

SSCF program visits Antietam battlefield

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Fellows from the Defense Acquisition University - Senior Service College Fellowship Program (SSCFP), Class of 2016 participated in the first staff ride of the academic year with a visit to the Antietam National Battlefield in western Maryland, Oct. 6.

The excursion provided a study on leadership and decision-making as well as afforded the fellows with the opportunity to “walk the ground” where more than 23,000 casualties occurred earning the distinction of the “bloodiest single day in American history.”

National Park Service Ranger Brian Baracz accompanied the group and deftly shared his perspectives and insights throughout the staff ride. Baracz explained the tactical, operational, and strategic decisions made by key Union and Confederate Army leaders, and described how those decisions determined the immediate and long-lasting outcomes of the war.

Through experiences such as this, SSCFP fellows gain a deeper appreciation of critical thinking, making leadership choices, and the need to consider the effects of second and third orders.

In the spring of 2016 the SSCFP will travel to Europe to visit significant World War I and World War II battlefields. Visits to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe, (SHAPE), the U. S. European Command (EUCOM), U.S. Africa Command (AFRICOM), and the U.S. Army in Europe (USAREUR). At each command the fellows will meet with multiple senior leaders and learn about the roles and missions associated with each



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APG Defense Acquisition University Senior Service College fellows, from left, Willie Jackson, Wing Young, Ben Pryor, Shauna Dover, Nick Saacks, Melanie Loncarich, Dan Schwartz, and Patrick Morse learned about the significance of the Battle of Antietam and the many tough choices made by leaders from National Park Service Ranger Brian Baracz, kneeling, during an Oct. 6 staff ride to Antietam National Battlefield.

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The SSCFP is a nationally-recognized, Army-sponsored program designed to develop strong, effective senior leaders for the Department of Defense acquisition community. An SSCFP announce-

ment calling for applications for the class of 2016-17, which starts July 25, 2016 is expected to run from Dec. 2, 2015 through March 9, 2016.

Program announcement information will be posted on the U.S. Army Acquisition Support Center website at <http://asc.army.mil/web/>. For more information, visit the DAU website at www.dau.mil/sscf/Pages/apg.aspx or contact James Oman at 410-272-9470 or james.oman@dau.mil.

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