

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM YOUR FAVORITE MILITARY FAMILY

THE MARSHALLS

2025: OUR OFFICIAL CAMO CHRISTMAS



Rian has been dreaming of a camouflage Christmas card for our family for years, and now is the perfect opportunity. This will be our final newsletter as an active-duty military family, so let's make it memorable – think of a style that evokes being lost in the woods, desert, or mountains.

We now have a household full of teenagers to keep up with, and there's never a dull moment filled with events, drama, laughter, tears, and all that life brings. With Preston and Jade's busy schedules, we have become the ultimate Uber drivers until we can add another driver to our lineup next year. (Hurry up and turn 16, Preston!)

We recently enjoyed a vacation with family friends in Mexico and California, indulging in a week of relaxation on a cruise. It was quite an adventure watching the teens forge new friendships and gain confidence as they explored independently, without parents by their side. As the kids grow more independent day by day, we feel both proud and nostalgic.

Christmas truly is a magical time of year. We cherish the opportunity to stay connected with all of you. Thank you for your love and for being an integral part of our holiday tradition. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas!

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JENALEE

- **Guest Speaker at BYU-Idaho:** She spoke for two days to Art and Design students about her journey as a graphic designer and business owner. The 80-minute speech is available at www.JenaleeDesign.com
- **A Coach???:** She coached for a private High School Boy's Tennis team and discovered her "tough love" mentality in parenting translates well to the court. This led to coaching Jade's volleyball team during the winter season.
- **Hair Glitter Revelation:** Jen embraced some "hair glitter" this year. Her few silver hairs sparkle in the sunlight, just like her effervescent personality.
- **Work-Life-Spiritual Balance:** On Sundays you'll find her teaching 12 & 13 year olds about Jesus Christ. Weekdays Jen is helping clients solve visual problems as a top-rated designer. Evenings are packed with homemade dinners and sports practices...along with Saturdays too!

JADE

- **Junior High Butterfly:** Is it any wonder our girl is living her best life in Junior High? She is a straight A student in advanced English and Math classes. Jade was on the top Volleyball team in her school and played Middle Blocker. Her superpower is her killer serves, generating up to 8 aces in a row.
- **Beautiful:** This girl has no clue that she's a beauty. And it makes her even more lovable. Jade has an eye for fashion and design and borrows Jen's clothes which drives her mom crazy. But isn't "imitation the sincerest form of flattery?" So sharing is caring Mom. :)
- **Athletic Powerhouse:** Jade is on a competitive soccer club team for the 3rd year in a row. She is a powerful defense and can kick the ball goal to goal!

PRESTON

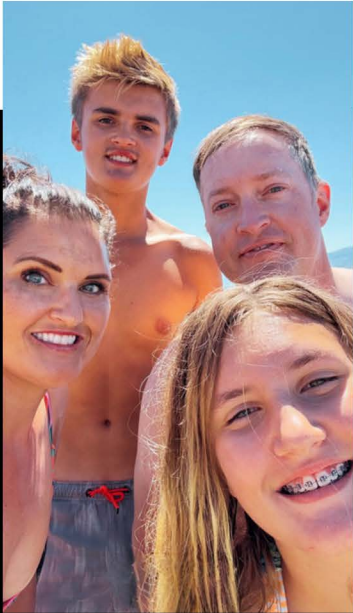
Tennis Star: Preston battled to make it on the Varsity Tennis team in 2025. As a strong competitor, he won most of his games and the team took 1st place in Region 4A. He was also blessed to receive a tennis scholarship to Liberty Hills where he played 10 hours a week for 7 weeks in an advanced summer course.

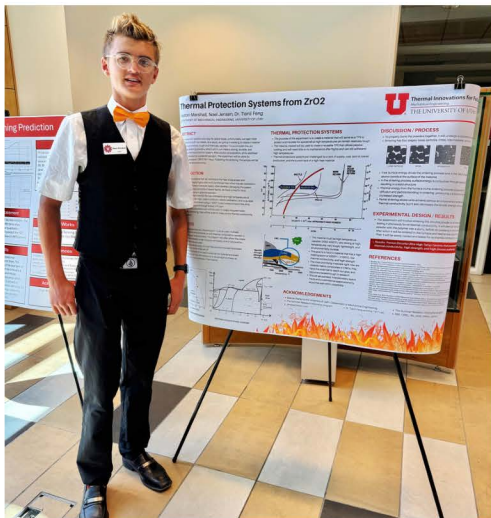
Physics Whiz: This kid loves all things STEM. Preston was selected for an internship at the U of U Engineering Dept. His project: Mechanical Engineering and Thermal Science. He is currently in AP Physics and AP Calculus BC. Preston is a 4.0 student and for fun studies advanced theories of physics and calculus by solving equations on a 3' whiteboard in his bedroom. Not joking...

Spiritual Rock Star: He has opted to take early morning seminary and is able to connect with all kinds of people. He feels confident in his testimony and shares it.

RIAN

- **Goodbye Military:** It's been over 23 years in the Air Force and Rian is officially retiring May 2026. This is a bitter sweet experience for him. He loved working in Security Forces and made a difference for his Airmen, our community, and our country.
- **Hello Therapy:** Rian has been in a Master's degree program to be a Clinical Mental Health Counselor. He will graduate a year after leaving the military and help people through trauma bonding (aka counseling).
- **Official Uber Driver:** He is the perfect taxi to get the kids to appointments and practices as he listens to clinical case studies. No tip needed.





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