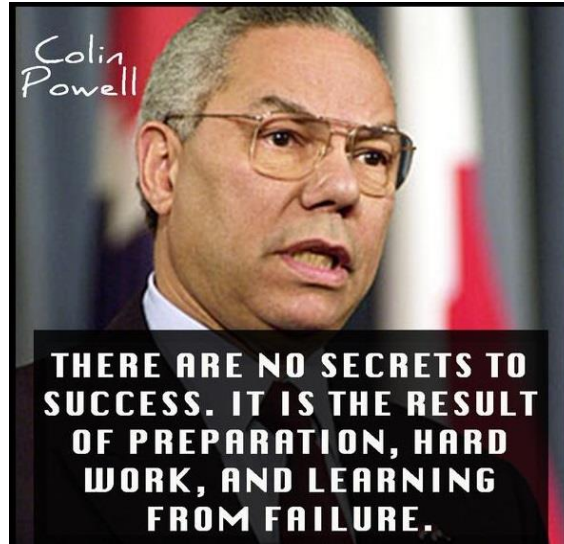




Delaware Military Academy



February 26, 2018

Good morning, Seahawk Nation,

Time to say goodbye to February and hello to March! Hopefully, it will bring some warm weather, because bus duty is so much better when you can actually feel your fingertips☺. We are all gearing up for the Annual Inspection, and by the looks of things we will be more than ready to once again earn a Distinguished Unit with Honors. Of course, this rating does not come easy, but anything worthwhile comes with a challenge, and DMA thrives in that arena.

Here is what is happening this week:

- ❖ All of us are deeply concerned, saddened and angry about yet another blatant disregard for human life as we learn more about the attacks on Parkland High School in Broward County, Florida that killed seventeen and wounded fifteen more. We have met with our cadets and talked to them about the importance of bringing anything that does not look or feel right to our attention immediately. We have told them that safety and security is everyone's responsibility, and to be sure, we are using appropriate entrances and exits. However, at the end of the day all of the security measures we put in place do little to no good should (God forbid) anyone come here with bad intentions. We will be asking you to take part in a short survey regarding what you feel is the most appropriate way to ensure our children's safety. As a parent, I have my own opinion, but am interested in knowing where we stand as a whole. It is sad that something like this even has to be addressed, but unfortunately, this is the society we live in. We look forward to your feedback.

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- ❖ You are all invited to join us for the “Pass in Review” on Friday March 16th as we showcase the Regiment for our Annual Inspection. Much like our 9/11 ceremony, if you have never been out to see one, please do. Our cadets present extremely well, and it is most impressive to see these young men and women stand together as one.

- ❖ Sports Report:
 - Spring Sports begin March 1st and registration is now open at www.FamilyID.com. Physicals and payments must be uploaded, along with your registration, prior to being approved to participate. No hard copies will be accepted.
 - The Ice Hockey team starts their playoff run tonight at 7:40pm at The Pond. Good luck on your quest for another Conference Championship.
 - The DMA swimmers who qualified for the State Individual Championships participated over the weekend. The athletes swam very well, and represented DMA in honorable fashion. Congrats on a great year!
 - The DMA Wrestling qualifiers participated in the State Individual Championships over the weekend. The team did exceptionally well as we had two 4th place finishers and one STATE CHAMPION! Congratulations to senior cadet **Hunter Balback** who won the 285lb State Championship. He is only the second wrestler in DMA history to achieve this honor. Way to go Hunter!

We hope you have a great week, and continue to instill Pride and Ownership in your DMA cadet!

Kind regards,

Anthony Pullella

Commandant

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