



## Utah Military Academy – Camp Williams Campus

Parent Newsletter 10 Dec 2021

UMA Family,

Happy Friday! We are quickly rolling through the second term with Winter Break right around the corner. With the new term we will be seeing some changes at the school. Changes are never easy, but they happen. First, we are sad to announce that Mr. Jeffrey Lycett is leaving us at the break for another position. We wish him well in his new endeavors. With his departure, we are looking for a certified teacher of CTE classes of all kinds. If interested and as soon as possible, please submit a resume and 3 current professional references to Mr. Beck, [dbeck@utahmilitaryacademy.org](mailto:dbeck@utahmilitaryacademy.org). His departure also means we will not have a wrestling coach. This combined with a very small number of registered cadets led us to cancel this year's wrestling program.

The second change is with our Academic Director position. Mr. Beck will be stepping back into his role as Superintendent/CAO in January. The leadership team of Lt. Col. Bunko as Commandant of Cadets and MSG Graham as Senior Military Advisor/Athletic Director will now include Mr. Jakob Ellinger as Principal/Academic Director. Every effort is being made to mitigate impact to cadets, faculty, and staff and make the transition as smooth as possible. We know Mr. Ellinger cares deeply about the development and education of the cadets at UMA and we appreciate your support as we all work together to keep making UMA better and stronger.

Items for this week:

1. Athletics: If you have a cadet who is playing winter sports, please ensure they have paid their fees and complete their register my athlete application, including PARENT SIGNATURE.

Come out and support UMA basketball! [Boys and Girls Basketball Schedules](#)

And don't forget you can purchase fan gear at <https://apparelnow.com/uma-marauder-gear-apparel> to wear at the game or Fridays for Spirit Day.

### 2. **UPCOMING SCHOOL CLOSURES:**

**- Winter Break 18 Dec – 2 Jan**

- Jan 14 PD Day

- Jan 17 Martin Luther King Day

3. If you didn't get the emails this week, **this afternoon's movie social, College and Career Night, and next week's band concert were all cancelled.** We will keep you posted on new dates for those events.

4. **High School Winter Ball will be Jan 8 from 7-11pm.** This is a semi-formal event and is WWII/1940s themed. Time period attire is encouraged, but not mandatory. We will have a hair/makeup tutorial Jan 6 for anyone who wants to attend and dance lessons leading up to the event (dates/times TBA).

5. You can now subscribe to the NFHS Network for **livestream UMA sporting events.** Part of the proceeds will also go to support the school. You can get more info and subscribe for a monthly pass or an annual membership here:

<http://www.nfhsnetwork.com/supportprogram/>

6. The **lottery is now open for enrollments for next school year!** If you know someone who would be a great fit at UMA please send them this link to apply:

<https://forms.gle/S9pmVWy1NAUVMSaNA>

7. The PIC will host a **Hot Chocolate fundraiser** Friday December 17th during lunch in the cafeteria. It will be \$1 for a cup of hot chocolate and a \$1 for toppings – cash only.

8. The SBO is holding their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual **Teddy Bear Drive 1-15 Dec!** Donate New or new condition used stuffed animals in the boxes located in Room 211 and labelled for Mrs Roberts, Ms Evers or CPT Tidwell. The one who gets the most teddy bear donations will be "slimed" at the Spirit Rally on Dec 16.

9. The Air Force Sergeants Association is proud to present a new scholarship, "Alexandria Lian Reed Academic Excellence Scholarship" for a **Graduating Senior in a JROTC Program** provided by Columbia Southern University. Scholarship Application Season is January 1 through March 31.

For more information, please visit <https://hqamf.org/scholarships> or contact Ms. Lisa Kibler at [lkibler@hqafsa.org](mailto:lkibler@hqafsa.org) or at 1-800-638-0594, ext. 230.

10. If you would like to join the **National Honor Society** please talk to Mrs. Wilson in room 109. The requirements to join are a 3.0 GPA or above, you must be a student leader, you must be service oriented and you must be in 10th-12th grade. We will have team time once a month on the first Thursday of each month.

11. Reminder, we will do a Credit Recovery session Saturday the 11th, from 10 am - 2 pm. Saturday School will also take place that day during that time. Saturday school is BY INVITATION. You will receive an email from Mr. Beck.

12. We need Senior Spotlight information and photos! Please send your senior photo, your leadership position in the cadet wing as applicable, and two or three sentences outlining your future plans (college/major/future job) to [tbunko@utahmilitaryacademy.org](mailto:tbunko@utahmilitaryacademy.org).

Last note – we had a spike in COVID cases this week, especially in Middle School, which led us to cancel several events. We plan to reschedule those after the break. If your cadet is showing symptoms, please keep him/her home, call a healthcare provider and have them tested – even if their symptoms are mild or they have been vaccinated. For testing locations, visit <https://coronavirus.utah.gov/testing-locations> and please refer to the Utah COVID manual for current guidelines on when your cadet should stay home and for how long: [https://coronavirus-download.utah.gov/School/COVID-19\\_School\\_Manual\\_FINAL.pdf](https://coronavirus-download.utah.gov/School/COVID-19_School_Manual_FINAL.pdf)

Thank you all!

-Your Utah Military Academy Staff