Southern Miss CLTT Hosts Information Session at Camp Shelby

An information session presented April 15 at Camp Shelby Joint Force 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 in logistics and supply chain industry and government agencies through its multidisciplinary programs in logistics, trade, and transportation, including its online Master of Science in Logistics, Trade, and Transportation (MILT), graduate certificate in economic development and logistics, applied research activities and ongoing events.

The MILT is an interdisciplinary program comprised of 36 credit hours and can be completed in two years. Its coursework, offered in a flexible hybrid format that includes online and in-person learning experiences, provides participants with the tools and critical understanding of supply chain management, economics, finance, and the practice of contemporary global air, maritime and land transportation systems.

CLTT Director Dr. Toby Sullivan and he way 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 careers while carrying out their military duties.

“We’re excited to bring Camp Shelby personnel the last several months and the interest in our CLTT has been tremendous,” said Sullivan. “In fact, there were 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 plan.”

Sullivan was joined by Southern Miss Associate Provost Dr. William Powell, who discussed the relevance of the applied program to the soldiers’ current duties as well as their future in logistics and transportation. Powell is former commandant at Fort Polk and Fort Stewart.

The possibilities within the CLTT program for personnel at Camp Shelby serve as another example of the university’s cooperative outreach to individuals serving in the military.” Powell said.

Camp Shelby Education Services Office John Anderson said the CLTT is perfect for many soldiers currently engaged in logistics positions as part of their duty assignments, and who want to continue in that field after they complete their military service. This program should also prove beneficial to those transitioning into other logistics careers,” he said.

Sgt. Claude Barfield, who serves as a mobilization officer for Camp Shelby, is completing requirements for the CLTT this semester and will graduate May 20. John Anderson, who believes it is a good fit for military personnel already working in logistics who are looking for a graduate program to help them advance in their current careers. Barfield says he’s grateful for the opportunity to pursue his logistics and transportation degree becoming available with the expansion of the Port of Gulfport.

“The CLTT offers great educational opportunities, not only with the master’s degree but also its economic development and logistics certificates,” Barfield said. “I think the master’s program has four areas. The online and in-person version formats are perfect for working professionals, and the instruction are very helpful.”

For more information about the Southern Miss Center for Logistics, Trade, and Transportation, visit www.usm.edu/logistics-trade-transportation.

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