Greetings from the Golden Eagle Battalion! The Cadets performed our summer operations in an excellent manner – leaving us poised for an exciting 2012-13 school year.

Our summer is always highlighted by the commissioning ceremonies. In May and August, we commissioned the very best our University has to offer with eight Second Lieutenants joining the Officer Corps.

- 2LT Biedenharn, Transportation Corps
- 2LT McArn, Ordnance Corps
- 2LT Motley, Transportation Corps
- 2LT Daniel Roy, Ordnance Corps
- 2LT Ruffin, Adjutant General Corps
- 2LT Scott, Signal Corps
- 2LT Rajnic, Armor
- 2LT Yaeger, Unassigned

We look forward to the fall semester with almost 100 Cadets enrolled across the four Cadet levels. Our fall training calendar is busy with a Combined Field Training Exercise with Alcorn State University, Joint Field Training Exercise with six other schools, football games at the Rock, and Military Appreciation/Alumni weekend (Purple Heart 5K, tours of ROTC building, and watch the UTEP game from the Terrace).

I stand honored to serve in my second year as the Professor of Military Science for the University of Southern Mississippi program. Let’s maintain the high standards of excellence and uphold the traditions of the Golden Eagles!

**Eagle Strike! SMTTT! Army Strong!**

LTC Worley and CPT Velez, Gannon University, led 13 Cadets (from across Cadet Command) to Thailand from three weeks. Cross Cultural Solutions (CCS), a non-governmental organization, hosted the team and placed them in seven schools to assist in English instruction. Additionally, the group learned about many aspects of the Thai culture – visiting Buddhist temples, museums, and military facilities. While the group spent most of their trip in Bangkok, they also traveled to Chiang Mai (rode elephants and hiked to waterfalls) and Hua Hin (enjoyed the beach and played with monkeys). This trip provided a great opportunity to learn

**“Soldiers do what they are told to do. It’s leadership that’s the key. Young men and women join the Army; if they’re with competent, confident, capable leaders, they turn into good soldiers.”**

-Sergeant Major of the Army Robert E. Hall
“Leadership is intangible, and therefore no weapon ever designed can replace it”
-Omar N. Bradley

Welcome and Welcome back to the Golden Eagle Battalion. I would like to start off with how proud I am of our Cadets that went to LDAC and LTC this summer. They set the standard for the Golden Eagle Battalion and I expect our MS IIIs not only to meet the same standard but to exceed those standards with their results at LDAC 2013. We also had great results with our cadets that attended summer schools, Air Borne, Air Assault, CULP, and CTLT.

This will be another tough year, we are continuing to improve our Battle Positions. Still want to stress the importance of STUDENT FIRST, you need the best GPA that you can get and a High APFT Score so you can make your own decisions in the Army and not let the Army make those decisions for you. Use your Cadet Chain of Command, they are here to help you. Continue to do the right thing when no one is looking and live the Army Values.

I would also like to introduce a new member of our team, Danielle Ramos is our new Admin Secretary she will be a great addition to our team, make sure you stop by her office and introduce yourself to her. Remember my door is always open for any issues or advice you may need help with.

Welcome to all of my new MS IIIs. Welcome back for those MS Is and select MS IIIs that are returning. I hope you had a great summer and are ready to hit the ground running this new school year. I look forward to getting to know you all.

I will be your primary instructor this semester for MSL 201. Over this summer following my first semester at USM, I had the opportunity to go to the Leader’s Training Course (LTC) at Ft. Knox, KY and serve as platoon cadre for one of the cycled companies. I had the pleasure of working with five outstanding drill sergeants and four newly commissioned lieutenants as we worked hard to instill a high level of discipline and to teach the basic principles of the Army and leadership over the course of one month in order to prepare those 35 cadets to enter ROTC as MS IIIs at their respective universities from all over the country and U.S. Territories. The significance of that is you may get several months or a couple years to lay a foundation where as they only get a month. This experience reinforces my belief in doing the little things and enforcing standards. I am reminded of how crucial the basics are and to not take time for granted. Be prepared to quickly master the little things so that we can cover the larger aspects over the course of the semester.

Remember that your academic and physical performances are important whether you choose to pursue an Army career, a civilian career, or both. Your grades and Army Physical Fitness Test (APFT) scores will be heavily focused on as I assess your abilities and provide input for contracting you. Leaders lead from the front. We must be physically fit and have the ability to critically and creatively think in an often, very demanding operational environment. Come in focused and ready to rock!

Also, look ahead and start thinking about additional schools like Airborne or Air Assault to attend. This year alone will be the most opportune time for you to attend these courses. Slots are limited, and only the most physically/mentally fit cadets will be considered.

Always remember that first impressions are the most important, communication and safety are paramount, and attitude is contagious. Embody the Warrior Ethos, live the Army Values, and do your very best in all that you do. Be proud to be a part of the Golden Eagle legacy. Go hard or go home....SOUTHERN MISS TO THE TOP!!
First, congratulations to all of our Cadets returning from Warrior Forge 2012. As a group you performed exceptionally well. Use the MS IVs. They have the most up to date experience and knowledge of the Leadership Development and Assessment Course (LDAC).

Incoming MS III's, welcome to the most critical year of your Cadet career. This is the year that you will determine the majority of your order of merit score for advancements. Your academic, physical, and leadership performance this year will determine your component of service, your branch, your initial duty station, and what you do during your career as an Army officer. This year you will make the transition from leading yourself to leading others. We expect you to have internalized the Army Values and Soldier’s Creed. You should be able to get yourself where you are supposed to be, when you’re supposed to be there, prepared to execute. You cannot lead others if you are not capable of leading yourself. This year you will lead others - during garrison operations, labs, PT, FTXs, academics, mentorship... The final leadership characteristic on the Leadership Assessment Report is Gets Results! This is what a leader does. You will all be given the opportunity to lead, but the outcome is determined by you.

You will not be judged on your efforts, but on your results. You all should now be contracted. If you are not contracted, find out what you have left to do, and get it done! Your future is your responsibility.

If you are contracted, commit to the program. Commitment is liberating! Be eager to learn and take responsibility. Make the decision now to be fully committed to the program and you won’t make the wrong decision during dollar draft night at Ropers. Remember that you have taken an oath and are collecting a pay check. Your job is academics and ROTC. Do your job. Do it every day and all the time. Living the Army Values and Soldier’s Creed is full time. You are not paid by the hour. Earn your pay!

Conduct an honest self assessment. Determine your weaknesses and develop a plan to fix those areas. Determine your strengths and figure out how to leverage them to your best advantage.

Develop a team mentality. The Army wins as a team and you will win as a team. Winners hang out with winners. If you hang out with losers, you will soon become one. Get in the habit of winning. Watch out for each other all of the time.

Enjoy what you do. Develop and maintain a sense of humor. Get to know your fellow Cadets and build the foundation for lifetime friendships. This will get you through the hard parts of life.

Don’t focus on meeting the minimum standard – 2.0 GPA, 180 APFT, satisfactory leadership evaluations. Give 100%, go for the max, do your best all the time. Don’t just squeak by, EXCEL.

Your year will culminate with the Leadership Development and Assessment Course. If you fail your initial APFT or any of the land navigation tests (day, night, or written, exam) the best you can earn on your efficiency report is “satisfactory.” If you fail any of these tests twice, the best you can achieve at camp is “needs improvement.” If you are given camp credit, you will have just destroyed your OML score. If you max your APFT and land navigation tests, you will be on your way to earning a rating of “excellent” and possibly “platoon top 5” and “RECONDO.”

Make the most of every training opportunity you have. SFC Barberet and I will give you every resource in our control to allow you to be successful. As Napoleon told his marshals, “you can ask me for anything, except more time.”

We look forward to training with you.

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MR Mitchell at WARRIOR FORGE 2012.

This summer I worked with the New Leader Orientation and Community Leader and Educator visits at Warrior Forge. Our mission was to plan and execute the Warrior Forge New Leader Orientation Visit (4-9 Jul 12) and the Community Leader and Educator Visit (15-19 Jul 12) to familiarize leaders with the process, means, and methods used to develop and evaluate United States Army Cadet Command Cadets in the pre-commissioning program. New Leaders were exposed to all of the evaluated events at Warrior Forge and also attended the TAC Staff School to be certified in the Leadership Development Program. Community Leaders and Educators not only observed events at Warrior Forge, but were encouraged to actively participate in the Leader Reaction Course, obstacle course, slide for life, weapons live fire, and rappelling. They were also familiarized with Soldier and Family support services at Joint Base Lewis-McCord and attended a banquet with the United States Army Cadet Command Commander, Major General Jeffrey A. Smith. As a result, 58 Professors of Military Science and Senior Military Science Instructors and 143 Community Leaders and Educators learned how we train, develop, and assess the leadership potential of future Army officers.
ROO CORNER

WOW, the start of another semester at the Golden Eagle Battalion!! Where did the summer go? Most of you were very busy this summer. Congratulations to those who commissioned in either May or August and those who attended LDAC, LTC, Airborne Training, Air Assault Training, CULP, CTLT, and NSTP. We are definitely an organization of acronyms. If you are new to the program and don’t know what this means, come see me – we have a lot to talk about!!

The USM Army ROTC program has gotten stronger each year. The Cadets’ scores at LDAC and LTC prove that we continue to march in the right direction. We maintain the tradition of excellence in our program with our new Cadets – the Freshmen and Transfer students coming into our program this semester. We will continue to grow with YOUR help. The Cadets and graduates of the Golden Eagle Battalion remain our best recruiters. You know the right people we seek. Talk to them in class. Get them to the right Cadre, so we can discuss their future in the Golden Eagle Battalion. Let’s make our program the best in 6th Brigade – TOGETHER!

We also appreciate the help we get from our alumni. The love for USM and the Golden Eagle Battalion is evident in the support from the graduates. Please come see us when you can.

All right, Cadets! Down to business. By now, you all know the Army is downsizing. We’ve talked about it for an entire semester. Budgets are being cut and slots are becoming hard to get. The bar is being raised for contracting standards. What does this mean for you? It means you need better GPA’s and higher APFT scores. It means you need to bust your butt every day you are at USM. Put your nose in the books and work out – it is as simple as that! Don’t sweat the minimums. Do your absolute best at all times. That is what we ask of our leaders in the United States Army.

We still have scholarships available. Freshmen who are eligible can compete this semester for (2) four year and (3) three year scholarships that will be awarded later in the semester. Sophomores and Juniors may compete for GRFD scholarships. Talk to me if you are interested.

Time is flying by, and this semester will be over before you know it. Study hard, exceed the standard, and lead by example. Let’s get started!

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Come see MAJ Brian McIntyre about contracting and scholarships... don’t just chase the money, make it a reality for you!

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I am handling MS IIIs, MS IVs, MS Vs, completion Cadets. I also take care of scholarships and stipend pay, commissioning and accessions. T. Quiroga

I am handling prospects, MS Is and MS IIs. I will process your Basic Course Enrollment packets. If you are a SMP Cadet and you have a current MEPS Physical, within 2yrs please provide a copy of the physical to our office. If you have an AKO email, please provide your email address. I also process Summer Camps, The Leader’s Training Course (LTC), Leader’s Development Assessment Course (LDAC), Airborne, Air Assault, Nursing Summer Training Program, CTLT and CULP Packets, I process campus base scholarship applications (2/3/4 yr), -J. Mosley

If you have not turned in a new 104R, you need to do so by September 15th. Start with fall 2012 and continue from there. List all the classes that you are required to take in order to graduate. Don’t forget to have the advisor sign Block 12 on page 2. If you brought a new 104R in April or May, then you do not need another one unless you’ve changed your major. If you have any changes or problems see your HRA. Be sure to activate your USM email address account.

Teresa Q.

Jennifer M.

Dani R.

With the start of the new semester brings reminders and changes, one thing that has not changed is the way we handle Workers Comp. If you are new to the program, or have forgotten, here is the process again to make sure it is done correctly. If you get hurt while training with ROTC:

1. Notify a Cadre member or your Cadet COC AT ONCE!!
2. Come see me (Ms. Dani) and let me make a report.
3. If you (and your instructor) think you need to see a doctor I will do all the paperwork for you.
4. It is NOT guaranteed that workers comp will pay your claim, you must come back after you see the doctor to see me and submit more paperwork.
5. About two weeks after you have finished your paperwork the final step is for YOU to call and get an approved claim number.

**SKIPPING any of the above steps can get your bill turned over to your have to PAY YOURSELF!!!!**

As always, there are exceptions and things happen, but if you just know the basics of how it works, and keep yourself SAFE, things should go well this fall!!
Over the last three summers I have had the privilege to witness the efforts of USM’s ROTC cadets during their summer training. We all understand implicitly that the men and women in uniform put in many long hours and push the bounds of their physical and mental capacities, but it is quite another thing to see – and to participate in – those efforts.

This past July I traveled to Ft. Knox, KY to witness the efforts of students who are considering joining a ROTC program in their junior year. Four weeks of training and learning to work in concert with others at the Leadership Training Course certainly provides ample opportunity to see if a military career is something one might want to pursue.

The highlight of the trip for me was the visit to the stream crossing training area. It began with a small-unit demonstration – complete with flash bangs and rock music. Together, the unit worked to erect a one-rope bridge and to get the entire team across. We then learned how to build a Swiss seat from two ropes and knots in just the right places. As I waited my turn on the one-rope bridge, I had the unexpected opportunity to help put up a second one. Heaving and pulling the rope taut along with the cadets gave me but a small sense of being a part of a team effort. Crossing the stream – inverted and held only by a D-ring at the waist – is an experience I will never forget.

What our Cadets did for the summer!!

Cadet Hodge attended CTLT at Ft. Bragg NC with A co 7th Military Information Support Battalion, 4th group US Army Special Operations Command (USASOC)

Cadet Nord attended CTLT Camp Carrol, Waegwan, Korea with Echo Company, 2nd Battalion, 1st Brigade Air Defense Artillery.

Cadet Miceli attended CTLT at Schweinfurt US Army Germany with 15th Engineer Battalion, 500th Horizontal Engineer Company, 2nd Platoon.

Cadet Kilgore attended CTLT at Fort Benning, GA with B/1-16 Calvary Regiment.

Air Borne & Air Assault Graduates

| Tre Adams | Steven Walton
| Anthony Delgaicco |
| Paul Collier |
| Dustn Dubose |
| Thomas D’angelo |

Scholarship Offers-

Evan Joffrion has been offered a 4-year scholarship for Army ROTC!

Emily Young, Christin Peters & Craig Smith have been offered 3-year Scholarships for Army ROTC
Look who made 2LT!!

2LT Robert Clarence Biedenharn is branched transportation, with reserved duty in the Army Reserves. He will be assigned to the 1181 D&D support battalion, Meridian, MS.

2LT Clyde Alton Mcarn is branched ordnance with reserve duty in the Mississippi Army National Guard. He will be assigned to the 184th Expeditionary Sustainment Command, Laurel MS.

2LT Jerry Louis Motley Jr. is branched Transportations Corps in the Army Reserves. He will be assigned to 647th Transportation Company, Laurel MS.

2LT Daniel Philip Roy is branched Ordnance Corps an active duty. He will be assigned to the 59th Ordnance Brigade at Eglin AFB, FL.

2LT Lorenza Wildell Ruffin, JR. is branched Military Intelligence Corps with reserve duty in the Army Reserves. He will be assigned to HHD, 321st Military Intelligence Battalion, Austin, TX.

2LT Rodric Jerel Scott is branched signal corps in the Army Reserves. He will be assigned to the 404th Signal Company, Fort DIX, NJ.

2LT Thomas John Rajnic is branched armor duty in the Mississippi Army National Guard. He is assigned to D company, 1-115th Combined Arms Battalion, Kiln, MS.

2LT Yager was commissioned at LDAC in Washington. His assignment will be determined by his board September.

Congratulations!
SAVE THE DATE!!!
Military Appreciation Game &
Purple Heart 5K
November 17, 2012

USM will be hosting UTEP @ 7:00pm in the 2012 Military Appreciation game. We have reserved a Terrace in the south end zone for our Alumni to enjoy the game. Food and drinks will be served during the game. Cost for Alumni and guests is $20 per person. To reserve your spot in the Terrace, payments must be submitted ahead of time to the Army ROTC department, See Ms. Dani Ramos. There will be a pre-game reception held at George Hurst building before the game. Time and location details will be sent out with the flyer. Come out and support Southern Miss as they give their appreciation to the men and women who have served our country.

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