



# Delaware Military Academy

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Good Morning, Seahawk Nation,

You have 20 shopping days left! Lol... I fully expect to see many of you out on day 20 with me ☺.

Never, will anyone be able to say that working with teens does not keep you on your toes! I am sure some of you heard about the situation last week regarding social media and some of our cadets' involvement. While DMA will always address any situation brought to our attention, this particular situation was more of a parent/child discussion on the appropriateness of what they are doing or sharing via social media. However, once brought to our attention it had to be addressed.

We (along with you) continually discuss, bring in guest speakers and educate the cadets on the potential dangers social media can present. Please remind your cadet that once you post anything, it is out there and can't be taken back. While I am sure they are all aware of this, it still happens, and because it does, DMA looks for ways to be creative and try something different to subdue its prevalence. We are asking for a volunteer group of cadets to conduct a study. The study will ask these volunteer cadets to go one full week without the use of social media. They can only use their phone to receive and make phone calls. Following the week, we will meet with the cadets and have them share their stories, findings, and feelings with the student body as to how their week went.

Hopefully, it will catch on, and our kids will realize that they don't need their phones as much as they think they do. It is a pie-in-the-sky idea, but nothing ventured, nothing gained. We will keep you posted on the outcome.

Here is your report for the week:

- The NJROTC Poinsettia fundraiser went very well this year. If you ordered flowers they can be picked up on Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> from 3:30pm to 7:00pm in the mess hall.
- The Dining In was held last Thursday evening with 229 cadets in attendance. Our guest speaker was Lieutenant Anthony Peters (class of 2006) who is now working as an aerospace engineer in Washington D.C. His message to the cadets was be *"the"* guy or gal who people can't do without. Learn all you can about whatever, whenever possible and ask questions! We are very proud of Anthony and all of his accomplishments thus far in his young career. However, make no mistake about it, the highlight of the evening was watching Gunner on his face doing pushups for a uniform infraction that the cadets called him out on...classic!

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- A group of our cadets will participate (as they do every year) in a Pearl Harbor ceremony this Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup> in the city of Newport. We will have the Color Guard, Buglers and the chorus perform. The ceremony will begin at 11:30am at the flagpole in the center of Newport. If free, please join us.
- We are introducing a BRAND NEW DMA ITEM at the Crimson Pallet Party on December 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 9:30 pm in the Mess Hall. Check out the link below and be part of the fun, and help our travelling cadets get to Europe this summer. Come create your own DMA pallet. You must sign up by December 11<sup>th</sup> at the following link: <https://crimsonpallets.com/event/dma-crimson-pallets-fundraiser/>.
- Sports Report:
  - Winter Sports registration through Family ID is still OPEN. [www.FamilyID.com](http://www.FamilyID.com)
  - Breakfast with Santa will be this Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 11:30am in the DMA Mess Hall. Come have some fun, purchase your new DMA spirit wear, and try to win one of the awesome prize baskets that we are raffling off. There will be a raffle baskets sneak peek on December 8<sup>th</sup> during both lunches! Cadets will be able to buy tickets early for \$1.00 per ticket or \$5.00 for six tickets. Tickets for the breakfast will also be on sale for \$6.00.
  - Our winter sports action gets started this week with the following events:
    - Tuesday – Swimming at Charter vs. Caravel and Girls Basketball at Delcastle.
    - Wednesday – Wrestling at home vs. Middletown.
    - Friday and Saturday – Wrestling at the Newark Invitational; Boys Basketball at home vs. Red Lion in the DSAC Tip-Off Classic.
    - Indoor Track goes to Ursinus College for their Invitational. Good luck to all teams!
  - A reminder to fans: Please act in a sportsmanlike manner at all games and refrain from negative remarks of any kind. Negative remarks help no one and embarrass not only you, but your child as well!

We hope you have a great week, and look forward to a solid few weeks leading up to the holiday break.

Kind regards,

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