloves, as well as a labelled water bottle. For more information check LoveYourJordanRiver.com.

15. Girls Self Defense Course! The Lehi Police Department will hold a FREE girls self-defense course at the school Sept 28-Nov 4. The 11-session course is open to the first 20 female cadets who sign up. **Cadets MUST be able to attend all 11 sessions.**

Dates/Times are:

Sept 28, 30 (1530-1630)

Oct 5, 7, 12, 19, 21, 26, 28 (1530-1630)

Nov 2, 4 (1530-1800)

16. KSL teacher nominations: Parents can nominate their cadet's amazing teacher(s) for KSL's weekly teacher feature at <https://kslnnewsradio.com/teacher/>

17. Essay Contests/Scholarship Prizes:

- **VFW Voice of Democracy:** This year's theme is "America: Where do we go from here." Grand prize is \$30K paid directly to the US college, university or vocational/technical school of their choice. Open to grades 9-12. Entry deadline is Oct 31. [Entry Form](#)

Mail entry to: Kraig Thorne
301 South Cherry Hill Dr.
Pleasant Grove Utah 84062

- **VFW Patriot's Pen:** Open to grades 6-8. Each first place state winner receives a minimum of \$500 at the national level, and the national first place winner wins \$5,000. This year's theme is "How can I be a good American." Essays are 300- to 400-words and are due Oct 31. [Entry Form](#)

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- **Fleet Reserve Association:** This year's theme is "Why I am Proud to be an American." Cadets 7-12 grade are invited to submit an essay of up to 350 words before Dec 1. Local winners are forwarded for competition at the regional level, regional winners compete for national

prizes. The grand national winner will receive \$5000 with additional prizes for the top three essays in each grade category. Website: www.fra.org/essay

18. Spirit Week is September 27th - October 1st. There will be competitions between the grade levels to see who has the most spirit. **Come out and show your school spirit at the Homecoming Game on September 28th, when the Girls Volleyball Team plays American Heritage.** The Homecoming Dance will be Saturday, October 2nd, from 7 PM to 11 PM. The dance is open to high school cadets only. Tickets are \$10 for singles, \$15 for couples - payable at the front office.

19. Seniors!

- There will be a large college fair tomorrow in Draper. Please go to this link for more information or to register:

- <https://rmacac.memberclicks.net/salt-lake-city-college-fair-registration---2021#/>

- Order your Senior Shirt at the front office for \$20 by October 8th

20. Last thing.... If you take a great picture of your cadet at a school-related event, please share! Send photos to tbunko@utahmilitaryacademy.org.

That's all for now - Happy Friday Marauders!

-Your Utah Military Academy Staff