Greetings from the Golden Eagle Battalion! I am the new Professor of Military Science, LTC Joseph Worley. Alumni, please call me Bo! USM ROTC staff and I started our transition in March when I visited for a week. But the change started in earnest in June when I got my feet on the ground. It has been a great summer and the Cadre, Staff, Cadets, and University officials have welcomed me tremendously. I appreciate the hard work and dedication given by LTC Joe Power.

I have endured and benefitted from several Cadet Command and Brigade training events this summer. I traveled to Fort Knox (2x), Fort Lewis, Fort Rucker, and Hunter Army Airfield trying to get spun up on the Cadet Command policies and even some techniques, tactics and procedures.

The Golden Eagles executed a great summer of Cadet training! 14 Cadets graduated from the Leadership Development and Assessment Course (LDAC). For our Alumni, this Course was formerly called Advanced Camp. One Cadet excelled at the Leader Training Course (LTC), formerly called Basic Camp. Five Cadets graduated from Airborne School, one Cadet from Air Assault School and one Cadet traveled to the Philippines as part of the Cultural and Language Program (CULP).

On 5 August, the best event of the summer occurred as we commissioned our newest members into the Officer Corps:

- 2LT Jedidah Flynt, Army Reserve, Military Police Corps
- 2LT Andrew Maitner, Active Duty, Field Artillery
- 2LT Erin Rapp, Mississippi Army National Guard, Medical Service Corps

We are looking forward to the fall semester with almost 100 Cadets currently enrolled in the program. We kicked off the semester with our Contracting Ceremony (see ROO’s notes for details) and welcome back sandwich dinner. We will continue this fall’s training with the Brigade Ranger Challenge Competition in October, the Fall FTX and Military Appreciation Day in November and Commissioning in December.

Military Appreciation/Alumni Weekend. On 12 November, the USM Golden Eagles play the University of Central Florida. The Athletic Department continues to receive donations to support the activities to include tickets and a BBQ for all former and current military members. The schedule of activities is tentative and I will send out updates as they are available, but here is a list of events in the works – annual football game against AFROTC, Purple Heart 5K race, and tours of the ROTC building.

I am honored to serve as the Professor of Military Science for the University of Southern Mississippi program. I look forward to maintaining the high standards of excellence and upholding the traditions of the Golden Eagles while leading the program into the future!
NCOIC – MSG Hall

Welcome back to the Golden Eagle Battalion. I would like to take the chance to welcome your new PMS LTC Worley and his family to the Battalion they will be a great addition to our team. Please take the time to introduce yourself to him here in the first few weeks of school, remember first impressions are lasting impressions. Also would like to Welcome back LTC (R) Mitchell, a former Golden Eagle PMS now the Battalion S3 and MS III instructor and say our goodbyes to MAJ (R) Gaudet.

This will be another tough year, we are continuing to improve our Battle Positions, you will notice some changes to the program that you should have no trouble conforming to. 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.

Congratulations to our new 2LTS who Commissioned in August! Also, to our cadets who did well at LDAC and LTC, great job showing what The Golden Eagle Battalion can do. And last but not least, we had a lot of our cadets completing and graduating Airborne and Air Assault! HOOAH!

Remember my door will always be open for any issues or advice you may need help with.

MSII - MAJ Lorensen

Welcome and welcome back for those MS Is who are returning for another dose of MSL as MS IIs! I know that it has been a long boring summer and everyone is happy to get back into a routine, right? (ha!) Well, we are there, and with how quickly the summer has passed I know our fall semester will do the same. A few quick notes for everyone, since we have many new faces this semester-which is a great thing…, welcome and I look forward to getting to know each of you.

This semester I will be your OIC and MSG Hall will be your NCOIC. If you were here for MSL 100- you know MSG Hall. He and I both believe in enforcing and upholding the standards. If you are unfamiliar- get up to speed on military customs and courtesies… the Army as a whole believes in them and you need to know what is expected of you. MSG Hall will be leading the first month or so of classes and labs as I will be away participating in some great Army training- some for my career progression and some required by my Reserve unit. If you stay in the Army any amount of time you will see how much they believe in continuing education. As an Army Officer you must always continue to learn, grow and improve to advance to the next level. But please be advised that my physical absence does not mean that I am not ever present in your classroom, PT and lab activities. I will be kept abreast of all attendance, participation and issues while away. And, as always, I will be available via email and cell phone (per the syllabus) if need be.

I recommend you read the syllabus thoroughly, read everything on our website, you’re your textbook, read the cadet handbook and if you can get a bootleg copy of the LDAC TACSOP start reading and learning that stuff too. Yes, it is ALL Important. Use the cadet chain of command, your mentor and the Cadre. We are all here for you and want you to succeed, but communication is the key. Be where you are supposed to be, tell someone if you will be late or can’t make it, and let us know what you need.

This is going to be an extremely exciting and busy semester. I am thrilled to be instructing the MS IIs this fall and cannot wait to work with each of you individually. When you come in to our initial counseling session please bring 2 reasons (in writing) why you are taking this course. I cannot wait to meet each of you.

APFTs- Don’t forget that your grade includes the Record APFT at the end of the semester! It does count and you should always do you absolute best! You will be given a few diagnostic APFTs throughout the semester to keep you on track. For those contracted cadets these APFTs are just as critical as the record one. For those non-contracted cadets you should take these seriously and give 110%, especially if you are shooting to contract.

I am excited to see how well everyone does this semester and how high you can get your average! And remember, we need to encourage each other and stress participation during morning PT sessions. Trust me: if you show up and do the work- you WILL improve your score. There IS a direct correlation between PT attendance and APFT score. (Trust us, this stuff works!)

*For our new cadets: Don’t worry! This first test will give us a baseline. It WILL get easier. Come to PT in the mornings…give it your all… and you are bound to improve. Ask your fellow cadets, your body will adjust and you’ll see great strides from your first test to your last…, stay motivated and you’ll get there.

*For our returning cadets: I hope you had a great summer…now it’s time to work. Many of you, I am sure, kept up the PT routine on your own (and your scores will prove it)…but others may not have… For those that have not, get focused, back on track and let’s make this your best scoring semester yet!
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 accessions. 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.

If you are contracted commit to the program. 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.

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.”

**ALL STUDENTS: AFAST- (AVIATION EXAM)**

Anyone wishing to branch Aviation, or pursue Pilotling needs to take this test. It requires 30-60 days of studying prior to testing because there are some tight testing criteria: If scoring below a 90 (failure) you can retest only once...but must wait a minimum of 6 months to do so and once passing with a minimum score of 90 no retests are allowed. Anyone needing more information needs to stop in and see me, MAJ. Lorensen, leave me a voicemail or shoot me an email and I’ll leave a packet of information for you. I will give you the military regulation that governs this test and information on the recommended study guides. I am the Testing Officer for this exam, so you will need to schedule a time with me to take the test if interested. I may publish a few times each semester for those interested, but am always available to schedule alternate dates/times.
Recruiting Information

Contracting into the Army ROTC program is a very notable event and a very important milestone in the life of a Cadet. It publicly displays individual commitment to the program and to earn a commission as an officer and leader in the U.S. Army. We have three Cadets to recently make that commitment. We would like to take the opportunity to recognize the following cadets for reaching that milestone...

Cadet Dana Diese
Cadet Nolan D’Angelo
Cadet Kelly Yonko

We would also like to congratulate all the Cadets who completed LDAC this summer, as well as, those who attended Airborne, Air Assault, Cadet Troop Leader Training, and the Nurse Summer Training Program. Your hard work is paying off and you are making all of us proud!!

NEW!! Full scholarships up to three years are available for nursing and pre-nursing students. There are (3) 3 year Advanced Designee scholarships available for the MS I class. If you are interested in competing for any of the scholarships, please see your instructor or MAJ McIntyre. One must have a minimum 19 ACT score and a minimum 2.5 GPA to apply.

Those who are in the MS II or MS III classes that have no prior service or JROTC experience need to come see me for counseling on the Leaders’ Training Course (LTC). You must attend LTC or Basic Combat Training to receive credit for the Basic Course in ROTC.

Remember, we are always looking for scholars, athletes, and leaders to fill our ranks. I know that each of you know someone or sit by someone in your classes that might be interested in our program. It is everyone’s responsibility to recruit the type of Cadet that you want in your ranks. Come by and see your Recruiting Officer, MAJ McIntyre in GHB, Room 109, phone (601) 266-4460, or by cell phone at (601) 596-8317.

All alumni are encouraged to visit your alma mater. We appreciate the support of our alumni and want to ensure your continued participation in USM Army ROTC. Please make plans to come home during the Military Appreciation Day at the UCF vs USM game on November 12, 2011. For more information, please contact us at the above numbers. Remember, we need your help in recruiting quality applicants for the best ROTC unit in the nation. Thanks, again, for all you do!!

Good luck during this semester, Cadets. Study hard. Your GPA is a large percentage of your total accessions points. Some of you are doing well, and some need to work a little harder. If you find yourself becoming stressed and falling behind, come and talk to a mentor or a cadre member before you sink. That’s why we are here; to help make you successful!

SOUTHERN MISS – TO THE TOP
Notes from the Main Office

Human Resource Command has enabled AKO ID and password for the MyRFO website. All cadets should now be able to access (with an AKO ID and password). The URL for the MyRFO website is: https://knoxhrcl6.hrc.army.mil/MyRFO/

If you have not turned in a new CC104R, you need to do so ASAP. Start with Fall 2011 and continue forward 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 me a new 104R in April or May, then you do not need another one.

If you get married, have a child, have an injury or change your address or phone number, let me know.

Teresa Q

WORKERS COMP!!!

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 (Teresa D) 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 YOU HAVING 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!
**Dr. Wrighton attends LDAC**

Every Army ROTC Cadet who enters into the Advanced Course attends the Leader Development and Assessment Course. It's a twenty nine day summer course to evaluate and train all Army ROTC Cadets. This course normally takes place between the junior and senior years of college, and is conducted at Fort Lewis, Washington. The course includes physical training, land navigation, grenade assault course, rappelling, radio procedures, weapons training, Chemical Biological Radiological and Explosives, cultural awareness, field craft, and tactics. Cadets are evaluated in multiple, high stress, leadership scenarios where they must plan, prepare for, and complete a mission while being exposed to a continuously changing situation. The leadership assessments are based on nine leader attributes and eight core leader competencies. To be successful a Cadet must demonstrate that they are physically and mentally tough, technically and tactically proficient, and strategically and operationally adaptive.

The USM Army ROTC Program sent a few representatives on the Leadership Development and Assessment Course (LDAC) Educator Visit in July 2011. Dr. Mark Wrighton, Associate Dean for the College of Arts and Letters was one of the USM educators.

Upon returning to the school the ROTC Battalion sat down with Dr. Wrighton to get his feedback of the program. Dr. Mark Wrighton said, "that having the opportunity to go to Ft. Lewis and see the LDAC course in action was an awesome way to learn about the level of training and assessment that the cadets go through each summer at Ft. Lewis. The experience instilled in me an even greater respect for the care and training that our ROTC cadets receive in the program and inspired in me even more confidence in their capabilities to serve as officers in the field. Before I went to Ft. Lewis, I had had the opportunity last spring to observe the cadets at Camp Shelby as they trained for the LDAC experience at a joint field training exercise. Having that experience prepared me for the "big show" at Ft. Lewis. While on the LDAC visit, other cadre provided key insights into cadet life in the program."

When asked about lessons learned or suggestions for future visits, Dr. Wrighton felt "it would be a good idea for those who are interested in going on the LDAC visit to get some field experience with their local detachment's cadets beforehand. Going out in the field with them on their training exercises will prepare LDAC visitors very well for their experience."

As for what he brought back to share with the campus was exactly what Cadet Command would hope for, he said, "The Golden Eagles who go through this program learn a lot about themselves and develop incredible leadership skills through this process. They also learn the value that continuing assessment of oneself can bring to their personal development and growth. Through this program, each cadet learns what he or she is capable of achieving in life. I imagine that many come out of the experience glad to have found the confidence to meet the challenges placed before them by the course. This experience must really inspire them to go after their respective life goals with even more determination. The provision of that sort of experience makes our ROTC programs transformative ones through and through."
Look who made 2LT!!!

The Golden Eagle Battalion is happy to announce that in August 2011 we commissioned and added 3 more 2LTs to our armed forces and our ever growing alumni base. Congratulations to 2LT’s Erin Rapp, Jedidiah Flynt, and Andrew Maitner!

2LT Flynt branched Military Police with Reserve Duty in the United States Army Reserves. He will attend his Basic Officer Leader Course at Fort Leonard Wood, MO, and will be assigned to the 2/346 Regiment 158 Infantry Brigade, Camp Shelby, Ms.

2LT Andrew Maitner branched Field Artillery with Active Duty. He will attend his Basic Officer Leader Course at Fort Sill, Ok, and will be assigned to Schofield Barracks, HI. 2LT Maitner will also be a Goldbar Recruiter here at USM from October thru December 2011.

2LT Erin Rapp branched Medical Service Corps with Reserve Duty in the Mississippi Army National Guard. She will attend her Basic Officer Leader Course at Fort Sam Houston, TX, and will be assigned to the Mississippi Army National Guard Medical Command in Jackson, MS.

“We have commissioned 1534 officers since we became a Battalion.”
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SAVE THE DATE!!!
MILITARY APPRECIATION GAME!!!!
November 12, 2011
Alumni, as mentioned in LTC Worley’s front page
story, this year’s game day will follow much like last
year. We will start the day off with the Purple
Heart 5K, followed with an open house at the
ROTC building, and wrap it up with a USM win
against Central Florida that night!

This year we have a spot reserved for Alumni at
the top on the stands, south end zone facing the
scoreboard. Food and drink during the game will
be provided. Cost for the event is $20.00 each and
space is LIMITED so reserve your spot ASAP with
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