

USM CLTT hosts information session

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An information session presented April 18 at Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center gave Soldiers who attended insight into the career training opportunities offered through The University of Southern Mississippi's Center for Logistics, Trade and Transportation (CLTT).

The CLTT provides a competitive advantage to logistics and supply chain industries and government agencies through its multidisciplinary activities in logistics, trade and transportation, including its online Master of Science in Logistics, Trade and Transportation (MSLTT), graduate certificates in economic development and logistics, applied research activities and networking events.

The MSLTT is an interdisciplinary program comprised of 30 credit hours and can be completed in one year. Its coursework, offered in a flexible hybrid format that includes online and in-person learning experiences, provides its graduates with the tools and critical understanding of supply chain management, economics, finances and the practice of contemporary global air, maritime and land transportation systems.

CLTT Director Dr. Tulio Sulbaran said he was pleased with the response

from Soldiers interested in the program at the information session, and hopes more will take advantage of the program's opportunities that allow them to advance their education while carrying out their military duties.

"We've worked with Camp Shelby personnel for the last several months and the interest in our MSLT has been tremendous," said Sulbaran. "In fact, there are even Soldiers from different parts of the state that drove a couple of hours to participate in this information session, and the number of officers registered for the event surpassed the capacity of the original location."

Sulbaran was joined by Southern Miss Associate Provost Dr. William Powell, who discussed the relevance of the applied program to the Soldiers' current duties as they related to logistics and transportation, its pertinence for careers outside the military and its flexibility in course delivery.

"The possibilities within the MSLTT program for personnel at Camp Shelby serve as another example of the university's cooperative outreach to individuals serving in the military," Powell said.

Maj. Craig Sumrall, who serves as mobilization officer for Camp Shelby, is completing requirements for the MSLTT this semester and will graduate in May 10. Like Junkins, he believes it is a good fit military person-



U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Michael Williams, CSJFTC Public Affairs Southern Miss Associate Provost Dr. William Powell discusses the advantages of the Master of Science in Logistics, Trade and Transportation offered at the university through its Center of Logistics, Trade and Transportation April 18 at Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center.

nel already working in logistics who are looking for a graduate program to help them advance in that field as civilians. He also sees the potential for new logistics and transportation jobs becoming available with the expansion of the Port of Gulfport.

"The CLTT offers great

educational opportunities, not only with the masters' degree but also its economic development and logistics certificates," Sumrall said. "I started the master's program last June. The online and executive session formats are perfect for working professionals, and the instructors are very helpful."



U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Kenny Hatten, CSJFTC Public Affairs Medical Task Force Shelby Lab NCO Sgt. Mai Thao watches as her grocery purchases are checked out at the AAFES Case lot Sale at CSJFTC.

Case Lot sale brings savings to customers

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Military members, retirees and dependents took advantage of savings at Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center Case Lot Sale April 25-26.

The Guard/Reserve On-site Sales Program provides the commissary benefit to eligible Guard/Reserve members and their Families that live in areas that are not close to an existing commissary store.

The Defense Commissary Agency (DECA) holds periodic case lot sale events, offering customers bulk quantities of their favorite products at increased savings, such as canned goods, beverages, cleaning or laundry products, meat

and produce.

"We are conducting a sale for the troops up here at Camp Shelby that normally don't have access to a commissary," said Walter Taylor, DECA store director in Gulfport. "This gives them the opportunity to not only see the savings and get some good deals but brings the benefit to them. This lets them use their benefits that they normally don't use."

DECA operates a worldwide chain of commissaries providing groceries to military personnel, retirees and their Families in a safe and secure shopping environment, according to its website. Active and Reserve Component Soldiers and their Families save an average of more than 30 percent on their purchases compared to commercial prices, saving that amount to thousands of dollars an-

nually when shopping regularly as a commissary.

"Shopping here at the case lot sale benefit Soldiers because DECA overall saves the military member over 30 percent on their groceries; more on their meat and produce," said Taylor. "When they normally don't get to use a facility, this gives them the opportunity to reap those 30 percent plus savings."

As the case lot sale came to a close, Taylor predicated that nearly 2,000 customers had came to the sale to take advantage of the savings and he feels that it was a huge success.

"This has been a real delight and very successful," said Taylor. "Everybody received us well and we received good support. It's real nice to see the patrons and how they appreciate what we do."

PERSONNEL PROFILE OFFICER

Budget analyst Bryce Wade recently promoted

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First Lt. Bryce A. Wade serves as a budget analyst in the Directorate of Resource Management at Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center.

He was promoted during a ceremony at CSJFTC in February. Wade previously worked as the financial management officer in the Finance Office in 2012. Prior to that, he served as a financial management technician before receiving his commission in August 2011.

The Saucier native said his Family carries a tradition of military service.

"I was brought up with a strong love of country and respect for those who have sacrificed so much for liberty and freedom," said Wade. "I feel a debt of gratitude to those who have gone this way before me. This is the greatest land on Earth. I love it, and am blessed to have been born here."

He has many academic degrees to his credit. He earned his associate degree

in drafting and design from Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College in May 2005, his bachelor's degree from the University of Southern Mississippi in finance and banking administration in May 2008, and his master's degree in business administration from William Carey University in August 2012.

Wade is married to Jalyndra Calderwood Wade, a kindergarten teacher at West Wortham Elementary School. They have one son, Tayt Jefferson.

He enjoys hiking, biking and partaking in outdoor activities with his wife. He is a member of the Gulf Coast Running Club and the Gulf Coast Bicycle Club. His favorite hobby is studying U.S. History from the founding period through the early 1900s.

Wade belongs to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints where he is a men's group leader in the Gulfport congregation.

"I love being able to serve by giving of my time and talents to serve the Lord," he said.



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