

Delaware Military Academy



Good Afternoon, Seahawk Nation,

We hope you all enjoyed the break and had the chance to unwind a bit. We are now back and the plan is to go full throttle for the next four weeks!

Here is your weekly report as we head into December:

❖ Just because Thanksgiving is over does not mean the eating stops! I thought about changing staff attire to sweat pants just for the inevitable expanding waist lines. Haha! Join us for pancakes and shopping with Santa, Sunday, December 10th. (See flier above.)

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- Congratulations to our very own *Jacqueline Means*. Jacqueline competed in the Miss New Castle County Pageant November 18th and won! She is now Miss New Castle County's Outstanding Teen. Jacqueline was also recognized last Sunday as a Youth Visionary by the NAACP for her work within the community for her STEM program. Jacqueline hosts Girls STEM Empowerment events for girls from the City of Wilmington to get them interested in the STEM fields. So far fifty plus girls from the City of Wilmington whose lives have been adversely impacted by poverty, have participated in the innovative, fun, and academically inspiring events. Jacqueline states she "loves science and is on a mission to encourage more girls to enter scientific and technological fields," which has traditionally been pursued by males. BRAVO ZULU Jaqueline on a job well done!
- ❖ Congratulations to *Megan DeGrotto*! Megan was selected as the winner of the First Annual Veteran's Day Essay Contest for this year's Sky Ball XV. This event was hosted by the Airpower Foundation and co-sponsored by Barclays and American Airlines. Megan's essay about Veterans Day was selected by a panel of Barclays employees, as well as Medal of Honor Recipient, Gary Littrell. Megan and her family attended the Sky Ball Gala in Dallas, TX during Veterans Day weekend, where she read her essay to 4,000 attendees, including Medal of Honor recipients, military members and their families. Quote from Barclays representative "You would be extremely proud of Megan! She represented DMA wonderfully! She was so poised and professional..."
- ❖ Congratulations to our Shining Seahawks for the month of November! They are: Freshman Cadet *Thomas McAdoo* nominated by Mrs. Rosaio, Sophomore Cadet *Jacqueline Means* nominated by Senior Chief Williams, Junior Cadet *Gavin Lewis* nominated by Chief Craig, and Senior Cadet *Ali Novotny* nominated by Mrs. Urquhart. Check out the Shining Seahawks page on the DMA website for more information!
- ❖ The next Senior Workshop will be held on Monday, December 4th at 6:30pm on the drill deck. The topic of the workshop is scholarships; there are scholarships out there for every type of student. We encourage all seniors and their parents to attend but it is open to all grade level. No pre-registration is required.
- ❖ Class rings for the class of 2019 will be on sale on Wednesday, November 29th during lunch. Order forms will be coming home with junior's tomorrow. If you have any questions, please contact our Balfour Rep, Kevin Neary, at 856-786-1110 or via email at balfournj@comcast.net.

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- ❖ The weekend before Thanksgiving our DMA Music Department traveled to Disney with 43 Music Students! They participated in the "Disney Festival of Fantasy" Pre-Parade with two other high school bands with a march through the Magic Kingdom. It was an awesome performance and unforgettable experience for those cadets and we congratulate them on representing DMA with such a prestigious opportunity! Way to go DMA Band and Choir!
- Sports Report: Congratulations to the fall sports teams. DMA definitely made a mark across all of our fall programs. Let's hope winter teams do the same.
 - ➤ The Football Team and Cheerleaders completed their season with a loss to Delmar in the first round of the State Tourney. The team finished with a 9-2 record and won the inaugural DSAC Football Championship. Congratulations on a great season!
 - ➤ Winter Sports are well on their way with tryouts, practices and scrimmages taking place. Live game action gets started the first week of December.
 - ➤ Winter Cheer Interest Meeting will be held at 5pm Tuesday, November 28th on the Mezzanine. Come find out how we will have fun cheering on our Seahawks in our new Dome this Basketball Season!

Have a great week, and please feel free to reach out if there is anything we can do in support of your cadet.

Kind regards,

Anthony Pullella

Commandant

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